

Federal Way Public Schools District Improvement Plan

Board Update

February 28, 2009

Why must we create a district improvement plan?

- Two consecutive years of not meeting Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)
- Step 1 of “district improvement” according to OSPI & NCLB
- Opportunity for the district to evaluate where we’ve been and where we need to go

Plan Development & Implementation

- We have this school year, 2008-2009 to develop the plan
- Plan is implemented during the 2009-2010 school year
- The AYP Committee will progress monitor the plan during the 2009-2010 school year to ensure its implementation and to make revisions as necessary

Committee Members

Alma Dansby, Assistant Superintendent
Becky Fife, Special Education Teacher, Enterprise ES
Steffani Jesus, Teacher, Kilo MS
Mark Davidson, Deputy Superintendent
Felix Angeles, Teacher, Decatur HS
Josh Garcia, Executive Director, TFL
Silvia Moysen, Parent
Judy Lemmel, Elementary Director, TFL
Tina Garcia, Parent
Dave Davis, Assessment Director
Sharon Mitchell-Guddat, Title I/LAP Director
Sally McLean, Chief Financial Officer
Cindy Black, Principal, Nautilus ES
Forrest Griek, Assistant Principal, TJ
Rita Chaundhuri, Assistant Principal, Totem MS
Pat Larson, Principal, Kilo MS
Jason Smith, Facilitator, Principal, Adelaide ES

** Subcommittee Members (Parent/Community Partnerships)

Trise Moore, Family & Community Partnerships Director
Teniel Sabin, Hispanic Community Liaison, City of Federal Way



Objectives (Title I Requirements)

- Address teaching and learning needs of the district, especially low-achieving students
- Specific, measurable goals for each subgroup
- Strategies grounded in research to strengthen instruction in reading and math
- Professional development
- Parent involvement

Remember...

- It's a "draft" and will remain a "working document"...the plan will not be finalized as we will continue to review it by progress monitoring.
- We already do a lot of the "right things." In many respects, we want to "stay the course."
- We are facing \$5+ million budget cut this year so adding new and costly curricula, programs, etc. are not options.
- The committee did research, attended professional development conferences, analyzed data and made recommendations based on their findings.

Guiding Resources

- McKinsey Report
- Characteristics of Improved School Districts: Themes from Research
- Assessment Data

Our Draft Plan

Guiding Belief

Quality instruction is the single most significant factor that affects student achievement. (McKinsey & Company, 2007)

Four Areas of Focus

- K-12 Alignment
- Professional Development/Coaching
- Leadership
- Parent/Community Involvement

Our Draft Plan

Steps taken

- The draft plan has been presented to all principals and feedback has been provided.
- Board update tonight with an invitation to meet with you as a board or individually to discuss.

Next steps

- Meet with all school staffs to present draft plan and give opportunity to provide feedback.
- Share the draft plan with Shannon Rasmussen, FWEA President.
- Complete an online blog so parents/community members/staff can ask questions/comment.

Timeline for Development of Plan

- Initial Board Presentation – October 28
- Letter to families - October 29
- Board Update – February 24
- FWEA and School Staffs – March/beginning of April
- Online blog for community/parents – March
- Revisions to Plan – Early April
- First Reading – April 28
- Second Reading- May 12
- Board Decision – May 26

Questions/Comments

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