



DISTRICT GOALS 2017-2018 YEAR END UPDATE

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review K-12 English Language Arts (ELA), Math and Science curricula to ensure alignment with MA Curriculum Frameworks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-12 ELA & Math Curriculum maps and pacing guides revised and updated; teachers are familiar with and implement changes/modifications; K-12 Science Curriculum maps and pacing guides revised and updated; teachers are familiar with and implement changes/modifications. 	Significant Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to align and implement the Common Core Literacy standards for reading and writing in the content disciplines (Science, History/Social Studies, and Technical Subjects) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department/grade level meeting agendas provide time for teachers to understand literacy standards and practices within their discipline; Teachers pilot and evaluate model lessons that include literacy practices that are integrated into content area curriculum. 	Some Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vertically articulate STEAM Curriculum Experiences K-12. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> K-12 STEAM curriculum experiences identified and analyzed to determine areas needing further development. 	Some Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure resources that are included in our curriculum and libraries reflect the range of cultural, racial and ethnic differences that exist within our school community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Selection practices are updated so that new curriculum and library materials, books, and lessons reflect diversity and are culturally sensitive. 	Significant Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement writing units of study at Elementary Level across the district. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two units of writing successfully implemented in grades 1-5. Assessments show growth in student learning. 	Significant Progress

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a common definition and articulate a set of practices that characterize student-centered learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A common definition of student-centered learning is developed and shared; DCAP is shared broadly with staff and families. SIPs reflect implementation plans; Data from co-teaching pilot shows positive growth for students; ELL program assessed & recommendations implemented. 	Some Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand and strengthen inclusionary and culturally sensitive instructional practices preK-12. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School SIPs reflect programming that strengthens inclusionary and culturally sensitive practices. 	Some Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Align instructional practice to ensure that ELA, Math, and Science <i>practice standards</i> are incorporated into instruction in the respective disciplines in all K-12 classrooms. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers develop and share model lessons that incorporate ELA, Math & Science practice standards into their lesson 	Some Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify interdisciplinary learning and 21st century skill experiences for all students grades K-12. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Definition of 21st century skills developed and shared. 	Significant Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure staff has the necessary skills to effectively engage students in a technology infused classroom. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teachers develop and share model lessons, including those that incorporate Digital Citizenship skills. 	Some Progress

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and further revise formative and summative assessments so that they are better able to yield meaningful data to inform instruction and enable students to demonstrate their learning in multiple ways. Promote the use and analysis of data by grade level and vertical teams to target instruction to student learning needs. Ensure equitable assessment practices are in place at all levels through the use of rubrics, scoring guides, and common test administration protocols. Students have multiple opportunities to use digital tools to demonstrate their learning in the 1:1 environment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased assessment options available in each disciplinary area for teachers to use to inform instruction and determine student growth. Collaboration & Planning Time (CPT), grade level, & department meeting agendas include opportunities for data analysis. All assessment documents include rubrics, scoring guides, and common test administration protocols. Technology Strategic Planning survey results indicate how the 1:1 environment has impacted teaching and learning practices. 	<p>Some Progress</p> <p>Some Progress</p> <p>Some Progress</p> <p>Significant progress</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide staff with opportunities to engage in focused job-embedded personalized learning that enables them to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ use data informed practices targeted at improving learning; ▪ teach the curriculum; ▪ support the needs of all learners. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Professional learning plans developed with teacher input and implemented at the school and district level. Plans allow for personalized focus on strengthening instructional practice in selected areas that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ data informed practices targeted at improving learning; ▪ teaching the curriculum; ▪ supporting the needs of all learners; ▪ using technology to support teaching and learning & personal productivity ▪ digital citizenship skills ▪ culturally sensitive classroom practices ▪ other areas outlined in Goal #2 	<p>Significant Progress</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promote the growth of teacher leaders to strengthen their capacity to support each other's professional learning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased number of teachers leading the professional learning that is outlined in the school and district professional learning plans; Increased number of teachers participating in coaching cycle 	<p>Significant Progress</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Align social emotional learning curriculum, instruction, and practices to the District's framework for student social and emotional learning. ● Complete equity audit to ensure all students, regardless of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or disability, have equal access to a high quality, inclusive and supportive educational program. ● Ensure Service Learning activities complement and strengthen SEL programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Social Emotional Competencies/ Standards updated and incorporated into practice; Four Pillars of evidence based SEL program used to examine and strengthen SEL practices across all schools; SEL guidance documents clearly articulate the importance and use of practices that are culturally sensitive and linguistically appropriate ● Equity audit completed and broadly shared with the community. ● SEL and Service Learning meeting notes reflect collaborative efforts and programs. 	<p>Significant Progress</p> <p>Met</p> <p>Significant Progress</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Align elementary report cards to District SEL Framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary report cards updated with plans to implement in SY2018/19 	Significant Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review MetroWest Adolescent Health Survey results to understand and respond to trends in adolescent health behavior. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey results and district priorities shared broadly with the district and community; Recommendations to advance prevention efforts initiated 	Met
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administer District survey to measure and understand the impact of school-wide SEL practices. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2018 Survey administered and results broadly shared. 	Significant Progress

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide opportunities for professional learning that will support the implementation of the District SEL Framework.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Process guides and supporting documents developed by District SEL Committee and shared with school principals; Train-The-Trainer model of professional development completed by SEL Committee in preparation for training at the school-based level; School based consultation and presentations provided by SEL Committee Members	Significant Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide opportunities for professional learning that enable teachers to support and respond to students' social emotional and mental health needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultation and coaching provided to support implementation of a systematic behavior support model; General education and special education teachers, counselors, and therapists participated in conferences, workshops, and classes focused on social emotional learning and mental health.	Some Progress

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work collaboratively with Permanent Public Building Committee, Town Boards and external funding agencies (MSBA, etc.) to complete ongoing capital improvement projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY19-23 Capital Improvement Plan submitted; Sunita L. Williams Elementary School construction commences; Needham High School expansion commenced. 	Met
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop robust and detailed financial enrollment and capital projections. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY19 Financial Forecast completed with updated enrollment projections. 	Met
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and maintain comprehensive relevant and updated financial, human resource and administrative policy and procedure. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key School Committee policies for Finance, Human Resources, Civil Rights, and Technology updated; Plan for MA Pay Equity and job description database complete. 	Significant Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct targeted review of key programs and implement operational improvements. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrective Action Plan for 2017 Coordinated Program Review submitted: Guidance/Mental Health Review findings completed and shared broadly; Transportation Review completed and shared broadly. 	Significant Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop plan for implementation of Full Day Kindergarten (FDK). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Day Kindergarten Advisory Team convened and begins planning. 	Significant Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convene a Technology Strategic Planning Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technology Strategic Plan submitted and broadly shared. 	Some Progress

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement information and management systems to streamline and improve operational service delivery in key areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning Management System recommendation made; District website update launched; New Grade book implemented; Phase I of electronic time keeping completed; Electronic onboarding for new employees implemented; Secure and unified electronic access to school buildings implemented.	Significant Progress

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to build a strong culture of collaboration that empowers teacher voice and responsibility. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff surveys indicate meaningful increase in participation in school-based decision-making; School Improvement Plans reflect teacher, parent, and student voice and responsibilities for action. In the 2018 staff survey 88% report being supported in new initiatives; 92% of teachers believe their school is supportive of their growth as a professional; 93% feel trusted to teach in a way that is best for students. 	Significant Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage consultant to provide support, mentoring, and guidance for principals and their teacher leadership teams. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superintendent met with each school's union representatives to engage in a conversation about progress; Principals introduce teacher leadership teams at each elementary school. 	Significant Progress