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# 2016-2017 DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT AND ASSISTANCE PLAN

58 - Sarasota Terrence "Terry" Connor, Superintendent , Southwest Executive Director

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## I. Current District Status

#### A. Supportive Environment

#### 1. Mission and Vision

#### a. District Mission Statement

To prepare students to achieve the highest learning standards by engaging a high quality staff, involved parents, and a supportive community.

#### b. District Vision Statement

The School District of Sarasota County places learning at the center of its activities to enable all learners to lead productive, responsible, and healthful lives.

#### c. Link to the district's strategic plan (optional).

No strategic plan link stored

#### 2. Supports for School Improvement

#### a. Alignment of Resources

Describe the process through which the district identifies and aligns all district resources (e.g., personnel, instructional, curricular, policy) in order to meet the needs of all students and maximize desired student outcomes. Include the methodology for coordinating and supplementing federal, state and local funds, services and programs to align to interventions in Priority and Focus schools. Provide the person(s) responsible, frequency of meetings, how an inventory of resources is maintained and any problem-solving activities used to determine how to apply resources for the highest impact.

The Superintendent's Cabinet, Executive Leadership Team in cooperation with the School Board are responsible for identifying and aligning all district resources in order to meet the needs of students. Federal, state and local funds are aligned to school needs. Sarasota does not have any Priority and Focus Schools. The Integrated Instructional Services Division comprised of the Professional Development, Curriculum and Instruction and Research, Assessment and Evaluation and School Improvement Departments work cooperatively to determine how resources will have the highest impact. The district has a multitude of projects and committees which meet regularly to accomplish this common goal.

#### **b. School Allocation Process**

Describe the way in which the district allocates resources to schools. Include the person(s) responsible for this process, frequency of data review and decision making, and processes used to differentiate and monitor resource supports.

The Superintendent's Cabinet, Executive Leadership Team in cooperation with the School Board are responsible for identifying and aligning resources to schools based on student population and need according to state and federal guidelines. Federal, state, and local funds are aligned to meet school needs. Each department is responsible for preparing regular data reports that are shared with all stakeholders so the best instructional decisions are made, reviewed, and applied in a continuous model of improvement.

#### c. Modifications to System Policies and Practices

Identify specific policies and practices the district shall seek to add, modify or remove in order to establish or strengthen systems that support school-based leadership teams to implement interventions. Provide the rationale for the proposed changes and the steps required to make the modifications, including person(s) responsible for implementation and follow-up.

The district is involved with several initiatives to support school-based leadership teams. These systems of support were strategically chosen so our schools are informed and ready to meet the challenging new state standards and assessments. The Integrated Instructional Services Division is implementing extensive professional development on the Florida Standards, the Florida Standards Assessments and the Teacher Evaluation System, and the Instructional Improvement System. The district is expanding it's positive behavior support training and incorporating a new digital MTSS system to assist with student interventions. The district instructional offices will work with the schools to support and strengthen these systems through workshops, video, and more standardized training depending on specific topics. Every attempt will be made to integrate these large projects to facilitate a seamless transition to better support schools. Sarasota county schools continually reflects and revises policies in accordance with these goals.

#### d. Operational Flexibility

Provide the district's definition of "operational flexibility"Â? provided to schools implementing a District-Managed Turnaround option under section 1008.33, Florida Statutes, or a Turnaround, Transformation or Restart with EMO model under the SIG 1003(g) program as it applies to school-level autonomy over staffing, scheduling and budgeting.

This is not applicable.

#### 3. Sustainability of Improvement

**a.** Describe how the district will sustain improvements that are a result of the interventions described in Part III of this plan after the schools' Differentiated Accountability designation of Focus or Priority is removed. Include any plans to reorganize personnel, redistribute resources or reach out to community organizations, unions and other partners to build capacity for and sustainability of improvements.

This is not applicable as Sarasota does not have any Focus or Priority schools.

#### B. Stakeholder Involvement

#### 1. Parental Involvement Plan (PIP) Link

https://www.floridacims.org/documents/361885

#### 2. Family and Community Engagement

# Describe the district's *ongoing* mechanisms for engaging families and the community in school improvement efforts.

The DIAP is publicized to other stakeholder groups including parents and community members. In addition, each year district staff conduct an orientation and training at the beginning of the school year to help parents understand how they can fully participate as SAC members. The district-based leadership team will continue to work with school SACs as they complete and review their SIPs.

#### 3. Engagement of School Leadership

# Describe how the district involves school leadership in the development and implementation of turnaround plans and other school-level interventions.

This district does not have to implement any turn around plans.

However, in all school-level interventions and models of change, the district works directly with the school leadership team from the problem identification phase through implementation to the evaluation of effectiveness. These efforts are the collaborative effort of various committees to ensure the intervention is a success.

## C. Effective Leadership

1. District Turnaround Lead
a. Employee's Name and Email Address
b. Employee's Title
c. Employee's Phone Number
d. Employee's Phone Extension
e. Supervisor's Name
f. Supervisor's Title
g. Employee's Role and Responsibilities

2. District Leadership Team:

Roca, Dr. Natalie, natalie.roca@sarasotacountyschools.net	
Title	Director
Phone	(941) 927-9000
Supervisor's Name	Lori White
Supervisor's Title	Superintendent
Role and Responsibilities	Executive Director of Integrated Instructional Services

Cantalupo, Denise, denise.cantalupo@sarasotacountyschools.net	
Title	Director
Phone	941-927-9000
Supervisor's Name	Dr. Natalie Roca
Supervisor's Title	Director
Role and Responsibilities	Director of Research, Assessment, Evaluation and School Improvement

Cantees, Steve, stephen.cantees@sarasotacountyschools.net	
Title	Director
Phone	941-927-9000
Supervisor's Name	Executive Director of High Schools
Supervisor's Title	Superintendent
Role and Responsibilities	Executive Director of High Schools

Meckler, Sue, sue.meckler@sarasotacountyschools.net	
Title	Director
Phone	941-927-9000
Supervisor's Name	Dr. Natalie Roca
Supervisor's Title	Director
Role and Responsibilities	Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Rose, Karen, karen.rose@sarasotacountyschools.net	
Title	Director
Phone	941-927-9000
Supervisor's Name	Lori White
Supervisor's Title	Superintendent
Role and Responsibilities	Executive Director of Middle Schools

Kingsley, Dr. Laura, laura.kingsley@sarasotacountyschools.net	
Title	Director
Phone	941-927-9000
Supervisor's Name	Lori White
Supervisor's Title	Superintendent
Role and Responsibilities	Executive Director of Elementary Schools

#### 3. Educator Quality

#### a. School Leadership Teams

Describe the process and criteria by which the district determines and ensures each Focus and Priority school has a school leadership team of high quality, including a principal and assistant principal with a record of increasing student achievement in a setting with similar challenges. Include how the district determines whether to retain or replace members of the leadership team.

Sarasota County does not have any Focus or Priority Schools.

#### b. Instructional Staff

Describe the process by which the district determines whether to retain or replace members of the teaching staff in Focus and Priority schools whose data shows they have not contributed to improved student outcomes.

Sarasota County does not have any Focus or Priority Schools.

#### D. Professional Capacity

#### 1. Common Planning Time

Describe how the district ensures appropriate resources are allocated to ensure the master schedule at Focus and Priority schools allows for common planning time, as defined in Rule 6A-1.099811(2)(e), F.A.C.

Sarasota County does not have any Focus or Priority Schools.

#### 2. Instructional Coaches

Describe how the district provides Focus and Priority schools with a reading coach, mathematics coach and science coach to model effective lessons, lead lesson study, analyze data and provide professional development on Florida's standards. Include how the district monitors the daily activities of the coaches and their impact on instruction.

Sarasota County does not have any Focus or Priority Schools.

#### E. Ambitious Instruction and Learning

#### 1. Instructional Programs

#### a. Reading

1. Verify that the district has an approved K-12 Comprehensive Research-based Reading Plan.

Yes

#### **District Reading Plans**

https://www.floridacims.org/districts/sarasota?current\_tab=reading

#### b. Writing

#### 1. Description of Programs

List and describe the core, supplemental and intensive intervention programs for writing the district currently uses at the elementary, middle and high school levels:

Collections (Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt)	
Program Type	Core
School Type	Middle School, High School
Description	Collections helps students develop abilities to analyze complex texts, determine evidence, reason critically, and communicate thoughtfully through speaking and written communication.
Springboard (Collegeboard)	

Program Type	Core
School Type	Middle School, High School

**Description** Springboard helps students develop abilities to analyze complex texts, determine evidence, reason critically, and communicate thoughtfully through speaking and written communication.

#### c. Mathematics

#### 1. Description of Programs

List and describe the core, supplemental and intensive intervention programs for mathematics the district currently uses at the elementary, middle and high school levels:

Elementary:	Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Go Math!
Program Type	Core, Supplemental, Intensive Intervention
School Type	Elementary School
Description	<ul> <li>Supplementals:</li> <li>1. iReady Diagnostic and Instruction</li> <li>2. MFSA Formative Assessments-Instructional Focus Guides</li> <li>3. K-5 Teaching Resource Journal Prompts</li> <li>3. Professional Development/Support Programs</li> <li>1. Implementation of the standards utilizing the textbook resource including the digital components.</li> <li>2. Understanding Math Florida Standards</li> <li>3. Implementing the Florida Math Standards utilizing the District Instructional Focus Guides</li> <li>4. Differentiated Instruction in Math</li> </ul>
	HOOL: ath: Course 1 and Advanced 1 (6th Grade), Course 2 and Advanced 2 (7th Grade), (8th Grade).
Program Type	Core, Supplemental, Intensive Intervention
School Type	Middle School
Description	SUPPLEMENTALS: 1. iReady diagnostic and Instruction gor grades 6-8; 2. iEngage Learning (a)Classrooms and community (b) 21st Century Skills 3. TechActive Classrooms 4. Apex Learning
High School: Big Ideas Math: Algebra 1, Algebra 1 Honors, Geometry, Geometry Honors, Algebra 2, Algebra 2 Honors Glencoe/McGraw-Hill: Florida Geometry Concepts and Applications (Informal Geometry) Math Matters 2:An Integrated Program, 2009(Liberal Arts Math) Pearson / Prentice Hall: 1. Florida Algebra; 2. Florida Algebra 3. Florida Geometry 4. Pre-	

Pearson / Prentice Hall: 1. Florida Algebra; 2. Florida Algebra 3. Florida Geometry 4. Pre-Calculus: Graphical, Numerical, Algebraic Florida Edition (Pre-Calculus) 5. Algebra and Trigonometry, Blitzer (Advanced Topics) 6. Calculus; Graphical, Numerical, Algebraic, Media Update (Advanced Placement Calculus AB and Calculus Honors) 7. Elementary Statistics: Picturing the World (Probability and Statistics with Applications). Holt/McDougal: 1. Trigonometry, Larson (Trigonometry) 2. Pre-Calculus with Limits: A Graphicg Approach (Math Analysis) 3. Calculus, Larson (Advanced Placement Calculus BC). Bedford/Freeman/ Worth: 1. The Practice of Statistics (Advanced Placement Statistics).

Program Type	Core, Supplemental, Intensive Intervention
School Type	High School
Description	SUPPLEMENTALS: 1. District Formative Assessment for Algebra 1, Geometry and Algebra 2. 2. Apex Learning

#### d. Science

#### 1. Description of Programs

List and describe the core, supplemental and intensive intervention programs for science the district currently uses at the elementary, middle and high school levels:

Elementary Schools: Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt - Fusion Series			
Program Type Core, Supplemental, Intensive Intervention			
School Type	Elementary School		
Description	Supplementals: Formative Assessments; AIMS; Think Central; floridastudents.org		
Middle Schools: McGraw-Hill			
Program Type	Core, Supplemental, Intensive Intervention		
School Type	Middle School		

**Description** Supplementals: Connect Ed.; Formative Assessments: floridastudents.org

High Schools: Biology 1 - Pearson; Biology 2 - Glencoe; AP Biology - PH Pearson Biology; Anatomy & Physiology - PH; Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology; Zoology - Glencoe Zoology; Earth-Space Science-Glencoe Earth Science; Environmental Science- Florida Holt Environmental Science; Astronomy - PH Astronomy Today; Integrated Science - Glencoe Physical science w/Earth Science; Marine Science-Current Publishing Life on an Ocean Planet; Physical Science 1-Glencoe Physical Science Honors; Chemistry 1-McDougal Littell World of Chemistry; Chemistry II-PH General Chemistry; AP Chemistry-McDougal Littell Chemistry; Physics I - Holt Physics; Physics II – Physics for Scientists and Engineers; AP Physics B - PH Physics; AP Physics C - Thomson Learning Physics for Scientists & Engineers.

Program Type	Core, Supplemental, Intensive Intervention
School Type	High School
Description	Supplementals: Connect Ed.; Formative Assessments.

#### 2. Instructional Alignment and Pacing

#### a. Program Monitoring

Describe the process through which the district monitors whether core instructional and intervention programs are implemented as intended, how alignment with Florida's standards is maintained and whether they are effective. Include the data used to determine fidelity and effectiveness. Provide exemplars of how the district has responded to evidence of poor implementation and evidence that a given strategy is failing to reduce barriers to goals.

The district's Instructional Focus Guides (IFG's) are aligned to the Florida Standards or Next Generation Sunshine State Standards for reading, writing, mathematics, and science. The IFG's are available digitally and comprise an important component of the district's Instructional Improvement System. (In addition, a series of formative and interim assessments are available throughout the year. The results may be used to monitor student progress as evidence of standards implementation. Reports may be generated indicating the strengths and weaknesses of classes, students and schools in reference to specific standards. In addition the district has developed a observational tool for use by administrators when observing teachers and learning in classrooms. Observations are recorded digitally and made available for immediate review by the teacher. This leads to very productive discussions about the implementation of core instructional and intervention programs, which may lead to revisions dependent on student need. Intensive English Language Arts classes also use Achieve 3000 and iReady data to monitor students progress and share data with other content area teachers for ongoing Literacy support.

#### b. Supports for Student Transitions

Describe the structures the district has in place to support students in Focus and Priority schools as they transition from one school to another.

#### **1. Will the district use its Student Progression Plan to satisfy this question?** Yes

a. Link to Student Progression Plan

http://sarasotacountyschools.net/departments/curriculum/default.aspx?id=10092

b. Provide the page numbers of the plan that address this question.

Sarasota does not have any Focus or Priority schools.

The district does not have any Focus and Priority schools.

#### c. Alignment of Pacing Guides to Florida Standards

Verify that the district's instructional pacing guides are aligned to Florida's standards for reading, writing, mathematics and science.

Yes

## II. Needs Assessment

#### A. Problem Identification

#### 1. Data to Support Problem Identification

**b.** Data uploads are not required by the Florida Department of Education, but are offered as a tool for needs assessment.

The following documents were submitted as evidence for this section:

No files were uploaded

#### 2. Problem Identification Summary

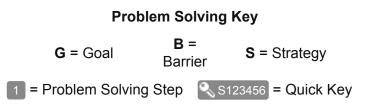
This section is not required by the Florida Department of Education, but is provided as an opportunity for the district to summarize the points of strength and areas of need that have been identified in the data.

#### **B. Problem Analysis Summary**

This section is not required by the Florida Department of Education, but is provided as an opportunity for the district to summarize the underlying root causes for the areas of need identified in the data, as determined by situational awareness of, and research conducted by, the stakeholders involved in the needs assessment.

## **District Improvement Goals**

The following key is intended to help readers understand how the sections of this document correspond to the steps of the 8-step planning and problem-solving framework used in the School Improvement Plan. The Quick Key numbers can help registered users go directly to the point of entry for any given goal, barrier and strategy within the online survey.



## **Strategic Goals Summary**

- **G1.** Science By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 65% to 67%. Specific goals for elementary and middle school science and biology are included below.
- **G2.** Mathematics Achievement By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 71% to 73%. Mathematics Learning Gain By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a four percentage point increase for the district from 63% to 67%. Mathematics Learning Gain Lowest Quartile By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a four percentage point increase for the district from 49% to 53%.
- **G3.** English Language Arts Achievement By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 67% to 69%. English Language Arts Learning Gain By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 59% to 61%. English Language Arts Lowest Quartile Learning Gain By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 45% to 47%.
- **G4.** Attendance- By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of 2% decrease in the number of students who are chronically absent from 19% to 17% percent across all grade levels.

## **Strategic Goals Detail**

For each strategic goal, this section lists the associated targets (i.e., "SMART goals"), targeted barriers to achieving the goal, resources available to help reduce or eliminate the barriers, and the plan for monitoring progress toward the goal.

**G1.** Science - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 65% to 67%. Specific goals for elementary and middle school science and biology are included below.

#### 🔍 G045662

#### Targets Supported 1b

Focus	Indicator	Year	Target
All High Schools	Bio I EOC Pass	2017-18	72.0
All Elementary Schools	Statewide Science Assessment Achievement	2017-18	66.0
All Middle Schools	Statewide Science Assessment Achievement	2017-18	69.0

#### Targeted Barriers to Achieving the Goal

- Students with lower literacy skills have difficulty with the complex language in this content area.
- Students have decreased motivation due to lack of past success.

#### Resources Available to Help Reduce or Eliminate the Barriers 2

- Schools have a wide variety of instructional resources that are aligned with the Florida Science Standards.
- Instructional Focus Guides with associated resources have been developed and are widely used.
- The district uses a digital platform (MyIIS) where all resources are housed for increased accessibility at school and home.
- i-Ready is used from grades KG-8 to monitor literacy skill development and progress.
- The district added two science specialists to provide support at each level (elementary school, middle school and high school).

#### Plan to Monitor Progress Toward G1. 8

The district and school-based staff will use benchmark assessments and school formative assessments. District leaders will conduct instructional rounds and observations to monitor implementation of visible learning strategies and the use of formative assessment to modify and differentiate instruction. School-based administrators will monitor the school culture shift towad a growth mindset for all students.

#### **Person Responsible**

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Quarterly, from 10/23/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

District and instructional staff will run reports from MyIIS on the Science Benchmark Assessment results. District and school-based leaders and specialists will monitor department the chairs and the teachers use of the data to drive instruction.

**G2.** Mathematics Achievement - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 71% to 73%. Mathematics Learning Gain - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a four percentage point increase for the district from 63% to 67%. Mathematics Learning Gain Lowest Quartile - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a four percentage point increase for the district from 49% to 53%.

🥄 G045637

### Targets Supported 1b

Focus	Indicator	Year	Target
All Elementary Schools	FSA Mathematics Achievement	2017-18	74.0
All Middle Schools	FSA Mathematics Achievement	2017-18	73.0
All Elementary Schools	Math Gains	2017-18	70.0
All High Schools	Algebra I EOC Pass Rate	2017-18	70.0
All Elementary Schools	Math Lowest 25% Gains	2017-18	55.0
All Middle Schools	Math Gains	2017-18	67.0
All Middle Schools	Math Lowest 25% Gains	2017-18	53.0
All High Schools	Math Gains	2017-18	54.0
All High Schools	Math Lowest 25% Gains	2017-18	41.0

## Targeted Barriers to Achieving the Goal 3

• Lower performing students to include ESE students lack basic skills which limits learning more advanced material.

#### Resources Available to Help Reduce or Eliminate the Barriers 2

 The district-wide development of the mathematics Instructional Focus Guides align to the Florida Standards, include pacing information, and other resources for instruction. Funding from foundations has been available to support professional development at all elementary and middle schools. i-Ready has been purchased to progress monitor mathematics skill development and progress in Grades KG - 8. High School professional development has been provided by the Center for College and Career Readiness. Our local high school curriculum specialists have provided the "Design to Align" mathematics training to targeted schools.

#### Plan to Monitor Progress Toward G2. 8

The district will use i-Ready, district mathematics benchmark assessments and school formative assessments. District and school leaders will conduct instructional rounds and observations to monitor the implementation of differentiated lesson plans.

#### **Person Responsible**

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Weekly, from 10/23/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

The Research, Assessment and Evaluation (RAE) Department and all academic departments will use i-Ready and benchmark data to check the progress made by students who scored at all FSA Levels. Data will further be disaggregated by student groups.

**G3.** English Language Arts Achievement - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 67% to 69%. English Language Arts Learning Gain - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 59% to 61%. English Language Arts Lowest Quartile Learning Gain - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 59% to 61%. English Language Arts Lowest Quartile Learning Gain - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 45% to 47%.

🔍 G045421

## Targets Supported 1b

Focus	Indicator	Year	Target
All Elementary Schools	FSA ELA Achievement	2017-18	71.0
All Middle Schools	FSA ELA Achievement	2017-18	71.0
All High Schools	FSA ELA Achievement	2017-18	68.0
All Elementary Schools	ELA/Reading Gains	2017-18	66.0
All Elementary Schools	ELA/Reading Lowest 25% Gains	2017-18	55.0
All Middle Schools	ELA/Reading Gains	2017-18	63.0
All Middle Schools	ELA/Reading Lowest 25% Gains	2017-18	49.0
All High Schools	ELA/Reading Gains	2017-18	58.0
All High Schools	ELA/Reading Lowest 25% Gains	2017-18	43.0

#### Targeted Barriers to Achieving the Goal 3

- Teachers lack fluency in standards based, differentiated instruction and culturally responsive teaching.
- Low performing students have lower expectations for themselves and a fixed mindset.
- Teachers and administrators lack full understanding of high impact learning strategies.

#### Resources Available to Help Reduce or Eliminate the Barriers 2

- The Instructional Focus Guides include access to deconstructed standards, lesson resources, FSA information, and formative assessments aligned to FSA specifications (i.e., writing and editing tasks).
- The district created a toolkit aligned to FSA specifications for areas of writing and editing to
  prepare students for the change in the assessment format as well as to monitor student
  progress toward mastery.
- Professional development opportunities are currently provided due to foundation and community alliances.
- i-Ready is implemented in Grades KG 8. Achieve 3000 and USATestprep is used in HS Intensive Language Arts classes.

#### Plan to Monitor Progress Toward G3. 8

The district will review i-Ready, Achieve 3000 and U.S.A. Test Prep results.

#### **Person Responsible**

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Quarterly, from 10/23/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

The Office of Research, Assessment, Evaluation department will use district i-Ready, Achieve 3000 and USATestprep data to check the progress of all students. Data will be further disaggregated by student groups.

#### Plan to Monitor Progress Toward G3. **8**

Data reports produced by the IIS and other learning platforms will be used to progress monitor all students.

#### Person Responsible

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Quarterly, from 10/23/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

Principals will work with Executive Directors and the Office of Research, Assessment, Evaluation to track and monitor progress made by individual schools and students.

**G4.** Attendance- By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of 2% decrease in the number of students who are chronically absent from 19% to 17% percent across all grade levels. 1a

#### 🔍 G069704

#### Targets Supported 1b

Focus	Indicator	Year	Target
District-Wide	Chronic Absenteeism	2017-18	17.0

#### Targeted Barriers to Achieving the Goal 3

- Students have family circumstances that prevent them from attending school regularly.
- Students and parents do not relate chronic absenteeism issues with poor academic performance.

#### Resources Available to Help Reduce or Eliminate the Barriers 2

- The district employs social workers who are sent to the homes of students who have extreme attendance issues.
- An achievement GAP task force has been created and is studying this issue strategically.
- The district has implemented Attendance Works and an attendance dashboard to monitor school and student attendance and chronic absenteeism.

#### Plan to Monitor Progress Toward G4. 8

Attendance data by school will be analyzed and monitored with Attendance Works and the district attendance dashboard.

#### **Person Responsible**

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Daily, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and chronic absenteeism rates will be collected on schools and students.

## **District Action Plan for Improvement**

## Problem Solving Key **B** = **G** = Goal **S** = Strategy Barrier 1 = Problem Solving Step S123456 = Quick Key G1. Science - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 65% to 67%. Specific goals for elementary and middle school science and biology are included below. 🚹 🔍 G045662 **G1.B1** Students with lower literacy skills have difficulty with the complex language in this content area. 2 🔍 B112785 G1.B1.S1 The district will implement effective professional development to include Visible Learning workshops, online Visible Learning for Literacy Modules and the use of progress monitoring. 🔍 S124153 Strategy Rationale Both visible learning strategies and progress monitoring are research driven strategies demonstrated to increase student performance.

#### Action Step 1 5

Professional development and technical assistance will be provided by Sue Meckler, Catherine Cocozza, Kelly Ellington and curriculum staff specialists. Formative assessment results will be shared with teachers and department heads.

#### **Person Responsible**

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Daily, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

Professional development and technical assistance is an ongoing process. The results of benchmark assessments and summative assessments will be analyzed in both Science and English Language Arts.

#### Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G1.B1.S1 👩

Observation records of teacher implementation will be housed digitally in the new IIS. Facilitators and teacher leaders will lead the small group online training and collect evidence as required.

#### Person Responsible

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Weekly, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### Evidence of Completion

District and school-based leadership will observe instructional approaches to ensure fidelity of implementation. All stakeholders can monitor literacy and vocabulary achievement utilizing the district progress monitoring dashboard.

Plan to Monitor Effectiveness of Implementation of G1.B1.S1 7

Progress monitoring will be conducted with local assessments and classroom observations.

#### **Person Responsible**

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Weekly, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

District administration, school-based leaders and teachers will review assessment data and revise instruction accordingly.

#### G1.B2 Students have decreased motivation due to lack of past success.

🔍 B257934

**G1.B2.S1** Teachers will implement techniques to foster a growth mindset, increase re-teaching opportunities and set high expectations for all students.

🔍 S273093 🤇

#### **Strategy Rationale**

Fostering a growth mindset with high expectations are practices associated with increased student achievement and high expectations teaching.

Action Step 1 5

The district will foster a culture of growth mindset and support professional development activities in growth mindset and high expectations teaching.

#### **Person Responsible**

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Daily, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

District and school leaders will observe and faciliatate a culture of growth mindset.

Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G1.B2.S1 6

Progress monitoring will be conducted through the use of book studies and a student climate survey.

#### Person Responsible

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Monthly, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

Evidence will include the participation in school and district book studies (e.g. Visible Learning for Literacy, High Expectations Teaching, Visible Learning for Teachers) and the use of a student climate survey.

**G2.** Mathematics Achievement - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 71% to 73%. Mathematics Learning Gain - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a four percentage point increase for the district from 63% to 67%. Mathematics Learning Gain Lowest Quartile - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a four percentage point increase for the district from 63% to 53%.

#### 🥄 G045637

**G2.B1** Lower performing students to include ESE students lack basic skills which limits learning more advanced material. 2

🔍 B112907

**G2.B1.S1** The district is providing professional development on visible learning, growth mindset, and setting high expectations. Elementary and middle school specialists are providing extensive professional development in mathematics and teachers are critically analzying lessons collaboratively.

🔍 S124254

#### Strategy Rationale

Visible learning, growth mindset, Instructional Rounds and collaborative lesson development are research-based strategies linked to student improvement at every level.

#### Action Step 1 5

The district is providing professional development opportunities, technical assistance and follow-up at the school. .

#### **Person Responsible**

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Daily, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

Professional Development Calendar record one or all of scheduled professional development activities.

#### Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G2.B1.S1 6

The district will monitor results of formative and summative assessments. School leadership will conduct classroom observations.

#### **Person Responsible**

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Daily, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### Evidence of Completion

District reports on formative and summative results and records of ongoing observations are collected. All stakeholders can monitor mathematics achievement utilizing the district progress monitoring dashboard.

#### Plan to Monitor Effectiveness of Implementation of G2.B1.S1 7

The district will monitor the results of formative and summative classrooms assessments. School leadership will conduct classroom observations.

#### Person Responsible

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Monthly, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### Evidence of Completion

District reports on formative and summative results and records of ongoing observations are collected.

**G3.** English Language Arts Achievement - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 67% to 69%. English Language Arts Learning Gain - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 59% to 61%. English Language Arts Lowest Quartile Learning Gain - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 59% to 61%. English Language Arts Lowest Quartile Learning Gain - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 45% to 47%.

🔍 G045421

**G3.B1** Teachers lack fluency in standards based, differentiated instruction and culturally responsive teaching. 2

🔍 B121410

**G3.B1.S1** Curriculum specialists and outside experts will provide professional development on standards-based, differentiated instruction and culturally responsive teaching.

🔍 S273078

#### Strategy Rationale

Differentiated and standards-based instruction are research-based strategies shown to improve student achievement.

Action Step 1 5

The district will provide professional development opportunities in standards-based, differentiated, and culturally responsive instruction.

#### **Person Responsible**

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Daily, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

Student achievement data as demonstrated on i-Ready, Achieve3000 and USATestprep will be monitored.

#### Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G3.B1.S1 👩

Progress monitoring will be conducted through the use of book studies.

#### Person Responsible

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Monthly, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

Evidence will include the participation in school and district book studies (e.g. Visible Learning for Literacy, High Expectations Teaching, Visible Learning for Teachers).

**G3.B2** Low performing students have lower expectations for themselves and a fixed mindset. 2

**G3.B2.S1** Teachers will implement techniques to foster a growth mindset and set high expectations for all students.

🔍 S273080

#### **Strategy Rationale**

Fostering a growth mindset is a research-based strategy demonstrated to increase student confidence and performance.

Action Step 1 5

The district will provide ongoing professional development and foster a culture of a growth mindset.

#### Person Responsible

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Daily, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

Administrators will observe classroom practice and school culture.

**G3.B3** Teachers and administrators lack full understanding of high impact learning strategies. 2

**G3.B3.S1** Provide professional development in visible learning and teaching strategies.

#### **Strategy Rationale**

Visible learning strategies are associated with increased student learning.

Action Step 1 5

Visible learning professional development will be implemented in Sarasota County.

#### **Person Responsible**

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Monthly, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

Training will be scheduled and administrators will observe visible instructional practices in their classrooms.

#### Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G3.B3.S1 6

Participation in school and district book studies (eg. Visible Learning for Literacy, High Expectations Teaching, Visible Learning for Teachers)

#### **Person Responsible**

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Monthly, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

Evidence will include the participation in school and district book studies (e.g. Visible Learning for Literacy, High Expectations Teaching, Visible Learning for Teachers). All stakeholders can monitor English Language Arts achievement utilizing the district progress monitoring dashboard.

Plan to Monitor Effectiveness of Implementation of G3.B3.S1 🔽

#### Person Responsible

Schedule

#### Evidence of Completion

**G4.** Attendance- By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of 2% decrease in the number of students who are chronically absent from 19% to 17% percent across all grade levels.

🔍 G069704

G4.B1 Students have family circumstances that prevent them from attending school regularly.

🔍 B181317

**G4.B1.S1** District and School leaders are initiating collaborative partnerships with local foundations to increase community awareness and implement attendance programs (ie poster contests).

🥄 S273092

#### **Strategy Rationale**

Programs targeting increased community awareness has a positive influence on increased attendance.

#### Action Step 1 5

The district is working with foundations and schools to create strategies and programs for decreasing chronic absenteeism: identify and create plans to mitigate the actual reasons why children are chronically absent (i.e. Attendance Works.org); participate in a district wide attendance contest sponsored by Suncoast Campaign for Grade Level Reading.

#### **Person Responsible**

Dr. Laura Kingsley

#### Schedule

Daily, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### Evidence of Completion

The district and school staff will monitor attendance and absenteeism with Attendance Works and the district attendance dashboard.

#### Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G4.B1.S1 👩

Progress monitoring will be conducted with Attendance Works and the District Attendance Dashboard.

#### **Person Responsible**

Sonia Figaredo-Alberts

#### Schedule

Daily, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### Evidence of Completion

Social Workers and truancy workers meet with schools' MTSS teams to strategize improvement for chronically absent children.

**G4.B2** Students and parents do not relate chronic absenteeism issues with poor academic performance. 2

**G4.B2.S1** At the school level, continue to review student attendance data. Increase communication with parents of students with chronic absenteeism.

🔍 S192805

#### **Strategy Rationale**

High absenteeism has a direct negative impact on student achievement.

Action Step 1 5

The use of the Attendance Works, the district attendance dashboard and the MTSS process for identifying students with academic and attendance issues is ongoing at each school. School leaders are being trained on Attendance Works and the district attendance dashboard to monitor students daily, weekly, and monthly attendance.

#### **Person Responsible**

Sonia Figaredo-Alberts

#### Schedule

Weekly, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

The schools' records of MTSS meetings where students are being identified with attendance issues are collected. Data depicted on Attendance Works and the district attendance dashboard are reviewed.

#### Plan to Monitor Fidelity of Implementation of G4.B2.S1 6

District-wide meetings of social workers, truancy workers, principals, assistant principals and others to collaborate on issues and progress of students with attendance issues are scheduled.

#### Person Responsible

Sonia Figaredo-Alberts

#### Schedule

Weekly, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### Evidence of Completion

Meeting agendas and meeting notes are kept from all MTSS meetings. Attendance Works reports are generated.

#### Plan to Monitor Effectiveness of Implementation of G4.B2.S1 🔽

Pupil Support Services is working with school staff involved with MTSS and attendance monitoring to ensure they have all the tools the district can provide to impact students with attendance concerns.

#### Person Responsible

Sonia Figaredo-Alberts

#### Schedule

Monthly, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

MTSS notes and logs of the different workers assigned to address attendance issues are collected. Attendance reports are evaluated at the district, school, and student levels.

**G4.B2.S2** The district created the attendance district dashboard to make attendance and absenteeism data visible to all stakeholders.

🔍 S273027

#### **Strategy Rationale**

Raising awareness will increase community support for interventions to improve attendance.

#### Action Step 1 5

RAE staff will continue to refine the attendance dashboard and provide professional development in its use.

#### Person Responsible

Denise Cantalupo

#### Schedule

Daily, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### **Evidence of Completion**

Chronic absentee data and average daily attendance rates are monitored for students, schools, and district-wide.

## IV. Implementation Timeline

Source	Task, Action Step or Monitoring Activity	Who	Start Date (where applicable)	Deliverable or Evidence of Completion	Due Date/ End Date
		2017	,		
G3.B3.S1.MA1	[no content entered]		No Start Date		No End Date one-time
G1.MA1	The district and school-based staff will use benchmark assessments and school formative	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	10/23/2017	District and instructional staff will run reports from MyIIS on the Science Benchmark Assessment results. District and school-based leaders and specialists will monitor department the chairs and the teachers use of the data to drive instruction.	5/24/2018 quarterly
<b>G2.MA1</b>	The district will use i-Ready, district mathematics benchmark assessments and school formative	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	10/23/2017	The Research, Assessment and Evaluation (RAE) Department and all academic departments will use i-Ready and benchmark data to check the progress made by students who scored at all FSA Levels. Data will further be disaggregated by student groups.	5/24/2018 weekly
G3.MA1	The district will review i-Ready, Achieve 3000 and U.S.A. Test Prep results.	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	10/23/2017	The Office of Research, Assessment, Evaluation department will use district i- Ready, Achieve 3000 and USATestprep data to check the progress of all students. Data will be further disaggregated by student groups.	5/24/2018 quarterly
G3.MA2 S M092790	Data reports produced by the IIS and other learning platforms will be used to progress monitor all	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	10/23/2017	Principals will work with Executive Directors and the Office of Research, Assessment, Evaluation to track and monitor progress made by individual schools and students.	5/24/2018 quarterly
G4.MA1	Attendance data by school will be analyzed and monitored with Attendance Works and the district	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	8/14/2017	Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and chronic absenteeism rates will be collected on schools and students.	5/24/2018 daily
G1.B1.S1.MA1	Progress monitoring will be conducted with local assessments and classroom observations.	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	8/14/2017	District administration, school-based leaders and teachers will review assessment data and revise instruction accordingly.	5/24/2018 weekly
G1.B1.S1.MA1	Observation records of teacher implementation will be housed digitally in the new IIS	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	8/14/2017	District and school-based leadership will observe instructional approaches to ensure fidelity of implementation. All stakeholders can monitor literacy and vocabulary achievement utilizing the district progress monitoring dashboard.	5/24/2018 weekly
G1.B1.S1.A1	Professional development and technical assistance will be provided by Sue Meckler, Catherine	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	8/14/2017	Professional development and technical assistance is an ongoing process. The results of benchmark assessments and summative assessments will be analyzed in both Science and English Language Arts.	5/24/2018 daily
G2.B1.S1.MA1	The district will monitor the results of formative and summative classrooms assessments. School	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	8/14/2017	District reports on formative and summative results and records of ongoing observations are collected.	5/24/2018 monthly
G2.B1.S1.MA1	The district will monitor results of formative and summative assessments. School leadership will	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	8/14/2017	District reports on formative and summative results and records of ongoing observations are collected. All stakeholders can monitor mathematics achievement utilizing the district progress monitoring dashboard.	5/24/2018 daily

Source	Task, Action Step or Monitoring Activity	Who	Start Date (where applicable)	Deliverable or Evidence of Completion	Due Date/ End Date
G2.B1.S1.A1	The district is providing professional development opportunities, technical assistance and	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	8/14/2017	Professional Development Calendar record one or all of scheduled professional development activities.	5/24/2018 daily
G4.B2.S1.MA1	Pupil Support Services is working with school staff involved with MTSS and attendance monitoring to	Figaredo-Alberts, Sonia	8/14/2017	MTSS notes and logs of the different workers assigned to address attendance issues are collected. Attendance reports are evaluated at the district, school, and student levels.	5/24/2018 monthly
G4.B2.S1.MA1	District-wide meetings of social workers, truancy workers, principals, assistant principals and	Figaredo-Alberts, Sonia	8/14/2017	Meeting agendas and meeting notes are kept from all MTSS meetings. Attendance Works reports are generated.	5/24/2018 weekly
G4.B2.S1.A1	The use of the Attendance Works, the district attendance dashboard and the MTSS process for	Figaredo-Alberts, Sonia	8/14/2017	The schools' records of MTSS meetings where students are being identified with attendance issues are collected. Data depicted on Attendance Works and the district attendance dashboard are reviewed.	5/24/2018 weekly
G3.B1.S1.MA1	Progress monitoring will be conducted through the use of book studies.	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	8/14/2017	Evidence will include the participation in school and district book studies (e.g. Visible Learning for Literacy, High Expectations Teaching, Visible Learning for Teachers).	5/24/2018 monthly
G3.B1.S1.A1	The district will provide professional development opportunities in standards-based,	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	8/14/2017	Student achievement data as demonstrated on i-Ready, Achieve3000 and USATestprep will be monitored.	5/24/2018 daily
G3.B2.S1.A1	The district will provide ongoing professional development and foster a culture of a growth mindset.	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	8/14/2017	Administrators will observe classroom practice and school culture.	5/24/2018 daily
G3.B3.S1.MA1	Participation in school and district book studies (eg. Visible Learning for Literacy, High	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	8/14/2017	Evidence will include the participation in school and district book studies (e.g. Visible Learning for Literacy, High Expectations Teaching, Visible Learning for Teachers). All stakeholders can monitor English Language Arts achievement utilizing the district progress monitoring dashboard.	5/24/2018 monthly
G3.B3.S1.A1	Visible learning professional development will be implemented in Sarasota County.	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	8/14/2017	Training will be scheduled and administrators will observe visible instructional practices in their classrooms.	5/24/2018 monthly
G4.B1.S1.MA1	Progress monitoring will be conducted with Attendance Works and the District Attendance Dashboard.	Figaredo-Alberts, Sonia	8/14/2017	Social Workers and truancy workers meet with schools' MTSS teams to strategize improvement for chronically absent children.	5/24/2018 daily
G4.B1.S1.A1	The district is working with foundations and schools to create strategies and programs for	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	8/14/2017	The district and school staff will monitor attendance and absenteeism with Attendance Works and the district attendance dashboard.	5/24/2018 daily
G1.B2.S1.MA1	Progress monitoring will be conducted through the use of book studies and a student climate survey.	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	8/14/2017	Evidence will include the participation in school and district book studies (e.g. Visible Learning for Literacy, High Expectations Teaching, Visible Learning for Teachers) and the use of a student climate survey.	5/24/2018 monthly
G1.B2.S1.A1	The district will foster a culture of growth mindset and support professional development	Kingsley, Dr. Laura	8/14/2017	District and school leaders will observe and faciliatate a culture of growth mindset.	5/24/2018 daily
G4.B2.S2.A1	RAE staff will continue to refine the attendance dashboard and provide professional development in	Cantalupo, Denise	8/14/2017	Chronic absentee data and average daily attendance rates are monitored for students, schools, and district-wide.	5/24/2018 daily

## V. Professional Development Opportuntities

Professional development opportunities identified in the DIAP as action steps to achieve the district's goals.

**G1.** Science - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 65% to 67%. Specific goals for elementary and middle school science and biology are included below.

G1.B1 Students with lower literacy skills have difficulty with the complex language in this content area.

**G1.B1.S1** The district will implement effective professional development to include Visible Learning workshops, online Visible Learning for Literacy Modules and the use of progress monitoring.

#### **PD Opportunity 1**

Professional development and technical assistance will be provided by Sue Meckler, Catherine Cocozza, Kelly Ellington and curriculum staff specialists. Formative assessment results will be shared with teachers and department heads.

#### Facilitator

Curriculum and Professional Development Departments at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

#### **Participants**

Teachers

#### Schedule

Daily, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

#### G1.B2 Students have decreased motivation due to lack of past success.

**G1.B2.S1** Teachers will implement techniques to foster a growth mindset, increase re-teaching opportunities and set high expectations for all students.

#### PD Opportunity 1

The district will foster a culture of growth mindset and support professional development activities in growth mindset and high expectations teaching.

#### Facilitator

All instructional staff

#### **Participants**

All instructional staff

#### Schedule

**G2.** Mathematics Achievement - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 71% to 73%. Mathematics Learning Gain - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a four percentage point increase for the district from 63% to 67%. Mathematics Learning Gain Lowest Quartile - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a four percentage point increase for the district from 63% to 53%.

**G2.B1** Lower performing students to include ESE students lack basic skills which limits learning more advanced material.

**G2.B1.S1** The district is providing professional development on visible learning, growth mindset, and setting high expectations. Elementary and middle school specialists are providing extensive professional development in mathematics and teachers are critically analzying lessons collaboratively.

#### PD Opportunity 1

The district is providing professional development opportunities, technical assistance and follow-up at the school. .

#### Facilitator

District specialists, Sue D'Angelo, Catherine Cocozza, Sue Meckler, Kelly Ellington, Alicia Charbaneau, and Luke Stultz

#### **Participants**

Math teachers at all levels

#### Schedule

**G3.** English Language Arts Achievement - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 67% to 69%. English Language Arts Learning Gain - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 59% to 61%. English Language Arts Lowest Quartile Learning Gain - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 59% to 61%. English Language Arts Lowest Quartile Learning Gain - By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of a two percentage point increase for the district from 59% to 61%.

**G3.B1** Teachers lack fluency in standards based, differentiated instruction and culturally responsive teaching.

**G3.B1.S1** Curriculum specialists and outside experts will provide professional development on standards-based, differentiated instruction and culturally responsive teaching.

#### PD Opportunity 1

The district will provide professional development opportunities in standards-based, differentiated, and culturally responsive instruction.

#### Facilitator

Curriculum Specialists, Executive Directors

#### **Participants**

Teachers

#### Schedule

Daily, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

G3.B2 Low performing students have lower expectations for themselves and a fixed mindset.

**G3.B2.S1** Teachers will implement techniques to foster a growth mindset and set high expectations for all students.

#### PD Opportunity 1

The district will provide ongoing professional development and foster a culture of a growth mindset.

#### Facilitator

All instructional staff

#### **Participants**

All instructional staff

#### Schedule

#### G3.B3 Teachers and administrators lack full understanding of high impact learning strategies.

G3.B3.S1 Provide professional development in visible learning and teaching strategies.

#### **PD Opportunity 1**

Visible learning professional development will be implemented in Sarasota County.

#### Facilitator

Curriculum administrators and specialists and outside experts

#### **Participants**

Teachers and administrators

#### Schedule

Monthly, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

**G4.** Attendance- By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of 2% decrease in the number of students who are chronically absent from 19% to 17% percent across all grade levels.

G4.B2 Students and parents do not relate chronic absenteeism issues with poor academic performance.

**G4.B2.S2** The district created the attendance district dashboard to make attendance and absenteeism data visible to all stakeholders.

#### PD Opportunity 1

RAE staff will continue to refine the attendance dashboard and provide professional development in its use.

#### Facilitator

RAE and district staff

#### **Participants**

All administrative and instructional staff

#### Schedule

## VI. Technical Assistance Items

Technical Assistance opportunities identified in the DIAP as action steps to achieve the district's goals.

**G4.** Attendance- By the year 2018, there will be a minimum of 2% decrease in the number of students who are chronically absent from 19% to 17% percent across all grade levels.

**G4.B1** Students have family circumstances that prevent them from attending school regularly.

**G4.B1.S1** District and School leaders are initiating collaborative partnerships with local foundations to increase community awareness and implement attendance programs (ie poster contests).

#### **TA Opportunity 1**

The district is working with foundations and schools to create strategies and programs for decreasing chronic absenteeism: identify and create plans to mitigate the actual reasons why children are chronically absent (i.e. Attendance Works.org); participate in a district wide attendance contest sponsored by Suncoast Campaign for Grade Level Reading.

#### Facilitator

District and school leadership

#### **Participants**

All staff, community members and parents

#### Schedule

G4.B2 Students and parents do not relate chronic absenteeism issues with poor academic performance.

**G4.B2.S1** At the school level, continue to review student attendance data. Increase communication with parents of students with chronic absenteeism.

#### **TA Opportunity 1**

The use of the Attendance Works, the district attendance dashboard and the MTSS process for identifying students with academic and attendance issues is ongoing at each school. School leaders are being trained on Attendance Works and the district attendance dashboard to monitor students daily, weekly, and monthly attendance.

#### Facilitator

Pupil Support Services staff works with the social workers on applicable laws and board policies on attendance.

#### **Participants**

Social workers, school psychologists, and truancy workers

#### Schedule

Weekly, from 8/14/2017 to 5/24/2018

## VII. Budget

1	G1.B1.S1.A1	Professional development and technical assistance will be provided by Sue Meckler, Catherine Cocozza, Kelly Ellington and curriculum staff specialists. Formative assessment results will be shared with teachers and department heads.	\$0.00
2	G1.B2.S1.A1	The district will foster a culture of growth mindset and support professional development activities in growth mindset and high expectations teaching.	\$0.00
3	G2.B1.S1.A1	The district is providing professional development opportunities, technical assistance and follow-up at the school	\$0.00
4	G3.B1.S1.A1	The district will provide professional development opportunities in standards-based, differentiated, and culturally responsive instruction.	\$0.00
5	G3.B2.S1.A1	The district will provide ongoing professional development and foster a culture of a growth mindset.	\$0.00
6	G3.B3.S1.A1	Visible learning professional development will be implemented in Sarasota County.	\$0.00
7	G4.B1.S1.A1	The district is working with foundations and schools to create strategies and programs for decreasing chronic absenteeism: identify and create plans to mitigate the actual reasons why children are chronically absent (i.e. Attendance Works.org); participate in a district wide attendance contest sponsored by Suncoast Campaign for Grade Level Reading.	\$0.00
8	G4.B2.S1.A1	The use of the Attendance Works, the district attendance dashboard and the MTSS process for identifying students with academic and attendance issues is ongoing at each school. School leaders are being trained on Attendance Works and the district attendance dashboard to monitor students daily, weekly, and monthly attendance.	\$0.00
9	G4.B2.S2.A1	RAE staff will continue to refine the attendance dashboard and provide professional development in its use.	\$0.00