

Okeechobee County School District

Yearling Middle School



2019-20 Schoolwide Improvement Plan

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925 NW 23RD LN, Okeechobee, FL 34972

<http://yearlingmiddleschool.sites.thedigitalbell.com/>

Demographics

Principal: Patricia McCoy

Start Date for this Principal: 7/29/2019

2019-20 Status (per MSID File)	Active
School Type and Grades Served (per MSID File)	Middle School 6-8
Primary Service Type (per MSID File)	K-12 General Education
2018-19 Title I School	Yes
2018-19 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate (as reported on Survey 3)	100%
2018-19 ESSA Subgroups Represented (subgroups with 10 or more students) (subgroups below the federal threshold are identified with an asterisk)	Students With Disabilities* English Language Learners* Black/African American Students* Hispanic Students* Multiracial Students White Students Economically Disadvantaged Students*
School Grades History	2018-19: C (50%) 2017-18: C (49%) 2016-17: C (46%) 2015-16: C (46%) 2014-15: C (47%)
2019-20 School Improvement (SI) Information*	
SI Region	Southwest
Regional Executive Director	
Turnaround Option/Cycle	N/A
Year	
Support Tier	

ESSA Status	TS&I
* As defined under Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code. For more information, click here .	

School Board Approval

This plan was approved by the Okeechobee County School Board on 10/8/2019.

SIP Authority

Section 1001.42(18), Florida Statutes, requires district school boards to annually approve and require implementation of a Schoolwide Improvement Plan (SIP) for each school in the district that has a school grade of D or F. This plan is also a requirement for Targeted Support and Improvement (TS&I) and Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CS&I) schools pursuant to 1008.33 F.S. and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

To be designated as TS&I, a school must have one or more ESSA subgroup(s) with a Federal Index below 41%. This plan shall be approved by the district. There are three ways a school can be designated as CS&I:

1. have a school grade of D or F
2. have a graduation rate of 67% or lower
3. have an overall Federal Index below 41%.

For these schools, the SIP shall be approved by the district as well as the Bureau of School Improvement.

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) SIP template meets all statutory and rule requirements for traditional public schools and incorporates all components required for schools receiving Title I funds. This template is required by State Board of Education Rule 6A-1.099811, Florida Administrative Code, for all non-charter schools with a current grade of D or F, or a graduation rate 67% or less. Districts may opt to require a SIP using a template of its choosing for schools that do not fit the aforementioned conditions. This document was prepared by school and district leadership using the FDOE's school improvement planning web application located at www.floridacims.org.

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School Type and Grades Served (per MSID File)	2018-19 Title I School	2018-19 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate (as reported on Survey 3)
Middle School 6-8	Yes	97%
Primary Service Type (per MSID File)	Charter School	2018-19 Minority Rate (Reported as Non-white on Survey 2)
K-12 General Education	No	59%

School Grades History

Year	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17	2015-16
Grade	C	C	C	C

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Part I: School Information

School Mission and Vision

Provide the school's mission statement.

Yearling Middle School's mission is to deliver standards-based, student-centered, authentic learning opportunities that guide all students to be able to work collaboratively and individually while demonstrating mastery of standards.

Provide the school's vision statement.

Yearling Middle School will guide all students to deepened levels of thinking and real-world applications of knowledge and skills to prepare them for success in college and/or careers.

School Leadership Team

Membership

Identify the name, email address and position title for each member of the school leadership team:

Name	Title	Job Duties and Responsibilities
Krakoff, David	Principal	Serving as instructional leader while creating and aligning systems to support the deepening of learning and social/emotional development for all students.
Carpenter, Cathleen	School Counselor	
Caves , Walt	Dean	
Heineman, Carrie	Other	
Letcher , Cindy	Teacher, K-12	
Maxwell, Rebecca	Teacher, K-12	
Shells, Jerrime	Assistant Principal	
Campbell, Kellyann	Instructional Coach	Providing research-grounded professional development and coaching to guide teachers to mastery of their instructional planning, strategic delivery, and monitoring of student achievement. Also, providing support to close learning gaps among our students.

Early Warning Systems

Current Year

The number of students by grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator listed:

Indicator	Grade Level														Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Number of students enrolled	0	0	0	0	0	0	274	243	240	0	0	0	0	757	
Attendance below 90 percent	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	12	9	0	0	0	0	30	
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Course failure in ELA or Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	83	64	80	0	0	0	0	227	

The number of students with two or more early warning indicators:

Indicator	Grade Level														Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Students with two or more indicators	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	21	42	0	0	0	0	116	

The number of students identified as retainees:

Indicator	Grade Level														Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Retained Students: Current Year	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	

FTE units allocated to school (total number of teacher units)

54

Date this data was collected or last updated

Monday 9/30/2019

Prior Year - As Reported

The number of students by grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator:

Indicator	Grade Level													Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Attendance below 90 percent	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Course failure in ELA or Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	93	93	0	0	0	0	251

The number of students with two or more early warning indicators:

Indicator	Grade Level												Total	
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12
Students with two or more indicators	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Prior Year - Updated

The number of students by grade level that exhibit each early warning indicator:

Indicator	Grade Level														Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Attendance below 90 percent	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	35	34	0	0	0	0	107	
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	9	15	0	0	0	0	47	
Course failure in ELA or Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Level 1 on statewide assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	44	65	0	0	0	0	160	

The number of students with two or more early warning indicators:

Indicator	Grade Level												Total
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	
Students with two or more indicators	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part II: Needs Assessment/Analysis

School Data

Please note that the district and state averages shown here represent the averages for similar school types (elementary, middle, high school, or combination schools).

School Grade Component	2019			2018		
	School	District	State	School	District	State
ELA Achievement	40%	42%	54%	40%	40%	52%
ELA Learning Gains	47%	48%	54%	46%	50%	54%
ELA Lowest 25th Percentile	41%	43%	47%	35%	43%	44%
Math Achievement	58%	61%	58%	45%	48%	56%
Math Learning Gains	60%	60%	57%	46%	52%	57%
Math Lowest 25th Percentile	58%	56%	51%	44%	50%	50%
Science Achievement	35%	43%	51%	40%	38%	50%
Social Studies Achievement	51%	60%	72%	51%	54%	70%

EWS Indicators as Input Earlier in the Survey

Indicator	Grade Level (prior year reported)			Total
	6	7	8	
Number of students enrolled	274 (0)	243 (0)	240 (0)	757 (0)
Attendance below 90 percent	9 (0)	12 (0)	9 (0)	30 (0)
One or more suspensions	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Course failure in ELA or Math	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
Level 1 on statewide assessment	83 (65)	64 (93)	80 (93)	227 (251)

Grade Level Data

NOTE: This data is raw data and includes ALL students who tested at the school. This is not school grade data.

NOTE: An asterisk (*) in any cell indicates the data has been suppressed due to fewer than 10 students tested, or all tested students scoring the same.

ELA						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
06	2019	49%	47%	2%	54%	-5%
	2018	39%	41%	-2%	52%	-13%
Same Grade Comparison		10%				
Cohort Comparison						
07	2019	35%	38%	-3%	52%	-17%
	2018	32%	32%	0%	51%	-19%
Same Grade Comparison		3%				
Cohort Comparison		-4%				
08	2019	36%	37%	-1%	56%	-20%
	2018	41%	40%	1%	58%	-17%
Same Grade Comparison		-5%				
Cohort Comparison		4%				

MATH						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
06	2019	51%	54%	-3%	55%	-4%
	2018	47%	56%	-9%	52%	-5%
Same Grade Comparison		4%				
Cohort Comparison						
07	2019	54%	55%	-1%	54%	0%
	2018	52%	46%	6%	54%	-2%
Same Grade Comparison		2%				
Cohort Comparison		7%				
08	2019	49%	51%	-2%	46%	3%
	2018	46%	54%	-8%	45%	1%
Same Grade Comparison		3%				
Cohort Comparison		-3%				

SCIENCE						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
08	2019	36%	41%	-5%	48%	-12%
	2018	37%	37%	0%	50%	-13%
Same Grade Comparison		-1%				
Cohort Comparison						

BIOLOGY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019					
2018					

CIVICS EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019	51%	59%	-8%	71%	-20%
2018	41%	50%	-9%	71%	-30%
Compare		10%			
HISTORY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019					
2018					
ALGEBRA EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019	88%	52%	36%	61%	27%
2018	100%	54%	46%	62%	38%
Compare		-12%			
GEOMETRY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019	90%	47%	43%	57%	33%
2018	96%	44%	52%	56%	40%
Compare		-6%			

Subgroup Data

2019 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2017-18	C & C Accel 2017-18
SWD	19	33	29	35	55	57	20	34	46		
ELL	31	44	49	51	57	53	13	41	58		
BLK	25	37	33	42	51	42	8	60			
HSP	36	46	41	56	60	57	29	47	60		
MUL	25	21		47	43						
WHT	48	50	48	62	62	61	45	58	64		
FRL	37	43	36	54	61	59	29	49	58		
2018 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2016-17	C & C Accel 2016-17
SWD	14	37	44	27	52	46	8	20	33		
ELL	26	50	57	45	55	48	30	19			
BLK	11	43	50	24	52	41		8			
HSP	34	48	48	49	61	49	35	38	54		
MUL	55	58		43	52		45				
WHT	48	51	55	63	71	53	48	54	63		

2018 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2016-17	C & C Accel 2016-17
FRL	35	48	49	50	63	49	32	41	49		
2017 SCHOOL GRADE COMPONENTS BY SUBGROUPS											
Subgroups	ELA Ach.	ELA LG	ELA LG L25%	Math Ach.	Math LG	Math LG L25%	Sci Ach.	SS Ach.	MS Accel.	Grad Rate 2015-16	C & C Accel 2015-16
SWD	10	29	24	17	38	33	6	23			
ELL	23	34	38	31	45	46	14	38			
BLK	15	33	30	19	34	39	18	16			
HSP	35	42	33	38	48	45	35	52	46		
MUL	32	29		42	38			57			
WHT	50	54	47	56	47	47	48	55	78		
FRL	36	44	34	41	46	44	38	47	55		

ESSA Data

This data has been updated for the 2018-19 school year as of 7/16/2019.

ESSA Federal Index	
ESSA Category (TS&I or CS&I)	TS&I
OVERALL Federal Index – All Students	51
OVERALL Federal Index Below 41% All Students	NO
Total Number of Subgroups Missing the Target	3
Progress of English Language Learners in Achieving English Language Proficiency	57
Total Points Earned for the Federal Index	511
Total Components for the Federal Index	10
Percent Tested	97%

Subgroup Data	
Students With Disabilities	
Federal Index - Students With Disabilities	36
Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	YES
Number of Consecutive Years Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 32%	
English Language Learners	
Federal Index - English Language Learners	45
English Language Learners Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years English Language Learners Subgroup Below 32%	

Native American Students	
Federal Index - Native American Students	
Native American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Native American Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Asian Students	
Federal Index - Asian Students	
Asian Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Asian Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Black/African American Students	
Federal Index - Black/African American Students	37
Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	YES
Number of Consecutive Years Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Hispanic Students	
Federal Index - Hispanic Students	49
Hispanic Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Hispanic Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Multiracial Students	
Federal Index - Multiracial Students	34
Multiracial Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	YES
Number of Consecutive Years Multiracial Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Pacific Islander Students	
Federal Index - Pacific Islander Students	
Pacific Islander Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Pacific Islander Students Subgroup Below 32%	
White Students	
Federal Index - White Students	55
White Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years White Students Subgroup Below 32%	
Economically Disadvantaged Students	
Federal Index - Economically Disadvantaged Students	48
Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	NO
Number of Consecutive Years Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 32%	

Analysis

Data Reflection

Answer the following reflection prompts after examining any/all relevant school data sources (see guide for examples for relevant data sources).

Which data component showed the lowest performance? Explain the contributing factor(s) to last year's low performance and discuss any trends.

Yearling's science proficiency rate was 36% and ELA was 40% overall. This reflects a deficiency in reading skills and vocabulary and continued a trend of struggling reading performance over the past decade.

Which data component showed the greatest decline from the prior year? Explain the factor(s) that contributed to this decline.

Grade 8 ELA was; the only math or ELA grade-level team that had a decline in proficiency rate, dropping from 41% to 36%. The primary factors were staff turnover in mid year, one classroom was filled by a long-term sub all year, and another was new to our school. Also, this team struggled to adapt to our new PLC of planning, instructional delivery, and monitoring of student learning.

Which data component had the greatest gap when compared to the state average? Explain the factor(s) that contributed to this gap and any trends.

Our civics score is 20% below the state average. Grades 7 and 8 ELA are both 17% below the state average. We consider our reading deficit as the primary contributing factor to this issue as our reading performance has continued to decline or be stagnate over the past decade.

Which data component showed the most improvement? What new actions did your school take in this area?

Grade 6 ELA increased proficiency by 10% and Civics grew by 9%. Our grade 6 ELA team and Civics team each worked well during our Collaborative Learning Team work to effectively unwrap standards, plan units of instruction, and monitor student mastery. Also, these two teams led our school-wide movement toward level 4 work on Marzano's taxonomy using project-based learning as the catalyst.

Reflecting on the EWS data from Part I (D), identify one or two potential areas of concern? (see Guidance tab for additional information)

Our data indicates a trend of concerns in the area of attendance, suspensions, and state testing data with regard to at risk students. With this data, we have developed a plan to help students gain traction as successful students by conducting grade-level social-emotional restorative discussions and assigning mentors to all students who have 20 or more unexcused absences from school.

Rank your highest priorities (maximum of 5) for schoolwide improvement in the upcoming school year.

1. ELA proficiency and growth
2. Science proficiency
3. Civics proficiency
4. Reduction of behavior referrals by changing student behavior and by supporting our staff in building positive, supportive relationships with all students and in embracing the AVID mindset that opportunities truly are limitless for all students.
5. Growth in proficiency in subgroup areas including our ESE, multi-raical, and African-American populations. This will include work to strengthen our cultural competency.

Part III: Planning for Improvement

Areas of Focus:

#1

Title	Vocabulary and Reading proficiency
Rationale	Our ELA proficiency rates have declined or remained stagnate over the past decade and our low level of performance is also impacting proficiency rates in science and civics.
State the measurable outcome the school plans to achieve	We are focused on improving our ELA proficiency rate by 10% from 40% to at least 50% in 2020.
Person responsible for monitoring outcome	David Krakoff (david.krakoff@okee.k12.fl.us)
Evidence-based Strategy	We will focus on Tier 2 vocabulary using strategies based on Marzano's research on vocabulary acquisition. We will work to increase reading comprehension and analysis-level student work by building a campus-wide system for annotating text, using close reading strategies, and a text-based writing approach across our curriculum. AVID's WICOR strategies will be used as a support to this work.
Rationale for Evidence-based Strategy	Our students' ability to work with text on deeper levels of Marzano's taxonomy and to develop writing skills in response to texts will be supported by a uniformed, campus-wide approach to reading and writing.
Action Step	
Description	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Campus-wide professional development of AVID strategies 2. Campus-wide professional development of text annotations, contextual vocabulary growth, and RACE writing. 3. Monitoring of implementation of strategies during CLT work and classroom instruction using walk-thru tool 4. Teachers will use deliberate practice plans to support growth in reading and writing instruction and will be monitored during administrative evaluations. 5.
Person Responsible	David Krakoff (david.krakoff@okee.k12.fl.us)

#2	
Title	Cultural competency with approach to subgroups including African-American students, ESE students, and multi-racial students.
Rationale	The subgroups including our African-American students, multi-racial students, and ESE students have performed a lower level than is acceptable, reflecting a disconnect with our approach and connection with these groups of students.
State the measurable outcome the school plans to achieve	We will work to reduce suspensions by 50% with these subgroups compared to the 2018-19 school year. We will also work to reduce increase proficiency rates by 10% for each of these subgroups.
Person responsible for monitoring outcome	David Krakoff (david.krakoff@okee.k12.fl.us)
Evidence-based Strategy	We will form a cultural competency committee and analyze our subgroup data and anecdotal evidence and then find research-based approaches to train students and staff on cultural competency.
Rationale for Evidence-based Strategy	We want to make this a community initiative and gain buy-in so that we can make a systemic change in our approaches and the results for our subgroups.
Action Step	
Description	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Guiding Coalition will analyze subgroup data 2. Cultural competency committee formed 3. Research done by committee on cultural competency training 4. Action plan developed and implemented to train staff and students 5. Data will be monitored quarterly and analyzed throughout the year to determine impact
Person Responsible	David Krakoff (david.krakoff@okee.k12.fl.us)

Additional Schoolwide Improvement Priorities (optional)

After choosing your Area(s) of Focus, explain how you will address the remaining schoolwide improvement priorities (see the Guidance tab for more information).

We will prioritize mental health, student and staff mindset, and school culture by using AVID strategies, collaborative learning teams, an enhanced PBIS system, and Growth Mindset as a foundation for this work. AVID strategies will be modeled during staff development sessions followed by collection of data during classrooms walks to monitor and adjust implementation. We will use Dr. Carol Dweck's research on Growth Mindset to drive mental health and mindset development during our mid-day lunch period. Our PBIS system will work to support positive social behavior and relationships between staff and students. Our CLTs will help to support instructional planning that supports collaborative learning and high expectations for all students while deliberately planning for differentiated instruction to result in equity. Also, to support our African-American subgroup, we will form a cultural competency committee and visit data and research-based practices to examine and revise our approach to support learning among this subgroup. This will result in an action plan for professional development for staff and students to increase our cultural competency to close gaps with our African-American subgroup.

Part IV: Title I Requirements

Additional Title I Requirements

This section must be completed if the school is implementing a Title I, Part A schoolwide program and opts to use the Schoolwide Improvement Plan to satisfy the requirements of the schoolwide program plan, as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act, Public Law No. 114-95, Â§ 1114(b). This section is not required for non-Title I schools.

Describe how the school plans to build positive relationships with parents, families, and other community stakeholders to fulfill the school's mission and support the needs of students.

Members of Yearling Middle School's Guiding Coalition will routinely communicate with all stakeholders via our school's Facebook page, school website, and via school newsletter. An open house will be held for parents to visit students' classrooms and teachers. In addition, the Guiding Coalition will hold quarterly Summits to discuss school initiatives and respond to concerns from the community.

PFEP Link

The school completes a Parental Involvement Plan (PFEP), which is available at the school site.

Describe how the school ensures the social-emotional needs of all students are being met, which may include providing counseling, mentoring and other pupil services.

The school uses a check in/check out system in which students monitor their daily progress regarding assignment completion, grades and behavior. This provides mentoring and counseling to the students involved in this system. There are also counseling services that are contracted from outside agencies that provide counseling and mentoring services to students. The school-based guidance counselors communicate with the parents/guardians of students recommended for counseling programs.

Describe the strategies the school employs to support incoming and outgoing cohorts of students in transition from one school level to another.

Each year incoming 5th grade students visit YMS to learn what to expect in middle school. Similar opportunities are provided to 8th grade students through meetings to learn about high school graduation requirements and industry certification and elective programs. Also, members of the YMS Guiding Coalition will visit elementary schools to provide an orientation to YMS during the spring of 2019.

Eighth graders participate in a Reality and Career Fair (held on the IRSC Campus) hosted by our local state college (Indian River State College). Reality Fair allows students to participate in a version of the game of "Life." Students are assigned a salary based on grade-point average. Students select a career based on their salary range. Students take a "chance" and wind up with children, and must provide for transportation (buying a car), a place to live (buy a house), expenses like insurance, taxes, etc. IRSC also runs a concurrent Career Fair based on the different career clusters offered on IRSC Main Campus.

This year, YMS would like to participate in CTE events which bring YMS eighth graders to Okeechobee High School to provide exposure and boost recruitment in district CTE program.

Describe the process through which school leadership identifies and aligns all available resources (e.g., personnel, instructional, curricular) 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. 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.

In order to yield student achievement, the leadership team reviews the previous year's school improvement plan to discuss changes that should be made. The principal develops a budget for the school year based on the feedback provided from the leadership team.

Describe the strategies the school uses to advance college and career awareness, which may include establishing partnerships with business, industry or community organizations.

YMS's AVID students visit various college campuses throughout the school year. Also, community business leaders will visit YMS classrooms to provide feedback to students regarding the rigor of their work with respect to authentic learning projects.