Okeechobee County School District

Yearling Middle School



2020-21 Schoolwide Improvement Plan

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Yearling Middle School

925 NW 23RD LN, Okeechobee, FL 34972

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

Demographics

Principal: Patricia Mccoy

Start Date for this Principal: 7/15/2018

2019-20 Status	
(per MSID File)	Active
School Type and Grades Served	Middle School
(per MSID File)	6-8
Primary Service Type (per MSID File)	K-12 General Education
2019-20 Title I School	Yes
2019-20 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate (as reported on Survey 3)	100%
2019-20 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%)
2019-20 School Improvement (SI) Info	ormation*
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 10/13/2020.

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 Demographics

School Type and Grades Served (per MSID File)	2019-20 Title I School	2019-20 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate (as reported on Survey 3)
Middle School 6-8	Yes	100%
Primary Service Type (per MSID File)	Charter School	2018-19 Minority Rate (Reported as Non-white on Survey 2)
K-12 General Education	No	64%
School Grades History		

2018-19

C

2017-18

C

2016-17

C

School Board Approval

Year

Grade

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2019-20

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, position title, and job duties/responsibilities 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.

Demographic Information

Principal start date

Sunday 7/15/2018, Patricia Mccoy

Number of teachers with a 2019 3-year aggregate or a 1-year Algebra state VAM rating of Highly Effective. Note: For UniSIG Supplemental Teacher Allocation, teachers must have at least 10 student assessments.

1

Number of teachers with a 2019 3-year aggregate or a 1-year Algebra state VAM rating of Effective. Note: For UniSIG Supplemental Teacher Allocation, teachers must have at least 10 student assessments.

11

Total number of teacher positions allocated to the school

42

Demographic Data

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Early Warning Systems

Current Year

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

Indicator		Grade Level													
indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	
Number of students enrolled	0	0	0	0	0	0	177	224	212	0	0	0	0	613	
Attendance below 90 percent	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	18	23	0	0	0	0	72	
One or more suspensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	30	35	0	0	0	0	80	
Course failure in ELA	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	19	14	0	0	0	0	49	
Course failure in Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	25	35	0	0	0	0	101	
Level 1 on 2019 statewide ELA assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	43	27	0	0	0	0	104	
Level 1 on 2019 statewide Math assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	41	29	0	0	0	0	109	

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

Indicator	Grade Level													
indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Students with two or more indicators	0	0	0	0	0	0	47	50	43	0	0	0	0	140

The number of students identified as retainees:

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

Date this data was collected or last updated

Tuesday 9/29/2020

Prior Year - As Reported

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

Indicator	Grade Level														
mulcator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	
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	

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

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In dia atau						Gr	ade	e Le	vel					Total
Indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
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

Prior Year - Updated

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

Indicator							Grad	de Lev	⁄el					Total
indicator	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOLAT
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Course failure in ELA or Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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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).

Sahaal Crada Campanant		2019			2018	
School Grade Component	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%

EW	/S Indicators as Ir	nput Earlier in th	e Survey	
Indicator	Grade I	Level (prior year r	eported)	Total
indicator	6	7	8	Total
	(0)	(0)	(0)	0 (0)

Grade Level Data

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

			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 C	omparison	10%				
Cohort Com	Cohort Comparison					
07	2019	35%	38%	-3%	52%	-17%
	2018	32%	32%	0%	51%	-19%
Same Grade C	omparison	3%				
Cohort Com	parison	-4%				
08	2019	36%	37%	-1%	56%	-20%
	2018	41%	40%	1%	58%	-17%
Same Grade C	Same Grade Comparison					
Cohort Com	parison	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 C	omparison	4%				
Cohort Com	parison					
07	2019	54%	55%	-1%	54%	0%
	2018	52%	46%	6%	54%	-2%
Same Grade C	omparison	2%				
Cohort Com	parison	7%				
08	2019	49%	51%	-2%	46%	3%
	2018	46%	54%	-8%	45%	1%
Same Grade C	omparison	3%			•	
Cohort Com	parison	-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 C	Same Grade Comparison												
Cohort Com	parison												

		BIOLO	GY EOC		
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019					
2018					
		CIVIC	CS EOC		
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019	51%	59%	-8%	71%	-20%
2018	41%	50%	-9%	71%	-30%
C	ompare	10%			
		HISTO	RY EOC		
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019					
2018					
		ALGE	BRA EOC		
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2019	88%	52%	36%	61%	27%

		ALGE	BRA EOC										
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State								
2018	100%	54%	46%	62%	38%								
С	ompare	-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%								
С	ompare	-6%											

Subgroup Data

		2019	SCHO	DL GRAD	E COMF	PONENT	S BY SU	JBGRO	UPS		
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	SCHO	OL GRAD	E COMP	PONENT	S BY SU	JBGRO	UPS		
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		
FRL	35	48	49	50	63	49	32	41	49		
		2017	SCHO	OL GRAD	E COMP	PONENT	S BY SU	JBGRO	UPS		
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.

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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%	0
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%	0
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%	0
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%	0
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%	0

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%	0
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%	0
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%	0
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%	0
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%	0

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?

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. Instructional Practice specifically relating to ELA

Area of

Focus
Description

Description and

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.

Rationale:

Measurable Outcome:

e are focused on improving our ELA proficiency rate by 10% from 40% to at least 50% in

2020.

Person responsible

responsible for

David Krakoff (david.krakoff@okee.k12.fl.us)

monitoring outcome:

We will focus on Tier 2 vocabulary using strategies based on Marzano's research on

Evidencebased Strategy: 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 Evidencebased 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.

Strategy:

Action Steps to Implement

- 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.

Person Responsible

David Krakoff (david.krakoff@okee.k12.fl.us)

#2. Culture & Environment specifically relating to Equity & Diversity

Area of Focus Description and

Cultural competency with approach to subgroups including African-American students, ESE students, and multi-racial students. 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.

Measurable Outcome:

Rationale:

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 [no one identified]

monitoring outcome:

Evidence-

based

for

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.

Strategy: Rationale

Evidence-

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.

based Strategy:

Action Steps to Implement

- 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)

#3. ESSA Subgroup specifically relating to Outcomes for Multiple Subgroups

Area of

and

Focus Description

We have noticed a disconnect with our SWD students as well as our Black and Multiracial

students when it comes to literacy. The data has revealed this trend.

Rationale:

Measurable We are targeting for 70% of SWD students and Black and Multiracial students to

Outcome: demonstrate growth in reading during the 2020-2021 school year.

Person responsible

for David Krakoff (david.krakoff@okee.k12.fl.us)

monitoring outcome:

We have unleveled our ELA classrooms and scheduled students in a balanced way so that Evidencechoral and collaborative learning support fluency and comprehension gains. Also, based on based

AVID and Marzano research, we are utilizing higher-performing readers as student aids in Strategy:

ELA classes to peer mentor in the area of reading.

Rationale

for

We have many readers who are below grade level and need higher level readers to learn Evidence-

based Strategy: from. This will enable all students to gain access to rigor.

Action Steps to Implement

Our guiding coalition is working to support the differentiated instruction needed to support our unleveled classes through professoinal learning sessions. This is being monitored with walk-thrus and coaching sesssions.

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Additional Schoolwide Improvement Priorities

After choosing your Area(s) of Focus, explain how you will address the remaining schoolwide improvement priorities.

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 comptency 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: Positive Culture & Environment

A positive school culture and environment reflects: a supportive and fulfilling environment, learning conditions that meet the needs of all students, people who are sure of their roles and relationships in student learning, and a culture that values trust, respect and high expectations. Consulting with various stakeholder groups to employ school improvement strategies that impact the positive school culture and environment are critical. Stakeholder groups more proximal to the school include teachers, students, and families of students, volunteers, and school board members. Broad stakeholder groups include early childhood providers, community colleges and universities, social services, and business partners.

Stakeholders play a key role in school performance and addressing equity. Consulting various stakeholder groups is critical in formulating a statement of vision, mission, values, goals, and employing school improvement strategies.

Describe how the school addresses building a positive school culture and environment ensuring all stakeholders are involved.

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.

Parent Family and Engagement Plan (PFEP) Link

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