

Clay County Schools

# Pace Center For Girls Clay



## 2022-23 Ungraded Schoolwide Improvement Plan

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## Pace Center For Girls Clay

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### Demographics

**Principal: Cristina Helbing**

Start Date for this Principal: 1/10/2022

<b>2021-22 Status</b> (per MSID File)	Active
<b>School Function</b> (per accountability file)	DJJ
<b>School Type and Grades Served</b> (per MSID File)	High School 6-12
<b>Primary Service Type</b> (per MSID File)	Alternative Education
<b>2021-22 Title I School</b>	No
<b>2021-22 Economically Disadvantaged (FRL) Rate</b> (as reported on Survey 3)	75%
<b>2021-22 ESSA Subgroups Represented</b> (subgroups with 10 or more students) (subgroups below the federal threshold are identified with an asterisk)	White Students*
<b>School Improvement Rating History</b>	2021-22: No Rating 2020-21: No Rating 2018-19: No Rating 2017-18: No Rating 2016-17: No Rating
<b>DJJ Accountability Rating</b>	2023-24: Commendable

### School Board Approval

This plan is pending approval by the Clay County School Board.

### SIP Authority

A Schoolwide Improvement Plan (SIP) is a requirement for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) ungraded schools pursuant to 1001.42 F.S. and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and for DJJ schools

receiving a rating of Unsatisfactory pursuant to Sections 1003.51 and 1003.52, F.S. and Rule 6A-1.099813, F.A.C.

CSI schools can be designated as such in 2 ways:

1. Have a graduation of 67% or lower; or
2. Have an overall Federal Index below 41%.

DJJ Unsatisfactory Ratings are based on percentages by program type:

- Prevention and Intervention: 0%-50%
- Nonsecure Programs: 0%-59%
- Secure Programs: 0%-53%

SIP Plans for Ungraded CSI schools and DJJ schools receiving an Unsatisfactory rating must be approved by the district and reviewed by the state.

### **Purpose and Outline of the SIP**

The School Improvement Plan (SIP) provides schools and Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) the opportunity to identify the academic and priority goals along with strategies for each school. School leadership teams may refine their SIP annually to define their school's academic and priority goals to increase student achievement.

Schools and LEAs are strongly encouraged to collaborate in the development and implementation of this plan.

## Part I: School Information

### School Mission and Vision

#### **Provide the school's mission statement.**

Pace Center for Girls, Inc. (Pace) provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training, and advocacy.

#### **Provide the school's vision statement.**

Vision Statement- Pace envisions a world where all girls and young women have POWER in a JUST and EQUITABLE society.

#### Pace's 9 Guiding Principles

1. Honor the Female Spirit
2. Invest in the Future
3. Value the Wisdom of Time
4. Act With Integrity and Positive Intent
5. Embrace Growth and Change
6. Focus on Strengths
7. Exhibit Courage
8. Seek Excellence
9. Create Partnerships

#### **Briefly discuss the population unique to your school and the specific supports provided to meet the mission and vision.**

Pace values all girls and young women, believing each one deserves an opportunity to find her voice, achieve her potential and celebrate a life defined by responsibility, dignity, serenity, and grace. It is the policy of PACE to serve girls ages 11-17 years old who are at risk of school failure and/or dropout and/or involvement in the Juvenile Justice system. To determine if Pace is the most appropriate placement, based on the girl's assessed needs, a designated staff member will administer a needs assessment which includes a suicide risk screening component to the girl during the Intake interview. Pace utilizes the Prevention Assessment Tool (PAT) as the needs assessment at intake. The PAT is an instrument designated and approved by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Pace will make every attempt to provide services to at-risk girls. However, Pace may not be able to meet the needs of all girls referred effectively. If Pace is not the most appropriate placement, a referral to a more suitable placement for the girl will be offered by designated Pace staff. Girls are accepted into the program regardless of race, color, religion, creed, or sexual orientation. The decision to attend Pace is voluntarily made by each individual girl and her parent/guardian. In some instances, Pace accepts court-ordered placements in accordance with local contracts and girls' needs. There is no charge for girls to attend Pace. Pace may assist with necessary student expenses, including bus fare, school supplies, and personal needs.

### School Leadership Team

#### **Membership**

Identify the name, email address, position title, and job duties/responsibilities as it relates to SIP implementation for each member of the school leadership team.:

Name	Position Title	Job Duties and Responsibilities
Helbling, Cristina	Executive Director	Works with CCDS for the development of our district contract. She is also responsible for the areas of financial resources development for the entire program. She supervises middle management.
Reynolds, Carla	Academic Manager	As Pace Clay's primary instructional leader, she supports classroom instruction and supervises teachers. She develops schedules for students and cohorts for effective placement of the girls in the classroom setting. She coordinates state testing and serves as a liaison for ESE, ESOL, and all educational services provided by CCSD. She collaborates with the Social Service's manager to effectively manage the day program.
Woodberry, Sylvia	Social Services Manager	Manages the social service staff and collaborates with the Academic Manager to effectively manage the day program. Updates and submits Juvenile Justice Information Systems data and reporting.

**Is education provided through contract for educational services?**

Yes

**If yes, name of the contracted education provider.**

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**Demographic Information**

**Principal start date**

Monday 1/10/2022, Cristina Helbing

**Total number of students enrolled at the school.**

51

**Total number of teacher positions allocated to the school.**

5

**Number of teachers with professional teaching certificates?**

5

**Number of teachers with temporary teaching certificates?**

0

**Number of teachers with ESE certification?**

1

Identify the number of instructional staff who left the school during the 2021-22 school year.

1

Identify the number of instructional staff who joined the school during the 2022-23 school year.

0

**Demographic Data**

**Early Warning Systems**

**2022-23**

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	3	8	10	11	10	5	4	51
Attendance below 90 percent	0	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	0
Course failure in ELA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Course failure in Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level 1 on 2022 statewide FSA ELA assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level 1 on 2022 statewide FSA Math assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number of students with a substantial reading deficiency	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	0

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Date this data was collected or last updated

Friday 9/16/2022

**2021-22 - 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	
Number of students enrolled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Attendance below 90 percent	0	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	0
Course failure in ELA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Course failure in Math	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Level 1 on 2019 statewide FSA ELA assessment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Students retained two or more times	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Part II: Needs Assessment/Analysis**

**School Data Review**

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	2022			2021			2019		
	School	District	State	School	District	State	School	District	State
ELA Achievement		56%	51%					60%	56%
ELA Learning Gains								52%	51%
ELA Lowest 25th Percentile								39%	42%
Math Achievement		35%	38%					55%	51%
Math Learning Gains								46%	48%
Math Lowest 25th Percentile								38%	45%
Science Achievement		43%	40%					73%	68%
Social Studies Achievement		48%	48%					81%	73%

**Grade Level Data Review - State Assessments**

**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	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison						
07	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
08	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison		0%				

MATH						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
06	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison						
07	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
08	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison		0%				

SCIENCE						
Grade	Year	School	District	School-District Comparison	State	School-State Comparison
06	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison						
07	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison		0%				
08	2022					
	2019					
Cohort Comparison		0%				

BIOLOGY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2022					
2019					

CIVICS EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2022					
2019					
HISTORY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2022					
2019					
ALGEBRA EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2022					
2019					
GEOMETRY EOC					
Year	School	District	School Minus District	State	School Minus State
2022					
2019					

**Subgroup Data Review**

2022 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 2020-21	C & C Accel 2020-21
2021 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 2019-20	C & C Accel 2019-20
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

**ESSA Data Review**

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)	CSI
OVERALL Federal Index – All Students	10
OVERALL Federal Index Below 41% All Students	YES
Total Number of Subgroups Missing the Target	0

<b>ESSA Federal Index</b>	
Progress of English Language Learners in Achieving English Language Proficiency	
Total Points Earned for the Federal Index	40
Total Components for the Federal Index	4
Percent Tested	48%
<b>Subgroup Data</b>	
<b>Students With Disabilities</b>	
Federal Index - Students With Disabilities	
Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Students With Disabilities Subgroup Below 32%	0
<b>English Language Learners</b>	
Federal Index - English Language Learners	
English Language Learners Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years English Language Learners Subgroup Below 32%	0
<b>Native American Students</b>	
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
<b>Asian Students</b>	
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
<b>Black/African American Students</b>	
Federal Index - Black/African American Students	
Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Black/African American Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
<b>Hispanic Students</b>	
Federal Index - Hispanic Students	
Hispanic Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Hispanic Students Subgroup Below 32%	0

Multiracial Students	
Federal Index - Multiracial Students	
Multiracial Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
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	
White Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years White Students Subgroup Below 32%	0
Economically Disadvantaged Students	
Federal Index - Economically Disadvantaged Students	
Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 41% in the Current Year?	N/A
Number of Consecutive Years Economically Disadvantaged Students Subgroup Below 32%	0

## Part III: Planning for Improvement

### Data Analysis

Answer the following analysis questions using the progress monitoring data and state assessment data, if applicable.

**Reflect on the Areas of Focus from the previous school year. What progress monitoring was in place related to the Areas of Focus?**

STAR was administered every 12 weeks for progress monitoring.

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

73% of girls improved in reading. Our school implemented RTI.

**What area is in the greatest need of improvement? What specific component of this area is most problematic? What is your basis (data, progress monitoring) for this conclusion?**

Currently, Algebra, Reading, and attendance are our greatest needs for improvement areas identified by STAR data, state assessments, and attendance reports.

**What trends emerge across grade levels, subgroups and core content areas?**

Trends that emerge include gaps in Math, specifically Algebra, reading grade-level texts, and attendance.

**What strategies need to be implemented in order to accelerate learning?**

We will need to continue consistent RTI.

**Based on the contributing factors and strategies identified to accelerate learning, describe the professional development opportunities that will be provided to support teachers and leaders.**

Staff will be provided RTI training and professional development to utilize the resources in Renaissance Learning.

**Areas of Focus:**

**#1. Instructional Practice specifically relating to Math**

**Area of Focus Description and Rationale:**

Include a rationale that explains how it was identified as a critical need from the data reviewed.

0% of students passed the Algebra EOC in 2022.

**Measurable Outcome:**

State the specific measurable outcome the school plans to achieve. This should be a data based, objective outcome.

40% of girls will become proficient in the following specific skills to pass the Algebra EOC with a level 3: polynomials, equations & inequalities, functions, properties of rational and irrational numbers, and summarize, represent, and interpret data for one and two variable data.

**Monitoring:**

Describe how this Area of Focus will be monitored for the desired outcome.

The STAR assessment will be administered every 12 weeks.

**Person responsible for monitoring outcome:**

Katelyn Stocks  
(katelyn.stocks@pacecenter.org)

**Evidence-based Strategy:**

Describe the evidence-based strategy being implemented for this Area of Focus.

Reteaching will be utilized through Khan Academy 3 times a week by tier for 20-30 minutes a session.

Khan Academy provides real-time insights that help teachers make daily instructional decisions. In a recent study, Khan Academy students were over twice as likely to meet grade-level standards. Khan Academy personalizes learning so that students can practice at their own pace, first filling in the gaps in their understanding and then accelerating their learning with tailored instruction to meet the needs of every student.

**Rationale for Evidence-based Strategy:**

Explain the rationale for selecting this specific strategy. Describe the resources/criteria used for selecting this strategy.

**Action Steps to Implement:**

List the action steps that will be taken as part of this strategy to address the Area of Focus. Identify the person responsible for monitoring each step.

Khan Academy

**Person Responsible**

Carla Reynolds  
(carla.reynolds@pacecenter.org)

**Monitoring ESSA Impact:**

If this Area of Focus is not related to one or more ESSA subgroups, please describe the process for progress monitoring the impact of the Area of Focus as it relates to all ESSA subgroups not meeting the 41% threshold according to the Federal Index.

**#2. Instructional Practice specifically relating to ELA**

**Area of Focus Description and Rationale:**

Include a rationale that explains how it was identified as a critical need from the data reviewed.

We have 19 girls who remained in the program for a year. 14 or 74% of those girls improved in reading comprehension from the fall of 2021 to the fall of 2022 using RTI, according to STAR data. Currently, 27% of girls are not "on grade level" in reading. Girls that fell within the urgent intervention or intervention category are steadily improving with interventions in place. We would like to continue this trend.

**Measurable Outcome:**

State the specific measurable outcome the school plans to achieve. This should be a data based, objective outcome.

By the end of May 2023, the percentage of girls reading on grade level will increase from 73% to 78% using RTI, as measured by the STAR reading assessment.

**Monitoring:**

Describe how this Area of Focus will be monitored for the desired outcome.

The STAR assessment will be administered every 12 weeks.

**Person responsible for monitoring outcome:**

Katelyn Stocks  
(katelyn.stocks@pacecenter.org)

**Evidence-based Strategy:**

Describe the evidence-based strategy being implemented for this Area of Focus.

EasyCBM will be used with intervention groups 2-3 times a week by tier for 20-30 minutes a session. EasyCBM is backed by 30 years of research. It is designed to provide teachers insight into which students need additional support and a means to measure the effectiveness of their teaching. System reports provide information that supports evidence-based decision-making, and the interventions interface streamlines the process of keeping track of students' instructional program.

**Rationale for Evidence-based Strategy:**

Explain the rationale for selecting this specific strategy. Describe the resources/criteria used for selecting this strategy.

**Action Steps to Implement:**



List the action steps that will be taken as part of this strategy to address the Area of Focus. Identify the person responsible for monitoring each step.

Targeted intervention group three times per week.

**Person Responsible**

Carla Reynolds  
(carla.reynolds@pacecenter.org)

Incorporate reading in all subjects.

**Person Responsible**

Casey Duncan  
(casey.duncan@pacecenter.org)

**Monitoring ESSA Impact:**

If this Area of Focus is not related to one or more ESSA subgroups, please describe the process for progress monitoring the impact of the Area of Focus as it relates to all ESSA subgroups not meeting the 41% threshold according to the Federal Index.

**#3. DJJ Components specifically relating to Attendance**

**Area of Focus Description and Rationale:**

Include a rationale that explains how it was identified as a critical need from the data reviewed.

In the 2020 school year, our attendance rate was 57%. In the 2021 school year, our attendance rate was 61%, an increase, but still below the expected 80% rate.

**Measurable Outcome:**

State the specific measurable outcome the school plans to achieve. This should be a data based, objective outcome.

Center-wide attendance will improve from 61% to at least 70% for the 2022 school year with an attendance plan in place.

**Monitoring:**

Describe how this Area of Focus will be monitored for the desired outcome.

Daily attendance is taken, and attendance reports will be generated monthly in Impacts (Pace's MIS) for review.

**Person responsible for monitoring outcome:**

Sylvia Woodberry  
(sylvia.woodberry@pacecenter.org)

**Evidence-based Strategy:**

Describe the evidence-based strategy being implemented for this Area of Focus.

**Rationale for Evidence-based Strategy:**

Explain the rationale for selecting this specific strategy. Describe the resources/criteria used for selecting this strategy.

**Action Steps to Implement:**

List the action steps that will be taken as part of this strategy to address the Area of Focus. Identify the person responsible for monitoring each step.

Girls with 100% Monthly Perfect Attendance will be entered into a drawing for a gift card, dismissed first, given 50 extra points to use in the Clay Boutique, recognized at Growth & Change ceremonies, and receive four dress-down passes for the following month.

Girls with 80% and above attendance will be recognized as the Fab 4, awarded 25 extra points to be used in the Clay Boutique, recognized at Growth & Change ceremonies, and receive two dress-down passes for the following month.

Girls who improve attendance by at least 10% in a month will receive one dress-down pass.

**Person Responsible**

Sylvia Woodberry  
(sylvia.woodberry@pacecenter.org)

**Monitoring ESSA Impact:**

If this Area of Focus is not related to one or more ESSA subgroups, please describe the process for progress monitoring the impact of the Area of Focus as it relates to all ESSA subgroups not meeting the 41% threshold according to the Federal Index.

**RAISE**

The RAISE program established criteria for identifying schools for additional support. The criteria for the 2022-23 school year includes schools with students in grades Kindergarten through fifth, where 50 percent or more of its students, for any grade level, score below a level 3 on the most recent statewide English Language Arts (ELA) assessment.

**Area of Focus Description and Rationale**

Include a description of your Area of Focus (Instructional Practice specifically relating to Reading/ELA) for each grade below, how it affects student learning in literacy, and a rationale that explains how it was identified as a critical need from the data reviewed. Data that should be used to determine the critical need should include, at a minimum:

- The percentage of students below Level 3 on the 2022 statewide, standardized ELA assessment. Identification criteria must include each grade that has 50 percent or more students scoring below level 3 in grades 3-5 on the statewide, standardized ELA assessment.
- The percentage of students in kindergarten through grade 3, based on 2021-2022 end of year screening and progress monitoring data, who are not on track to score Level 3 or above on the statewide, standardized ELA assessment.
- Other forms of data that should be considered: formative, progress monitoring and diagnostic assessment data.

**Grades K-2: Instructional Practice specifically relating to Reading/ELA**

N/A

**Grades 3-5: Instructional Practice specifically relating to Reading/ELA**

N/A

**Measurable Outcomes:**

State the specific measurable outcome the school plans to achieve for each grade below. This should be a data based, objective outcome. Include prior year data and a measurable outcome for each of the following:

- Each grade K-3, using the new coordinated screening and progress monitoring system, where 50 percent or more of the students are not on track to pass the statewide ELA assessment.
- Each grade 3-5 where 50 percent or more of its students scored below a level 3 on the most recent statewide, standardized ELA assessment and
- Grade 6 measurable outcomes may be included, as applicable.

**Grades K-2: Measureable Outcome(s)**

N/A

**Grades 3-5: Measureable Outcome(s)**

N/A

**Monitoring:**

Describe how the school's Area(s) of Focus will be monitored for the desired outcomes. Include a description of how ongoing monitoring will take place with evaluating impact at the end of the year.

N/A

**Person responsible for monitoring outcome:**

Select the person responsible for monitoring this outcome.

**Evidence-based Practices/Programs:**

Describe the evidence-based practices/programs being implemented to achieve the measurable outcomes in each grade and describe how the identified practices/programs will be monitored. The term "evidence-based" means demonstrating a statistically significant effect on improving student outcomes or other relevant outcomes as provided in 20 U.S.C. Â§7801(21)(A)(i). Florida's definition limits evidence-based practices/programs to only those with strong, moderate or promising levels of evidence.

- Do the identified evidence-based practices/programs meet Florida's definition of evidence-based (strong, moderate or promising)?
- Do the evidence-based practices/programs align with the district's K-12 Comprehensive Evidence-based Reading Plan?
- Do the evidence-based practices/programs align to the B.E.S.T. ELA Standards?

N/A

**Rationale for Evidence-based Practices/Programs:**

Explain the rationale for selecting the specific practices/programs. Describe the resources/criteria used for selecting the practices/programs.

- Do the evidence-based practices/programs address the identified need?
- Do the identified practices/programs show proven record of effectiveness for the target population?

N/A

**Action Steps to Implement:**

List the action steps that will be taken to address the school's Area(s) of Focus. To address the area of focus, identify 2 to 3 action steps and explain in detail for each of the categories below:

- Literacy Leadership
- Literacy Coaching
- Assessment
- Professional Learning

Action Step	Person Responsible for Monitoring
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N/A

## Positive Culture & Environment

A positive school culture and environment is critical in supporting sustainable schoolwide improvement initiatives. When schools implement a shared focus on improving school culture and environment, students are more likely to engage academically. A positive school culture and environment can also increase staff satisfaction and retention.

**Select a targeted element from the menu to develop a system or process to be implemented for schoolwide improvement related to positive culture and environment.**

Other

**Describe how data will be collected and analyzed to guide decision making related to the selected target.**

Pace Center for Girls is an inclusive environment. We build a positive school culture and environment by actively working on our culture. Every year, we have a cultural goal that we work toward to promote a culture where people feel valued, supported, safe, capable, and connected. Our action steps include implementing a quarterly Center-Wide forum where The Culture Plan is reviewed, and action steps are created for any areas of deficiency. We implement a 15-minute monthly team-building activity during our all-staff meetings and connect all staff with a daily debrief. We work toward meeting all of our girls' needs, not just academics. We are a trauma-informed, gender-responsive, and strength-based program. We focus on our nine guiding principles daily to continue to strengthen our culture.

**Describe how the target area, related data and resulting action steps will be communicated to stakeholders.**

We work with many stakeholders beyond staff, students, and board members. As a non-profit, we rely on volunteers and building community partnerships. Consulting with various stakeholder groups to employ school improvement strategies that impact the positive school culture and environment is critical. Stakeholder groups more proximal to the school include teachers, students, families of students, volunteers, and school board members. Broad stakeholder groups include early childhood providers, community colleges and universities, social services, and business partners.

**Describe how implementation will be progress monitored.**

See above.

**Action Steps to Implement:**

List the action steps that will be taken as part of this strategy to address the Area of Focus. Identify the person responsible for monitoring each step.

Action Step	Person Responsible for Monitoring
Center-Wide culture forums	Helbling, Cristina, <a href="mailto:cristina.helbling@pacecenter.org">cristina.helbling@pacecenter.org</a>