

## **Freedom Elementary School**

# School Improvement Plan 2021-2022

#### **School Vision / Mission**

**Vision Statement:** Freedom is a community preparing adult and student learners for the demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. (Revision in progress.)

**Mission Statement:** In order to lay the foundation for students to become college and career ready, Freedom Elementary will provide a rigorous learning environment where every student becomes an innovative thinker and problem solver.

### Carroll County Public Schools Strategic Plan 2018-23: Objectives and Priority Focus Areas

Multiple Pathway Opportunities for Student Success

- Prepare students to exit CCPS college, career, and community ready.
- Improve the proficiency level of each student group in ELA and mathematics.
  - o Grade 3 Reading
  - o Middle School Algebra
  - o MCAP ELA Proficiency
  - MCAP Math Proficiency
- Provide access to a well-rounded, varied, and rigorous curriculum to all students.
  - Under-represented Student Groups in High School Courses

#### Family and Community Partnerships

- Demonstrate transparency, trust, and respect.
  - Meaningful, informative, timely, respectful, two-way, and multimodal communication
- > Seek out, welcome, and engage parent and community volunteers to enhance achievement.
  - Outreach to families
- Partner with local government, businesses, and agencies to support learning.

#### Successful Workforce

- > Recruit and retain highly qualified and diverse employees reflective of our community.
  - Recruit and retain
- Provide professional and leadership development for effectiveness and cultural competence.
  - o Equitable opportunities for employee growth
- Promote a culture of continuous improvement

## Safe, Secure, Healthy, and Modern Learning Environment

- Establish a welcoming culture of diversity.
  - o Welcoming, diverse, respectful, and civil culture
- Promote respect and civility.
- > Collaborate internally and externally to support students' health and well-being.
- Provide safe and secure schools, facilities, and assets.
  - Safe to Learn Act
- Maintain modern schools, facilities, and resources that support the educational program.
  - o Facilities Condition Index (FCI)



School Needs Assessment			
ELA Data			
2020-2021 Areas of Need	Priorities		
Due to impact of COVID, not all grade level expected CCPA tasks were assessed and the following	Phonics		
are areas of need to help students meet grade level expectations.			
1st Grade			
• CCPA 2E: Two Syllable Closed- 59%			
CCPA 2F: R-Controlled 53%			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade			
CCPA 2I: Two Syllable- 56%			
CCPA 2J: Multisyllabic- 47%			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade			
CCPA 2I: Two Syllable- 88%			
• CCPA 2J: 82%			
The Reading Inventory relies heavily on student's vocabulary knowledge. The percentage of	Vocabulary		
students meeting grade level expectations on the RI indicates a need in vocabulary.			
• Grade 2- 73%			
• Grade 3- 78%			
Percentage of Students Earning a 2 in All Areas of the CCPS Writing Rubric (Ideas, Organization,	Writing		
Clarity and Mechanics)			
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade- 37%			
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade- 49%			
• 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade- 63%			
• 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade- 60%			
Although the percentage of students earning an average of 2 in all areas of the CCPS Writing Rubric			
is increasing as students move through the grades, 60% in 5 <sup>th</sup> grade shows a need for continued			
improvement in 2nd through 5 <sup>th</sup> grade.			
Percentage of Students Earning at Least 80% on the CBA	Comprehension of		
• 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade- 75%	Literary and		
• 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade- 72%	Informational Texts		
• 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade- 80%			
• 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade- 80%			

School Needs Assessment					
Math Data					
2020-2021 Areas of Need		Priorities			
<u>Kindergarten</u>	•	Consistent			
Number Base Ten- 75% of students demonstrated mastery on EOY		Vocabulary			
Geometry- 79% of students demonstrated mastery on EOY		across grade			
1st Grade		levels			
Operation and Algebraic Thinking- 78% of students demonstrated mastery on EOY	•	Measurement			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade		and Data			
Numbers Base Ten- 66% of students demonstrated mastery on EOY	•	Visual Models			
Measurement and Data- 74% of students demonstrated mastery on EOY					
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade					
Measurement and Data- 63% of students demonstrated mastery on EOY	<ul> <li>Measurement and Data- 63% of students demonstrated mastery on EOY</li> </ul>				
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade					
Fractions- 73% of students demonstrated mastery on EOY					
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade					
Numbers Base Ten- 70% of students demonstrated mastery on EOY					
Measurement and Data- 63% of students demonstrated mastery on EOY					



## School Improvement Goals to Target Areas from Needs Assessment

#### 1. ELA

- a. 95% of K-1<sup>st</sup> grade students will make one year's growth in ELA as measured by their spring assessed reading level.
- b. Improve the percentage of students who are reading on grade-level, as measured by local assessments, by the end of grade 3 (see Table 1a.).
- c. Improve the percentage of students scoring proficient or higher on Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) ELA grades 3-5 for each of the following student groups (see Table 1b.).

#### 2. Math

- a. The combined mean score of both fifth grade Math Benchmarks Assessments will be 90% or higher (see Table 2a for K-5 goals)
- b. Improve the percentage of students scoring proficient or higher on Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) ELA grades 3-5 for each of the following student groups (see Table 2b.).

#### 3. Writing

- a. Improve the percentage of students earning a 2 in all areas measured by the CCPS Writing Rubric on the CBA 2 (see Table 3a.)
- b. 100% of Kindergarten students will earn at least 35 out of 37 points on the Hearing Sounds in Words Assessment by the end of the year.



## **School Improvement Goal**

- a. 95% of K-1st grade students will make one year's growth in ELA as measured by their spring assessed reading level.
- Percentage of students who are reading on grade-level, as measured by local assessments, by the end of grade 3.

Table 1a.	FES	FES	County Target		
Percent Meeting	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023		
Expectations	Performance	Target			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade					
CCPA 2J	47%	86%	86%		
CBA 2	75% (only 1 CBA given)	85%	85%		
RI	73%	80%	80%		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade					
CBA 2	72%	76%	80%		
RI	78%	88%	80%		
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade					
CBA 2	80%	89%			
RI	97%	95%			
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade					
CBA 2	80%	85%			
RI	88%	95%			

c. Improve the percentage of students scoring proficient or higher on Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) ELA grades 3-5 for each of the following student groups.

Assessment Program (MCAP) ELA grades 3-5 for each of the following student groups.				
<b>Table 1b.</b> % of Students Scoring Proficient or Higher on MCAP	FES 2019 Performance	FES 2021-2022 Target	County Target 2022-2023	
White	72.3%	75.3%	73.4%	
Minority	64.1%	67.1%	61.4%	
Non FaRMS	72.3%	75.3%	79.4%	
FaRMS	50%	53%	49.4%	
Non- Special Ed.	75.6%	78.6%	78.4%	
Special Ed.	31.3%	34.3%	25.4%	
All Students	71.2%	74.2%		
Male	60.8%	75%		
Female	83%	86%		



Strategic Actions	Time Line		res of Succes Performance	
1.1 Develop comprehension through weekly opportunities for comparing, analyzing and discussing about print and online	Weekly		assessments and	higher on common d Wonders Weekly
short texts across all content areas. Explicit instruction in analyzing and interpreting comprehension questions.		Table 1a. Percent Meeting Expectations	FES 2020-2021 Performance	FES 2021-2022 Target
1.2 Provide opportunities for interaction with text using engagement strategies such as unlock the prompt strategy, highlighting and	Daily	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade CBA 2	75% (only 1 CBA given)	85%
annotating text, peer and self-assessment using rubrics and utilizing digital tools such as Jam		RI 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	73%	80%
Board, Pear Deck, Ed Puzzle, etc		CBA 2	72% 78%	76% 88%
		4 <sup>th</sup> Grade CBA 2 RI	80% 97%	89% 95%
		5 <sup>th</sup> Grade CBA 2 RI	80%	85% 95%
1.2 K-2 grade teachers implement guided reading groups at least 4 days per week based on assessment data.	Daily  • Mastery of grade appropriate PLA D including Assessed Reading Level, Considerable High Frequency Word assessments • Teachers will meet with reading grows 4 times per week		g Level, CCPA and ssments	
1.3 K-3 <sup>rd</sup> teachers will teach Fundations lessons with fidelity with daily application of decoding and encoding within reading and writing. 4 <sup>th</sup> grade teachers will use CCPA data to fill in holes in students' phonics knowledge related to two syllable and multisyllabic words.	Daily	Fundations     higher		nts achieve 80% or ate CCPA tasks
<ul> <li>1.4 Utilize data to implement appropriate interventions including:         <ul> <li>Utilize AEL tutor and Primary Interventionist to target our struggling 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students.</li> <li>Implement Extended Learning Opportunities to target struggling students.</li> <li>Utilize data from intelligent tutoring systems such as Lexia to form flexible groups based on needs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Daily	quarterly t grade level • Decrease t	o monitor stude expectations ar	nces will be held ent progress towards nd intervention goals udents not meeting



1.5	Develop vocabulary through explicit	Daily		Table 1a.	FES	FES
	instruction in vocabulary context clues and			Percent	2020-2021	2021-2022
	through exposure to a variety of topics in			Meeting	Performance	Target
	fiction and informational text across			Expectations		
	content areas.			2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade		
				RI	73%	80%
				3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade		
				RI	78%	88%
				4 <sup>th</sup> Grade		
				CBA 2	80%	89%
				RI	97%	95%
				5 <sup>th</sup> Grade		
				RI	88%	95%
	Teachers will set and monitor growth goals with individual students with RI, assessed reading level, CBA, MCAP level, and other pertinent skills.	At Least Quarterly		quarterly t progress to	o develop and nowards individua	al goals.
1.7	Teacher professional development related to student engagement, perseverance, stamina and vertical teaming upon returning to full time instruction.	Quarterly		profession meetings a	vill participate in al learning at mo and incorporate classrooms.	onthly faculty
1.8	Teachers will demonstrate cultural proficiency and responsiveness in their classroom to inform strategies and reach ALL students including: Implementation of Second Step Social	Weekly	•		udent referral a thly at SST meet	nd goal sheet data ings
	Emotional curriculum in Kindergarten and 1st grade Implementation of school wide behavior	Daily				
	plan	,				
•	Classroom counseling lessons based on needs of grade level students	Monthly				
•	Book club focused on social emotional learning	November-March				



## **School Improvement Goal**

a. 2. The combined mean score of both fifth grade Math Benchmarks Assessments will be 90% or higher.

2. The combined mean score of both fitti grade Math benchmarks Assessments will be 30% of higher.				
Table 2a.	FES	FES	County Target 2022-	
Average of MYA and	2021 Performance	2022 Target	2023	
EOY				
K	90%	97%		
1 <sup>st</sup>	91%	97%		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	84%	92%		
3 <sup>rd</sup>	85%	88%		
4 <sup>th</sup>	80%	86%		
5 <sup>th</sup>	87%	90%	90%	

b. Improve the percentage of students scoring proficient or higher on Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) ELA grades 3-5 for each of the following student groups.

Table 2b.	FES 2019 Performance	FES	County Target 2022-
Percentage of Students		2022 Target	2023
White	73.4%	76.4%	82.4%
Minority	60%	63%	66.4%
Non FaRMS	76%	79%	87.4%
FaRMS	31%	34%	55.4%
Non- Special Ed.	75.5%	78.5%	86.4%
Special Ed.	20%	23%	34.4%
All Students	71%	74%	80%



Strategic Actions	Time Line	Measures of Success / Desired Performance Level
<ul> <li>2.1 Using precise mathematical vocabulary consistently across grade levels by focusing on:</li> <li>Reinforcing math vocabulary used by students</li> <li>Vertical teaming to ensure consistency among grades and vocabulary use</li> <li>Using visual models to represent math vocabulary</li> <li>Regular use of Number Talks and Math Tasks with reinforcement of math vocabulary incorporating a variety of modalities in small group, NearPod, FlipGrid, etc</li> </ul>	Daily	<ul> <li>Formative assessments including prior grade level unit assessment, Number Talks, exit passes, math journal tasks, math task rubrics will be monitored to students demonstrate proficiency by earning at least 80%</li> <li>Summative assessments including unit assessments and county benchmark assessments will be monitored to ensure students earn at least 80%</li> <li>Teachers will hold student teacher conferences quarterly to develop and monitor student progress towards individual goals.</li> </ul>
2.2 Teachers will explicitly teach strategies to determine reasonableness of mathematical computations and student-centered problems in order to build number sense and flexibility in thinking.	Weekly	
2.3 Teachers will implement multiple engagement strategies including Brainingcamp, PearDeck, Kahoot, Flocabulary, etc to promote student learning.	Daily	
2.4 Teachers will integrate measurement and fractions within the framework of each unit and in across content areas.	Weekly	
2.5 Teachers will use prerequisite assessments, formative assessments, intelligent tutoring systems (Dream Box, Happy Numbers, Splash Math, etc.) prior to and during each unit as well as fact fluency to differentiate instruction to meet to student needs.	Weekly	<ul> <li>Grade level pacing conferences will be held quarterly to monitor student progress towards grade level expectations and intervention goals</li> <li>Decrease the number of students not meeting grade level expectations</li> </ul>
2.6 Teachers will engage in professional learning by vertical teaming to backward map concepts incorporating a cohesive approach to K-5 instruction, including Number Talks, fact fluency, vocabulary, and developing visual models (including Special Ed teachers and Instructional Assistants).	Monthly	Teachers will participate in ongoing professional learning at monthly faculty meetings and incorporate the strategies shared in classrooms.
2.7 Teachers will demonstrate cultural proficiency and responsiveness in their classroom to inform strategies and reach ALL students including:		Monitor student referral and goal sheet data twice monthly at SST meetings
<ul> <li>Implementation of Second Step Social Emotional curriculum in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade</li> </ul>	Weekly	
<ul> <li>Implementation of school wide behavior plan</li> <li>Classroom counseling lessons based on</li> </ul>	Daily Monthly	
<ul> <li>needs of grade level students</li> <li>Book club focused on social emotional learning</li> </ul>	November-March	



## **School Improvement Goal**

3.

a. Increase the percentage of students earning a 2 in all areas measured by the CCPS Writing Rubric on the CBA 2.

Table 3a. Percent Earning 2 Avg. on CBA Writing	2020-2021 Performance	2021-2022 Target
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	36%	58%
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	49%	75%
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	63%	75%
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	60%	75%

b. 100% of Kindergarten students will earn at least 35 out of 37 points on the Hearing Sounds in Words Assessment by June 2022.

Strategic Actions	Time Line	Measures of Success / Desired Performance Level
3.1 Weekly opportunities for comparing, analyzing and writing about print and online short informational texts across all content areas. Explicit instruction in analyzing and interpreting comprehension questions.	Weekly	Table 3a. Percent Earning 2 2020-2021 2021-2022 Avg. on Performance Target CBA
3.2 Daily opportunities to develop complete ideas with clarity using correct mechanics and encoding through quick writes across all content areas.	Daily	Writing       2nd Grade     36%     58%       3rd Grade     49%     75%       4th Grade     63%     75%       5th Grade     60%     75%
3.3 Utilize CCPS writing rubrics across content areas and explicitly teach students from the rubric.	Daily	
3.4 Provide opportunities for interaction with text using engagement strategies such as unlock the prompt strategy, highlighting and annotating text, peer and self-assessment using rubrics and utilizing digital tools such as Jam Board, Pear Deck, Ed Puzzle, etc	Daily	
3.5 Student writing resources will be used to develop and maintain writing references.	Daily	
3.6 Writing conferences/feedback will be held with small groups or individuals to review, revise and edit writing.	Weekly	
3.7 Teacher professional learning including vertical teaming, CCPS Writing Rubrics.	Quarterly	