Title I is a federal program that provides funding to local school districts to improve the academic achievement of all students. It is part of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) that is authorized by Congress. Gatewood Elementary is a school-wide Title I school, which means we create strategies to upgrade the entire educational program in our school.

Our primary focus for the 2022-23 school year is on raising our reading and math proficiency on the MCAs through the following strategies:

1. **Expand and prioritize Personalized Learning in grades K-4.** The success of this model for grades K-3 was facilitated by outdoor learning using inquiry and conceptual based learning, small group instruction, differentiation, alignment to the Minnesota State Standards and classroom teachers and Americorp tutors providing targeted interventions for students.

2. **Expand Social Emotional Support to address Mental Health of students.** We have an additional school counselor at Gatewood. We have a counselor for K-2 students and a counselor for grades 3-6. In addition, we have 3 additional Restorative Cultural Specialists. The purpose is to provide robust mental health services for students in need.

3. **Gatewood's Instructional Framework will support classroom teachers with evidence-based practice strategies.** The principal, instructional coaches and classroom teachers will collaborate and plan with a team approach to instruction. We will use best-practice coaching strategies to support all teachers with core literacy instruction, teaching standards, Inquiry and conceptual based teaching and learning, outdoor learning and restorative practices. This includes giving feedback to teachers on their use of engagement strategies and differentiated instruction.

4. **Implement family and caregiver events that will assist in supporting their children at home.** These events will solicit and implement family input and participation to better serve our specific students. These events may include: literacy and math information sessions, PTO co-sponsored activities, parent/student family activities and School-wide Title I Nights.

### Academic Achievement Goals

- Gatewood’s Literacy goal for 2021-22 will be to raise grades 3-6 MCA reading proficiency rate from (2021)40.3 to 43.03 2022-2023.

- Gatewood’s math goal for 2021-22 will be to raise grades 3-6 math proficiency rate from 35.9% to 40.0% 2022-2023.

- 75% of students in grade 1 will demonstrate grade level reading proficiency as measured by Early Reading Composite Score in Fastbridge.