



Comprehensive Needs Assessment 2022 - 2023 School Report



Dalton Public Schools
Hammond Creek Middle School

1. PLANNING AND PREPARATION

1.1 Identification of Team

The comprehensive needs assessment team consists of people who are responsible for working collaboratively throughout the needs assessment process. Ideal team members possess knowledge of programs, the capacity to plan and implement the needs assessment, and the ability to ensure stakeholder involvement. A required team member's name may be duplicated when multiple roles are performed by the same person. Documentation of team member involvement must be maintained by the LEA. Watch the [Planning and Preparation webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Leadership Team

| | Position/Role | Name |
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| Team Member # 1 | Principal | Lauri Johnson |
| Team Member # 2 | Assistant Principal | Brandon Headrick |
| Team Member # 3 | Assistant Principal | Heather Lawson |
| Team Member # 4 | Math Instructional Coach | Meral Henton |
| Team Member # 5 | ESS Lead Teacher | Laura Pressley |
| Team Member # 6 | ELA Instructional Coach | Cheryl Weaver |
| Team Member # 7 | School Council Member, parent | Andrew Bowen |

Additional Leadership Team

| | Position/Role | Name |
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| Team Member # 1 | Teacher School Council Member | Courtenay Cholovich |
| Team Member # 2 | Teacher School Council Member | Tyree Goodlett |
| Team Member # 3 | Parent School Council Member | Ali Chapell |
| Team Member # 4 | ESS Teacher Lead | Fabiola Miranda |
| Team Member # 5 | ELL Teacher Lead | Daphney Jones |
| Team Member # 6 | Math Teacher | Maddie Monroe |
| Team Member # 7 | ELA Teacher | Taylor Ruggiero |
| Team Member # 8 | SS Teacher | Luis Rodriguez |
| Team Member # 9 | Sci Teacher | Shelley Ackley |
| Team Member # 10 | SS Teacher | Zach Clifton |

1. PLANNING AND PREPARATION

1.2 Identification of Stakeholders

Stakeholders are those individuals with valuable experiences and perspective who will provide the team with important input, feedback, and guidance. Required stakeholders must be engaged in the process to meet the requirements of participating federal programs. Documentation of stakeholder involvement must be maintained by the LEA. Watch the [Planning and Preparation webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Stakeholders

| | Position/Role | Name |
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| Stakeholder # 1 | School Council Member | Andrew Bowen |
| Stakeholder # 2 | School Council Member | Courtenay Cholovich |
| Stakeholder # 3 | School Council Member | Ali CHappel |
| Stakeholder # 4 | School Council Member | Ashley Broadrick |
| Stakeholder # 5 | School Council Member | Tyree Goodlett |
| Stakeholder # 6 | School Council Member | Erlinda Alatorre |
| Stakeholder # 7 | | |
| Stakeholder # 8 | | |

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| How will the team ensure that stakeholders, and in particular parents and/or guardians, were able to provide meaningful input into the needs assessment process? | School council members represent the broad community of stakeholders, including business partners, teachers, and parents. They are charged with representing the stakeholders associated with the role they hold. For example, parent representatives are meant to represent the parents in the school community. Additionally, the school has a survey sent to parents annually to collect input on various aspects of the school community, programs and climate. Teachers are charged with the same expectation. |
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2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.1 Coherent Instructional System

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of instructional needs. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Coherent Instructional System webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Coherent Instruction Data

| Curriculum Standard 1 -Uses systematic, collaborative planning processes so that teachers share an understanding of expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>A systematic, collaborative process is used proactively for curriculum planning.</p> <p>Nearly all teachers or groups of teachers, support staff, and leaders within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>A systematic, collaborative process is used regularly for curriculum planning.</p> <p>Most teachers or groups of teachers within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | <p>A collaborative process is used occasionally for curriculum planning.</p> <p>Some teachers or groups of teachers within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.</p> | |
| 4. Not Evident | <p>A collaborative process is rarely, if ever, used for curriculum planning.</p> <p>Few, if any, teachers or groups of teachers within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.</p> | |

Coherent Instruction Data

| Curriculum Standard 2 -Designs curriculum documents and aligns resources with the intended rigor of the required standards | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Curriculum documents (e.g., lesson plans, unit plans, performance tasks, curriculum maps, scope, and sequence documents, guides) that are aligned with the intended rigor of the required standards are the products of a systematic, collaborative process. These curriculum documents and resources are used and continuously revised by teachers and support staff to ensure an alignment with the intended, taught, and tested standards. | |
| 2. Operational | Curriculum documents (e.g., lesson plans, unit plans, performance tasks, curriculum maps, scope and sequence documents, guides) have been designed, and resources are aligned with the intended rigor of the required standards. These curriculum documents and resources guide the work of teachers and instructional support staff. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Curriculum documents and resources exist, but they are not complete in all content areas or grade levels or lack the intended rigor of the required standards. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, curriculum documents and resources exist to support the implementation of the intended rigor of the required standards. | |

| Instruction Standard 1 -Provides a supportive and well -managed environment conducive to learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident throughout the school. Students consistently stay on-task and take responsibility for their own actions. | |
| 2. Operational | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in most classrooms. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in some classrooms. | |
| 4. Not Evident | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in few, if any, classrooms. | |

Coherent Instruction Data

| Instruction Standard 2 -Creates an academically challenging learning environment | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration). Students consistently work independently and in teams to solve real-world problems that require advanced effort, decision-making, and critical and creative thinking. | |
| 2. Operational | Most teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration). | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some teachers create an academically challenging learning environment. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, teachers create an academically challenging learning environment. | |

| Instruction Standard 3 -Establishes and communicates clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to curriculum standards | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all teachers establish and communicate clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards. Learning targets are evident throughout the lesson and in student work. Articulation of the learning targets is consistent and pervasive among like content areas and grade levels. | |
| 2. Operational | Most teachers establish and communicate clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards. Learning targets are evident throughout the lesson and in student work. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some teachers establish and communicate clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any teachers establish clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards. | |

| Instruction Standard 4 -Uses research based instructional practices that positively impact student learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all teachers pervasively demonstrate a repertoire of highly effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning (e.g., providing feedback, cooperative learning, advance organizers, questioning techniques, similarities and differences, reinforcing effort, goal setting, summarizers, graphic representations, reciprocal teaching). | |
| 2. Operational | Most teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning (e.g., providing feedback, cooperative learning, advance organizers, questioning techniques, similarities and differences, reinforcing effort, goal setting, summarizers, graphic representations, reciprocal teaching). | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning. | |

Coherent Instruction Data

| Instruction Standard 5 -Differentiates instruction to meet specific learning needs of students | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>Nearly all teachers differentiate instruction (e.g., using flexible grouping, making adjustments, providing choices based upon readiness levels, interests, or needs) to meet the specific learning needs of students.</p> <p>Nearly all teachers plan and implement multiple means of representation, engagement, action, and expression to meet the learning needs of students (UDL).</p> <p>Remediation, enrichment, and acceleration are pervasive practices.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>Most teachers differentiate instruction (e.g., using flexible grouping, making adjustments, providing choices based upon readiness levels, interests, or needs) to meet the specific learning needs of students.</p> <p>Most teachers plan and implement multiple means of representation, engagement, action, and expression to meet the learning needs of students (UDL).</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some teachers differentiate instruction to meet the specific learning needs of students. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, teachers differentiate instruction to meet the specific learning needs of students. | |

| Instruction Standard 6 -Uses appropriate, current technology to enhance learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | The use by staff members and students of appropriate, current technology to enhance learning is an institutional practice (e.g., facilitate communication, collaboration, research, design, creativity, problem-solving). | |
| 2. Operational | Most staff members and students use appropriate, current technology to enhance learning (e.g., facilitate communication, collaboration, research, design, creativity, problem-solving). | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some staff members, students, or both use appropriate, current technology to enhance learning. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning. | |

Coherent Instruction Data

| Instruction Standard 7 -Provides feedback to students on their performance on the standards or learning targets | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with specific, timely, descriptive feedback on their performance. Nearly all teachers systematically elicit diagnostic information from individual students regarding their understanding of the standards or learning targets. | |
| 2. Operational | Most teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with specific, timely, descriptive feedback on their performance. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with specific, descriptive feedback on their performance. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with feedback on their performance, or the feedback that is provided is not specific, timely, or understandable. | |

| Instruction Standard 8 -Establishes a learning environment that empowers students to actively monitor their own progress | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress. Nearly all students develop a sense of personal responsibility and accountability by engaging in record keeping, self-monitoring, sharing, exhibiting, and self-reflection. | |
| 2. Operational | Most students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some students use tools to actively monitor their own progress. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, students use tools to actively monitor their own progress. | |

| Instruction Standard 9 -Provides timely, systematic, data -driven interventions | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all students are provided timely, systematic, data-driven interventions to support their learning needs. Interventions are designed to meet the needs of each student. The effectiveness of those interventions is consistently monitored and adjustments are made. | |
| 2. Operational | Most students are provided timely, systematic, data-driven interventions to support their learning needs. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some students are provided extra assistance or needed support in a timely manner. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, students are provided extra assistance or effective support in a timely manner. | |

Coherent Instruction Data

| Assessment Standard 1 -Aligns assessments with the required curriculum standards | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards. Assessments are reviewed during the school year to ensure alignment. | |
| 2. Operational | Most assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards. | |

| Assessment Standard 3 -Uses common assessments aligned with the required standards to monitor student progress, inform instruction, and improve teacher practices | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Teachers consistently use common assessments aligned with the required standards in nearly all content areas, grade levels, or both for diagnostic, summative, and formative purposes. The data from the common assessments are analyzed down to the item level, and the results are used to inform instruction and improve teacher practices. | |
| 2. Operational | Teachers use common assessments aligned with the required standards in most content areas to monitor student progress, inform instruction, and improve teacher practices. | |
| 3. Emerging | Teachers use some common assessments aligned with the required standards in a few content areas with a limited amount of data analysis to monitor student progress, inform instruction, or improve teacher practices. | ✓ |
| 4. Not Evident | Teachers use few, if any, common assessments to monitor student progress, inform instruction, or improve teacher practices. | |

| Assessment Standard 4 -Implements a process to collaboratively analyze assessment results to adjust instruction | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Teachers extensively use a systematic, collaborative process to analyze assessment results. Instruction is consistently adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results across all content areas, grade levels, or both. | |
| 2. Operational | Teachers regularly use a collaborative process to analyze assessment results. Instruction is routinely adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results. | |
| 3. Emerging | Teachers occasionally use a collaborative process to analyze assessment results. Instruction is sometimes adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results. | ✓ |
| 4. Not Evident | A collaborative process to analyze assessment results does not exist. Instruction is rarely, if ever, adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results. | |

Coherent Instruction Data

| Assessment Standard 5 -Implements grading practices that provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | The grading practices used by teachers across nearly all content areas, grade levels, or both, consistently provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards. | |
| 2. Operational | The grading practices used by teachers in most content areas, grade levels, or both provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards. | |
| 3. Emerging | The grading practices used by teachers in some content areas, grade levels, or both provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards. | ✓ |
| 4. Not Evident | The grading practices used by teachers rarely, if ever, provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards. | |

2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.2 Effective Leadership

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of leadership needs. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Effective Leadership webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Effective Leadership Data

| Leadership Standard 1 -Builds and sustains relationships to foster the success of students and staff | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Administrators consistently build and sustain relationships to foster the success of students and staff. The school staff is fully engaged in relationship building through collaboration, internal and external communication, and building trust with staff, students, families, and community stakeholders. | |
| 2. Operational | Administrators regularly build and sustain relationships to foster the success of students and staff. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Administrators sometimes build relationships to foster the success of students and staff. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Administrators seldom, if ever, build relationships to foster the success of students and staff. | |

| Leadership Standard 2 -Initiates and manages change to improve staff performance and student learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Administrators, the school leadership team, and other teacher leaders initiate and sustain change to improve staff performance and student learning. Administrators, the school leadership team, and other teacher leaders create a sense of urgency for change and effectively communicate a common vision. | |
| 2. Operational | Administrators and the school leadership team initiate and sustain change to improve staff performance and student learning. The principal provides an appropriate balance of pressure and support to manage the change process for desired results. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Administrators initiate change to improve staff performance and student learning but do not sustain the change, remove barriers, or both. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Administrators initiate few, if any, changes that impact staff performance and student learning. | |

Effective Leadership Data

| Leadership Standard 3 -Uses systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>The principal and other school leaders continually use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices.</p> <p>The principal and other school leaders have a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the best practices for curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | The principal and other school leaders often use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | The principal and other school leaders occasionally use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices. | |
| 4. Not Evident | The principal and other school leaders rarely, if ever, use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices. | |

| Leadership Standard 4 -Uses processes to systematically analyze data to improve student achievement | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Extensive, comprehensive processes, including root cause analysis, are used consistently to analyze data (e.g., multiple sources of data: classroom, grade level, departmental, and subgroup, perception data) to improve student achievement. | |
| 2. Operational | Numerous processes are used frequently to analyze data (e.g., multiple sources of data: classroom, grade level, departmental, and subgroup, perception data) to improve student achievement. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some processes are in place and used occasionally to analyze data to improve student achievement. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, processes are in place to analyze data to improve student achievement. | |

| Leadership Standard 5 -Builds leadership capacity through shared decision-making and problem-solving | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>Extensive structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities.</p> <p>Administrators collaborate consistently with staff members to gather input.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | Numerous structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making, problem-solving, or both. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making or problem-solving. | |

Effective Leadership Data

| Leadership Standard 6 -Establishes and supports a data-driven school leadership team that is focused on student learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>A highly effective, proactive, and data-driven school leadership team is focused on student learning.</p> <p>The leadership team addresses nearly all areas of student and staff learning and school leadership, including the development, implementation, and regular monitoring of the school improvement plan.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>A data-driven school leadership team is established with stakeholder representation (e.g., core and non-core teachers, certified support staff) and is focused on student learning.</p> <p>The school leadership team meets regularly and uses norms and protocols to work effectively and efficiently.</p> | |
| 3. Emerging | The school leadership team is established and has some stakeholder representation but is focused chiefly on school operations rather than student learning. | ✓ |
| 4. Not Evident | A school leadership team does not exist or does not have adequate stakeholder representation. | |

| Leadership Standard 7 -Monitors and evaluates the performance of teachers and other staff using multiple data sources | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff through observations, surveys, data, and documentation is consistent and comprehensive, resulting in highly accurate performance evaluations.</p> <p>A comprehensive system is in place to provide teachers and staff with ongoing, accurate, timely, detailed, descriptive feedback related to their performance.</p> <p>Administrators use the evaluation process to identify role models, teacher leaders, or both.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff regularly occurs using data or documentation, generally resulting in accurate performance evaluations.</p> <p>Teachers and staff receive accurate, timely, descriptive feedback related to their performance.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | <p>Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff is inconsistent, incomplete, or lacks data or documentation, sometimes resulting in inaccurate performance evaluations.</p> <p>Teachers and staff receive some descriptive feedback related to their performance.</p> | |
| 4. Not Evident | <p>Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff rarely occurs or often results in inaccurate performance evaluations.</p> <p>Teachers and staff receive little or no descriptive feedback related to their performance.</p> | |

Effective Leadership Data

| Leadership Standard 8 -Provides ongoing support to teachers and other staff | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | A comprehensive support system that is timely and targeted to individual needs is provided to teachers and other staff. | |
| 2. Operational | Most support provided to teachers and other staff is targeted to individual needs. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some support provided to teachers and staff is targeted to individual needs. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Support to teachers and staff does not exist or is not targeted to individual needs. | |

| Planning and Organization Standard 1 -Shares a common vision and mission that define the school culture and guide the continuous improvement process | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>A common vision and mission have been collaboratively developed and communicated to nearly all stakeholders.</p> <p>The culture of the school has been deeply defined over time by the vision and mission, which are updated as needed.</p> <p>The daily work and practices of staff consistently demonstrate a sustained commitment to continuous improvement.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>A common vision and mission have been developed through a collaborative process and communicated to most stakeholders.</p> <p>The vision and mission define the culture of the school and guide the continuous improvement process.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | A common vision and mission have been developed by some staff members but have not been effectively communicated so that they guide the continuous improvement process. | |
| 4. Not Evident | A common vision and mission have not been developed or updated or have been developed by a few staff members. | |

Effective Leadership Data

| Planning and Organization Standard 2 -Uses a data-driven and consensus-oriented process to develop and implement a school improvement plan that is focused on student performance | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>A school improvement plan has been developed using a data-driven and consensus-oriented process with input from nearly all stakeholders.</p> <p>The plan includes appropriate goals and strategies with a strong focus on increasing student performance.</p> <p>This process and plan consistently guide the work of the school staff.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>A school improvement plan has been developed using a data-driven and consensus-oriented process with input from most plan stakeholders.</p> <p>The plan includes appropriate goals and strategies with a focus on increasing student performance.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | <p>A school improvement plan has been developed with input from some stakeholders.</p> <p>The school improvement plan is based on incomplete data analysis with limited focus on student performance.</p> | |
| 4. Not Evident | An up-to-date, data-driven school improvement plan focused on student performance is not in place. | |

| Planning and Organization Standard 3 -Monitors implementation of the school improvement plan and makes adjustments as needed | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are continually monitored by administrators, the school leadership team, and teacher leaders to evaluate the impact on student performance.</p> <p>Ongoing adjustments are made based on various performance, process, and perception data.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are regularly monitored by administrators and the school leadership team to evaluate the impact on student performance.</p> <p>Adjustments are made to the plan, as needed, based on the analysis of data.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are occasionally monitored by administrators. | |
| 4. Not Evident | The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are rarely, if ever, monitored. | |

Effective Leadership Data

| Planning and Organization Standard 4 -Monitors the use of available resources to support continuous improvement | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>The use of available resources (e.g., personnel, time, facilities, equipment, materials) to support continuous improvement is consistently monitored.</p> <p>School schedules and processes are designed to make effective use of personnel, time, materials, and equipment.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | The use of available resources (e.g., personnel, time, facilities, equipment, materials) to support continuous improvement is frequently monitored. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | The use of available resources to support continuous improvement is inconsistently monitored. | |
| 4. Not Evident | The use of available resources to support continuous improvement is rarely, if ever, monitored. | |

| Planning and Organization Standard 5 -Develops, communicates, and implements rules, policies, schedules, and procedures to maximize student learning and staff effectiveness | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>Rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are developed with stakeholder input, effectively communicated, and consistently implemented throughout the school to maximize student learning and staff effectiveness.</p> <p>These rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are consistently reviewed and revised as needed.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>Rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are developed, communicated, and implemented throughout the school to maximize student learning and staff effectiveness.</p> <p>These rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are periodically reviewed and systematically revised as needed.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are developed but are not effectively communicated or are implemented inconsistently across the school. | |
| 4. Not Evident | <p>Rules, policies, or procedures are not developed, are poorly communicated, or are ineffectively implemented.</p> <p>In some cases, rules, policies, schedules, or procedures are out of date or have become barriers to student learning or staff effectiveness.</p> | |

Effective Leadership Data

| Planning and Organization Standard 6 -Uses protocols to maintain the school campus and equipment providing a safe, clean, and inviting learning environment | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>Protocols (e.g., safety drills, tornado drills, inclement weather plans, current crisis plan, school-wide safety plan, maintenance protocols, facility-use protocols, functional custodial schedules) are used extensively to maintain the school campus and equipment providing a safe, clean, and inviting learning environment.</p> <p>A proactive maintenance process is in place, and repairs are completed in a satisfactory and timely manner, when needed.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>Protocols (e.g., safety drills, tornado drills, inclement weather plans, current crisis plan, school-wide safety plan, maintenance protocols, facility-use protocols, functional custodial schedules) are used to maintain the school campus and equipment providing a safe, clean, and inviting learning environment.</p> <p>The school and campus are clean, well-maintained, inviting, and safe.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | <p>Protocols are sometimes used to maintain the school campus and equipment.</p> <p>The school and campus are partially clean, maintained, and inviting, but some safety issues exist.</p> | |
| 4. Not Evident | <p>Protocols do not exist or are rarely, if ever, used to maintain the school campus and equipment.</p> <p>The school and campus are not clean, maintained, or inviting, and safety issues exist.</p> | |

2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.3 Professional Capacity

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of professional capacity needs. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Professional Capacity webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Professional Capacity Data

| Leadership Standard 5 -Builds leadership capacity through shared decision-making and problem-solving | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Extensive structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities. Administrators collaborate consistently with staff members to gather input. | |
| 2. Operational | Numerous structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making, problem-solving, or both. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making or problem-solving. | |

| Professional Learning Standard 1 -Aligns professional learning with needs identified through analysis of a variety of data | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Professional learning needs are identified and differentiated through a collaborative analysis process using a variety of data (e.g., student achievement data, examination of student work, process data, teacher and leader effectiveness data, action research data, perception data from students, staff, and families). Ongoing support is provided through differentiated professional learning. | |
| 2. Operational | Professional learning needs are identified through a collaborative analysis process using a variety of data (e.g., student achievement data, examination of student work, process data, teacher and leader effectiveness data, action research data, perception data from students, staff, and families). | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Professional learning needs are identified using limited sources of data. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Professional learning needs are identified using little or no data. | |

Professional Capacity Data

| Professional Learning Standard 2 -Establishes a culture of collaboration among administrators and staff to enhance individual and collective performance | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Administrators and staff, as a foundational practice, consistently collaborate to support leadership and personal accountability and to enhance individual and collective performance (e.g., construct knowledge, acquire skills, refine practice, provide feedback). Teachers conduct action research and assume ownership of professional learning processes. | |
| 2. Operational | Administrators and staff routinely collaborate to improve individual and collective performance (e.g., construct knowledge, acquire skills, refine practice, provide feedback). | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Administrators and staff sometimes collaborate to improve individual and collective performance. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Administrators and staff rarely collaborate to improve individual and collective performance. | |

| Professional Learning Standard 3 -Defines expectations for implementing professional learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Administrators, teacher leaders, or both consistently define expectations for the implementation of professional learning, including details regarding the stages of implementation and how monitoring will occur as implementation progresses. | |
| 2. Operational | Administrators, teacher leaders, or both regularly define expectations for the implementation of professional learning. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Administrators, teacher leaders, or both occasionally define expectations for the implementation of professional learning. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Administrators, teacher leaders, or both rarely, if ever, define expectations for the implementation of professional learning. | |

Professional Capacity Data

| Professional Learning Standard 4 -Uses multiple professional learning designs to support the various learning needs of the staff | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>Staff members actively participate in job-embedded professional learning that engages collaborative teams in a variety of appropriate learning designs (e.g., collaborative lesson study, analysis of student work, problem solving sessions, curriculum development, coursework, action research, classroom observations, online networks).</p> <p>Professional learning includes extensive follow-up with descriptive feedback and coaching.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>Staff members actively participate in professional learning, most of which is job-embedded, which includes multiple designs (e.g., collaborative lesson study, analysis of student work, problem-solving sessions, curriculum development, coursework, action research, classroom observations, online networks) to support their various learning needs.</p> <p>Professional learning includes follow-up with feedback and coaching.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some staff members are engaged in professional learning that makes use of more than one learning design to address their identified needs. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Staff members receive single, stand-alone professional learning events that are informational and mostly large-group presentation designs. | |

| Professional Learning Standard 5 -Allocates resources and establishes systems to support and sustain effective professional learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>Extensive resources (e.g., substitute teachers, materials, handouts, tools, stipends, facilitators, technology) and systems (e.g., conducive schedules, adequate collaborative time, model classrooms) are allocated to support and sustain effective professional learning.</p> <p>Opportunities to practice skills, receive follow-up, feedback, and coaching are provided to support the effectiveness of professional learning.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | Adequate resources (e.g., substitute teachers, materials, handouts, tools, stipends, facilitators, technology) and systems (e.g., conducive schedules, adequate collaborative time, model classrooms) are in place to support and sustain professional learning. | |
| 3. Emerging | Some resources and systems are allocated to support and sustain professional learning. | ✓ |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, resources and systems are provided to support and sustain professional learning. | |

Professional Capacity Data

| Professional Learning Standard 6 -Monitors and evaluates the impact of professional learning on staff practices and student learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices and increases in student learning occurs extensively. Evaluation results are used to identify and implement processes to extend student learning. | |
| 2. Operational | Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices and student learning occurs routinely. | |
| 3. Emerging | Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices occurs sporadically. | ✓ |
| 4. Not Evident | Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices occurs rarely, if ever. | |

2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.4 Family and Community Engagement

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of needs related to family and community engagement. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Family and Community Engagement webinar](#) for additional information and guidance. Visit Georgia's Family Connection Partnership's [KIDS COUNT](#) for additional data.

Family and Community Engagement Data

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 1 -Creates an environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | The school has a well-established, inviting learning environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school. Numerous opportunities are given to family members to become actively engaged in school-related events and improvement efforts as participants, event managers, and workers. | ✓ |
| 2. Operational | The school has created an environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school. | |
| 3. Emerging | The school has made some progress toward creating an environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school. | |
| 4. Not Evident | The school has not created an environment that welcomes, encourages, or connects family and community members to the school. | |

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 2 -Establishes structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Extensive structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders have been effectively established and implemented. Structures are continuously monitored for reliable and interactive communication. | |
| 2. Operational | Most structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders have been effectively established and implemented. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders exist. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders exist. | |

Family and Community Engagement Data

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 3 -Establishes relationships and decision-making processes that build capacity for family and community engagement in the success of students | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>A wide variety of relationships and collaborative decision-making processes (e.g., business partnerships, school councils, parent or family organizations, academic and extra-curricular booster clubs, civic organizations, tutoring services, post-secondary partnerships) are pervasive in promoting student success and well being.</p> <p>Expectations for family and community engagement are embedded in the culture and result in stakeholders being actively involved in decision-making.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | Numerous relationships and decision-making processes (e.g., business partnerships, school councils, parent or family organizations, academic and extra-curricular booster clubs, civic organizations, tutoring services) effectively build capacity for family and community engagement in the success of students. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Limited relationships and decision-making processes have been initiated by the school to build capacity for family and community engagement. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Relationships and decision-making processes for families and the community are non-existent, or those that do exist contribute minimally to student success. | |

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 4 -Communicates academic expectations and current student achievement status to families | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>The school staff provides families with ongoing, detailed academic expectations and/or graduation status (e.g., four-year graduation plans, syllabi, academic advisement protocols).</p> <p>Extensive communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided (e.g., progress reports, student-led parent conferences, report cards, reading level reports, state test reports, school-based assessment reports, online reporting system).</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>The school staff communicates academic expectations and/or graduation status (e.g., four-year graduation plans, syllabi, academic advisement protocols) throughout the year.</p> <p>Regular communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided (e.g., progress reports, parent conferences, report cards, reading level reports, state test reports, school-based assessment reports, online reporting system).</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | <p>The school staff communicates some academic expectations at the start of the year.</p> <p>Some communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided.</p> | |
| 4. Not Evident | <p>The school staff does little to inform families of academic expectations.</p> <p>Little, if any, communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided.</p> | |

Family and Community Engagement Data

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 5 -Develops the capacity of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | The school continually develops the capacity (e.g., parent training, lunch and learn, make-it and take-it) of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement. | |
| 2. Operational | The school frequently develops the capacity (e.g., parent training, lunch and learn, make-it and take-it) of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement. | |
| 3. Emerging | The school occasionally develops the capacity of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement. | ✓ |
| 4. Not Evident | The school seldom, if ever, develops the capacity of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement. | |

| Family and Community Engagement Standard 6 -Connects families with agencies and resources in the community to meet the needs of students | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | The school has a systematic process in place to connect families with an array of agencies and resources (e.g., Y-Clubs, after-school programs, health and counseling services, community service agencies, civic organizations, tutoring services) to meet the needs of students. | |
| 2. Operational | The school regularly connects families to agencies and resources in the community (e.g., Y-Clubs, after-school programs, health and counseling services, community service agencies, civic organizations, tutoring services) to meet the needs of students. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | The school sometimes connects families to agencies and resources in the community to meet the needs of students. | |
| 4. Not Evident | The school does little to connect families with agencies and resources in the community to meet the needs of students. | |

2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.5 Supportive Learning Environment

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of needs related to a supportive learning environment. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). Student subgroups with a count of less than 15 are denoted by "TFS" (too few students). See the [Supportive Learning Environment webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Supportive Learning Environment Data

| Instruction Standard 1 -Provides a supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident throughout the school. Students consistently stay on-task and take responsibility for their own actions. | |
| 2. Operational | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in most classrooms. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in some classrooms. | |
| 4. Not Evident | A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in few, if any, classrooms. | |

| Instruction Standard 2 -Creates an academically challenging learning environment | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration). Students consistently work independently and in teams to solve real-world problems that require advanced effort, decision-making, and critical and creative thinking. | |
| 2. Operational | Most teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration). | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some teachers create an academically challenging learning environment. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, teachers create an academically challenging learning environment. | |

Supportive Learning Environment Data

| Instruction Standard 8 -Establishes a learning environment that empowers students to actively monitor their own progress | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Nearly all students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress. Nearly all students develop a sense of personal responsibility and accountability by engaging in record keeping, self-monitoring, sharing, exhibiting, and self-reflection. | |
| 2. Operational | Most students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | Some students use tools to actively monitor their own progress. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Few, if any, students use tools to actively monitor their own progress. | |

| School Culture Standard 1 -Develops, communicates, and implements rules, practices, and procedures to maintain a safe, orderly learning environment | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | Rules, practices, and procedures that maintain a safe, orderly learning environment are proactively developed, communicated, and consistently implemented across the school. These rules, practices, and procedures are continually monitored and revised as needed. | ✓ |
| 2. Operational | Rules, practices, and procedures that maintain a safe, orderly learning environment are developed, communicated, and implemented. | |
| 3. Emerging | Rules, practices, and procedures are developed and communicated but are ineffective or inconsistently implemented across the school. | |
| 4. Not Evident | Rules, practices, and procedures that maintain a safe, orderly, learning environment are not developed nor updated or are poorly communicated. | |

Supportive Learning Environment Data

| School Culture Standard 2 -Establishes a culture of trust and respect that promotes positive interactions and a sense of community | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>Extensive evidence (e.g., positive and respectful interactions, appreciation of diversity, tolerance, understanding) exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.</p> <p>A pervasive commitment to promoting positive interactions and a sense of community is evident.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>Evidence (e.g., positive and respectful interactions, appreciation of diversity, tolerance, understanding) exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.</p> <p>A sustained commitment to promoting positive interactions and a sense of community is evident.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | <p>Some evidence exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.</p> <p>A limited commitment to promoting positive interactions and a sense of community is evident.</p> | |
| 4. Not Evident | <p>Little or no evidence exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.</p> <p>Unresolved conflicts interfere with a sense of community.</p> | |

| School Culture Standard 3 -Establishes a culture that supports the college and career readiness of students | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>Extensive evidence (e.g., advisement, career counseling, transition coaching, high expectations) exists that the beliefs and practices of the school support the college and career readiness of students.</p> <p>The school culture supports addressing individual achievement needs and strengths to prepare students for success.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>Evidence (e.g., advisement, career counseling, transition coaching, high expectations) exists that the beliefs and practices of the school support the college and career readiness of students.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | <p>Some evidence exists that the school supports the college and career readiness of students.</p> | |
| 4. Not Evident | <p>Little or no evidence exists that the school supports the college and career readiness of students.</p> | |

Supportive Learning Environment Data

| School Culture Standard 4 -Supports the personal growth and development of students | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | The school staff consistently provides a comprehensive system of support (e.g., counseling, mentoring, advisement, coaching, goal setting, time management, problem solving) to maximize the personal growth and development of nearly all students. | |
| 2. Operational | The school staff regularly provides support (e.g., counseling, mentoring, advisement, coaching, goal setting, time management, problem solving) to enhance the personal growth and development of students. | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | The school staff sporadically supports the personal growth and development of students. | |
| 4. Not Evident | The school staff does little to support the personal growth and development of students. | |

| School Culture Standard 5 -Recognizes and celebrates achievements and accomplishments of students and staff | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>The school community consistently recognizes and celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of students and staff.</p> <p>The celebrations are publicized within the school and to the community and support the culture of the school.</p> | ✓ |
| 2. Operational | The school community regularly recognizes and celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of students and staff. | |
| 3. Emerging | The school community periodically recognizes or celebrates the achievements or accomplishments of students and/or staff. | |
| 4. Not Evident | The school community rarely, if ever, recognizes or celebrates the achievements or accomplishments of students or staff. | |

Supportive Learning Environment Data

| Planning and Organization Standard 1 -Shares a common vision and mission that define the school culture and guide the continuous improvement process | | |
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| 1. Exemplary | <p>A common vision and mission have been collaboratively developed and communicated to nearly all stakeholders.</p> <p>The culture of the school has been deeply defined over time by the vision and mission, which are updated as needed.</p> <p>The daily work and practices of staff consistently demonstrate a sustained commitment to continuous improvement.</p> | |
| 2. Operational | <p>A common vision and mission have been developed through a collaborative process and communicated to most stakeholders.</p> <p>The vision and mission define the culture of the school and guide the continuous improvement process.</p> | ✓ |
| 3. Emerging | A common vision and mission have been developed by some staff members but have not been effectively communicated so that they guide the continuous improvement process. | |
| 4. Not Evident | A common vision and mission have not been developed or updated or have been developed by a few staff members. | |

2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

2.6 Data Analysis Questions

Analyze the LEA's data and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of demographic and financial needs. Student subgroups with a count of less than 15 are denoted by "TFS" (too few students).

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| <p>What perception data did you use? [examples: student perceptions about school climate issues (health survey, violence, prejudice, bullying, etc.); student/parent perceptions about the effectiveness of programs or interventions; student understanding of relationship of school to career or has an academic plan]</p> | <p>The student health survey provided data for school goal development. District parent and staff surveys provide feedback that supports the effectiveness of communication, programs and school culture.</p> |
| <p>What does the perception data tell you? (perception data can describe people's knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, perceptions, competencies; perception data can also answer the question "What do people think they know, believe, or can do?")</p> | <p>The perception data from the student health survey helped the team design a goal around the social emotional health of our students. Today 82% of 7th graders report feeling connected to their school and community, including experiencing caring relationships, meaningful engagement and feeling challenged. 75% of youth feel safe or very safe at school. As we seek to increase these outcomes, we monitor decreases in risky behavior such as fighting, incidents of bullying, gang involvement. 30% of students have no or just one day a week with physical activity for at least 60 minutes. 45% of students report being stressed always or sometimes, with school performance/demands, problems with peers and family reasons being the main causes of the stress. 75% of students report having an adult at school they can talk with if they need help. We believe physical activity and a caring adult can have an impact on student connectedness and can lower stress levels.</p> <p>Parent and staff surveys indicate a continued need for effective communication. Varying formats is necessary to ensure a broad spread of information within and beyond the school. A communication tool with language translation options provides a greater equity of access.</p> |
| <p>What process data did you use? (examples: student participation in school activities, sports, clubs, arts; student participation in special programs such as peer mediation, counseling, skills conferences; parent/student participation in events such as college information meetings and parent workshops)</p> | <p>Data is kept on student participation in clubs, athletics and extracurricular/cocurricular experiences. Teachers track parent conferences to ensure each family has the opportunity to discuss the needs of their child. Counselors track their interactions with students in order to identify trends and needs of our students. Parent participation at parent nights is recorded to determine effectiveness. Newsletters are administered in a way that tracks the number of people that open and read the documents.</p> |

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| What does the process data tell you? (process data describes the way programs are conducted; provides evidence of participant involvement in programs; answers the question “What did you do for whom?”) | Data on our EL parent nights shows that we need to creatively attract more families to attend. The newsletter open data shows that we are providing a significant number of read newsletters which helps ensure our communication is disseminated. Our student involvement data helps us identify the number of kids who are connected beyond the school day in order to ensure our students have opportunities that engage them. |
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| What achievement data did you use? | We use ACCESS, GA Milestones, MAP and class grades. |
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| What does your achievement data tell you? | <p>A review of the achievement data helped shape school goals. Of note by the team:</p> <p>Today 36% of 6th and 7th graders are on grade level for English, including reading, writing and comprehension. Today 29% of 6th and 33% of 7th graders are on grade level in Mathematics, including using math concepts and procedures, problem solving and reasoning.</p> <p>Today 49% of students at HCMS read on grade level at the end of 6th grade, and 66% at the end of 7th grade. About 55% of 6th and 7th graders are at the monitor or accelerate levels for writing.</p> |
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| What demographic data did you use? | School profile and disaggregated data from milestones. |
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| What does the demographic data tell you? | Demographic data shows that our students who are black, Hispanic, English Learners and special education perform well below white students in all areas. Our socio-economically disadvantaged data demonstrates that our Hispanic students are likely to be economically disadvantaged. We also see that about a third of our EL students are also students with IEPs. |
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3. NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

3.1 Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

Read the trends and patterns summaries from each section of the data analysis process. Use the information in these summaries to complete 3.2 and 3.3. Using the summaries in 3.1 and other local data, describe the strengths and challenges or answer the guiding questions for each program. Include strengths and challenges related to: a) general program implementation, and b) students and adults involved in or affected by the program. Focus on strengths and challenges that will assist in the identification of needs during 3.2. Watch the [Identifying Need webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

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| Coherent Instructional: Summarize the coherent instructional system trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs? | The team found the instructional system to be operational in all areas except in areas of assessment and data analysis. The team saw a need for greater utilization of common assessments as well as collaboration in analysis and interpretation of results. The team also noted a need for improved consistency with grading practices. |
| Effective Leadership: Summarize the effective leadership trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs? | The team found leadership to be operational in all areas except for the need for ensuring student achievement data is consistently analyzed and used for decision-making within PLCs and the school instructional leadership team. |
| Professional Capacity: Summarize the professional capacity trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs? | The team found the professional capacity of the staff to be operational in all areas except for the need for establishing systems for professional learning. Dedicated time to collaborate and learn from and with each other is of concern. The process for measuring the impact of professional learning was also identified as a challenge area. |
| Family and Community Engagement: Summarize the family and community engagement trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs? | The team agrees that family and community engagement is high. A need exists to impact activities at home to increase student achievement. Currently, Hammond Creek participates in parent education activities with the Dalton High School group and sees a need to have a greater impact on parent engagement with the instructional program. |

Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

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| <p>Supportive Learning Environment: Summarize the supportive learning environment trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?</p> | <p>The team found the learning environment to be an area of strength. One area identified on the student survey was to ensure each student can identify an adult in the building that they feel safe with to ensure student needs are met.</p> |
| <p>Demographic and Financial: Summarize the demographic and financial trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?</p> | <p>At the end of our first year as a new school, HCMS lost about 20% of its teaching staff, for a variety of reasons. The primary issues were related to structural and leadership challenges. This year, the leadership team restructured and modified the schedule to address concerns shared by teachers in year 1. This year, 16% of teachers are within their first three years of teaching.</p> <p>Student demographic data is relatively consistent from prior years. EL continues to show an upward trend. This year, 6 and 7th grade newcomers will be served on campus rather than at a separate newcomer center, adding roughly 20 students to the EL group at HCMS.</p> <p>A new assistant principal joined the HCMS staff this year, coming with strong teaching experience within the district but no school leadership experience. Financially, the allocation from the district is consistent with prior years, and CARES act funding is still in place to support an after school tutoring program, and additional staff members for intervention, counseling and leadership. Students</p> |
| <p>Student Achievement: Summarize the student achievement trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?</p> | <p>Student achievement data demonstrates a need for stronger literacy instruction, with roughly 50% performing within grade level bands. The post pandemic math scores have trended down. The need for strong tier 1 with time for broad tier 2 interventions is a critical need to address the trends. Teacher capacity for this work will need to be prioritized.</p> |

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Using the summaries in 3.1 and other local data, describe the strengths and challenges or answer the guiding questions for each program. Include strengths and challenges related to: a) general program implementation, and b) students and adults involved in or affected by the program. Focus on strengths and challenges that will assist in the identification of needs during 3.3. Watch the [Identifying Need webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

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| Strengths | English learners--All EL teachers at HCMS have over 5 years of experience as |
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| | <p>EL teachers.</p> <p>Hammond Creek had an overall 10 percent increase in students who moved into the Expanding or Bridging category.</p> <p>20 students exited the ELL program and 39 total students were eligible for reclassification, which is more than the last three years.</p> <p>The Speaking domain saw the greatest increase with a 15 percent increase in students moving into the Expanding and Bridging categories.</p> <p>Special Education--9 of the 13 teachers on staff have over 5 years experience as ESS teachers. To better serve ESS students, small group special education classes were added in both grades for social studies and in 6th grade for science.</p> <p>Our economically disadvantaged subgroup is supported by a social worker, a partnership with the food bank, strong counseling support within and beyond our school community, and community partners.</p> |
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| Challenges | <p>English learners--HCMS had a vacant EL opening all year due to a late resignation.</p> <p>Hammond Creek's weakest area our English Learners is reading, but data is greatly influenced by the influx of Newcomers who entered our school system last year.</p> <p>Four of the thirteen special education teachers have less than three years experience. Special education students showed a significant performance gap in both math and ELA.</p> <p>Our economically disadvantaged subgroup is more likely to also be ESS, EL, and Hispanic. The subgroup is growing due to homelessness and newcomers.</p> |
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3. NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

3.2 Identification and Prioritization of Overarching Needs

Use the results of 3.1 to identify the overarching needs of the LEA. Determine the priority order of the identified needs based on data, team member and stakeholder knowledge, and answers to questions in the table below. Be sure to address the major program challenges identified in 3.1. Watch the [Identifying Need webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

Overarching Need # 1

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| Overarching Need | A larger percentage of students reaching mastery of standards on the GSE as demonstrated by performance on the GMAS. |
| How severe is the need? | High |
| Is the need trending better or worse over time? | No Change |
| Can Root Causes be Identified? | Yes |
| Priority Order | 1 |

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| Additional Considerations | While the school faired better than the state in terms of the drop in scpres post-pandemic, the data is stil trending downward despite hard work by teachers and staff. |
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Overarching Need # 2

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| Overarching Need | Teachers need differentiated, content specific professional development to increase student achievement. |
| How severe is the need? | High |
| Is the need trending better or worse over time? | No Change |
| Can Root Causes be Identified? | Yes |
| Priority Order | 2 |

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| Additional Considerations | |
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Overarching Need # 3

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| Overarching Need | Students need to have emotional health to be available for learning experiences. |
| How severe is the need? | High |
| Is the need trending better or worse over time? | Unknown |
| Can Root Causes be Identified? | Yes |
| Priority Order | 3 |

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| Additional Considerations | |
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3. NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

3.3 Root Cause Analysis

Select the top 2-4 overarching needs from 3.2. Conduct a separate root cause analysis (RCA) for each need. Any RCA tools and resources can be used, but suggestions are available as part of the [Identifying Need webinar](#). After describing the RCA process, complete a table for each selected overarching need.

Overarching Need - A larger percentage of students reaching mastery of standards on the GSE as demonstrated by performance on the GMAS.

Root Cause # 1

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| Root Causes to be Addressed | Students are deficient in academic language in reading and writing. |
| This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom | Yes |
| This is something we can affect | Yes |
| Impacted Programs | IDEA - Special Education Title I - Part A - Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children Title I, Part D - Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Children Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment |

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| Additional Responses | |
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Root Cause # 2

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| Root Causes to be Addressed | Not enough time is allotted for teachers to collaborate around planning, data and standards. |
| This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom | Yes |
| This is something we can affect | Yes |
| Impacted Programs | IDEA - Special Education School and District Effectiveness Title I - Part A - Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children Title I, Part D - Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Children Title II, Part A, Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals and other School Leaders |

Root Cause # 2

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| Impacted Programs | Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program |
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Root Cause # 3

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| Root Causes to be Addressed | Inconsistent data collection an analysis to determine student level and how it should effect instruction. |
| This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom | Yes |
| This is something we can affect | Yes |
| Impacted Programs | IDEA - Special Education School and District Effectiveness Title I - Part A - Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Title I, Part A - Parent and Family Engagement Program Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children Title I, Part D - Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Children Title II, Part A, Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals and other School Leaders Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment |

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Overarching Need - Teachers need differentiated, content specific professional development to increase student achievement.

Root Cause # 1

Root Cause # 1

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| Root Causes to be Addressed | Teachers need knowledge of academic rigor to move from acquisition to making meaning and transfer. |
| This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom | Yes |
| This is something we can affect | Yes |
| Impacted Programs | IDEA - Special Education School and District Effectiveness Title I - Part A - Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Title I, Part A - Parent and Family Engagement Program Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children Title I, Part D - Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Children Title II, Part A, Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals and other School Leaders Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program |

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Root Cause # 2

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| Root Causes to be Addressed | There is limited evidence that previous professional development has enhanced the depth of instruction required to ensure student retention of grade level standards. |
| This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom | Yes |
| This is something we can affect | Yes |
| Impacted Programs | IDEA - Special Education School and District Effectiveness Title I - Part A - Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Title I, Part A - Parent and Family Engagement Program Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children Title I, Part D - Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Children Title II, Part A, Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals and other School Leaders Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program |

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Overarching Need - Students need to have emotional health to be available for learning experiences.

Root Cause # 1

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| Root Causes to be Addressed | The pandemic has impacted students and families. |
| This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom | Yes |
| This is something we can affect | Yes |
| Impacted Programs | IDEA - Special Education Title I - Part A - Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Title I, Part A - Parent and Family Engagement Program Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children Title I, Part D - Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Children Title II, Part A, Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals and other School Leaders Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment |

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School Improvement Plan 2022 - 2023



Dalton Public Schools
Hammond Creek Middle School

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

1 General Improvement Plan Information

General Improvement Plan Information

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| District | Dalton Public Schools |
| School Name | Hammond Creek Middle School |
| Team Lead | Lauri Johnson |
| Federal Funding Options to Be Employed (SWP Schools) in this Plan (Select all that apply) | Traditional funding (all Federal funds budgeted separately) |

| Factors(s) Used by District to Identify Students in Poverty (Select all that apply) | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Free/Reduced meal application |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Community Eligibility Program (CEP) - Direct Certification ONLY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (if selected, please describe below) |

2. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

2.1 Overarching Need # 1

Overarching Need

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| Overarching Need as identified in CNA Section 3.2 | A larger percentage of students reaching mastery of standards on the GSE as demonstrated by performance on the GMAS. |
| Root Cause # 1 | Inconsistent data collection an analysis to determine student level and how it should effect instruction. |
| Root Cause # 2 | Students are deficient in academic language in reading and writing. |
| Root Cause # 3 | Not enough time is allotted for teachers to collaborate around planning, data and standards. |
| Goal | By spring 2023, 6th and 7th grade students will show 6% points of growth on spring 2023 ELA and Math Milestones. |

Action Step # 1

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| Action Step | Develop and administer common assessments for data collection and analysis purpose. |
| Funding Sources | Title I, Part A |
| Subgroups | Economically Disadvantaged Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities Immigrant |
| Systems | Coherent Instruction Effective Leadership Professional Capacity |
| Success Criteria for Implementation | Teachers will be able to adjust instruction based on an analysis of formative data. |
| Success Criteria for Impact on Student Achievement | Students will demonstrate a higher success rate on summative assessments that had at least two formative assessments in place during the instructional cycle. |
| Position/Role Responsible | Assistant principals, instructional coaches, teachers. |
| Timeline for Implementation | Quarterly |

Action Step # 1

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| What partnerships, if any, with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)? | |
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2. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

2.2 Overarching Need # 2

Overarching Need

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| Overarching Need as identified in CNA Section 3.2 | Teachers need differentiated, content specific professional development to increase student achievement. |
| Root Cause # 1 | There is limited evidence that previous professional development has enhanced the depth of instruction required to ensure student retention of grade level standards. |
| Root Cause # 2 | Teachers need knowledge of academic rigor to move from acquisition to making meaning and transfer. |
| Goal | By spring 2023, 6th and 7th grade students will show 6% points of growth on spring 2023 ELA and math Milestones. |

Action Step # 1

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| Action Step | Provide resources to teachers that support the implementation of grade level instruction and rigor of the standards. |
| Funding Sources | Title I, Part A |
| Subgroups | Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A Immigrant |
| Systems | Coherent Instruction Effective Leadership Professional Capacity |
| Success Criteria for Implementation | Teachers will have the instructional materials they need to teach grade level standards. |
| Success Criteria for Impact on Student Achievement | Students will engage in material that addresses the depth and rigor of the standards to show growth on milestones. |
| Position/Role Responsible | Admin, teachers, instructional coaches. |
| Timeline for Implementation | Weekly |

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| What partnerships, if any, with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)? | |
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Action Step # 2

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| Action Step | Professional learning on Acquisition, making meaning and transfer (AMT) will be done schoolwide. |
| Funding Sources | Title I, Part A |
| Subgroups | Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A Immigrant |
| Systems | Coherent Instruction Effective Leadership Professional Capacity |
| Success Criteria for Implementation | Instructional coaches will develop their expertise with AMT. |
| Success Criteria for Impact on Student Achievement | Instructional coaches will redeliver professional learning on AMT. Administrators will see evidence of implementation on planning documents and in classrooms. |
| Position/Role Responsible | Administrators, instructional coaches, teachers. |
| Timeline for Implementation | Weekly |

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| What partnerships, if any, with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)? | |
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Action Step # 3

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| Action Step | Instructional coaches will implement student centered coaching cycles with teachers. |
| Funding Sources | Title I, Part A |
| Subgroups | Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A Immigrant |
| Systems | Coherent Instruction Effective Leadership Professional Capacity Supportive Learning Environment |
| Success Criteria for Implementation | Instructional coaches will provide coaching cycles that utilize pre and post data to support instruction focused on student learning. |
| Success Criteria for Impact on Student Achievement | Coaching cycles will build teacher capacity for data based instructional decision-making. |
| Position/Role Responsible | Instructional coaches and admin. |
| Timeline for Implementation | Monthly |

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| What partnerships, if any, with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)? | |
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2. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

2.3 Overarching Need # 3

Overarching Need

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| Overarching Need as identified in CNA Section 3.2 | Students need to have emotional health to be available for learning experiences. |
| Root Cause # 1 | The pandemic has impacted students and families. |
| Goal | By spring 2023, the student health survey will demonstrate an increase in students identifying having an adult they can talk with at school, and feeling a sense of connectedness to the school. |

Action Step # 1

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| Action Step | Extensions time will be added to the school day to ensure students build relationships with counselors and other support staff. |
| Funding Sources | N/A |
| Subgroups | Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A Immigrant |
| Systems | Effective Leadership Supportive Learning Environment |
| Success Criteria for Implementation | Students will have a mix of structured and unstructured time at school outside of their regular classroom schedule (~2x/ month) to develop deeper relationships with peers and staff. Extensions time will provide additional planning time to teachers to dig deeper into instructional goals. |
| Success Criteria for Impact on Student Achievement | Students will report stronger relationships at school on the student heather survey. Teacher planning time will impact goals 1and 2 by providing time to address instruction and data related action steps. |
| Position/Role Responsible | Admin team and support staff implementing extensions time. PLC leads and instructional coaches. |
| Timeline for Implementation | Monthly |

Action Step # 1

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| What partnerships, if any, with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)? | |
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3. REQUIRED QUESTIONS

3.1 Stakeholders, Coordination of Activities, Serving Children, and PQ

Required Questions

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| <p>1. In developing this plan, briefly describe how the school sought advice from individuals (teachers, staff, other school leaders, paraprofessionals, specialized instructional support personnel, parents, community partners, and other stakeholders).</p> | <p>The School Improvement Plan was written, reviewed and revised by the same committee who worked on the Comprehensive Needs Assessment. The principal and assistant principals worked together to make sure that the plan adequately focuses on specific areas of need within the school. Once the committee reviewed the document the plan was shared with staff members for feedback. Teachers, paraprofessionals, school leaders, and support staff were asked to suggest revisions/additions. Once those revisions were made, the School Improvement Plan was posted on the school website. Parents and community members were provided the opportunity to make comments and suggestions before the final draft of the plan was completed.</p> |
| <p>2. Describe how the school will ensure that low-income and minority children enrolled in the Title I school are not served at disproportionate rates by ineffective, out-of-field, or inexperienced teachers.</p> | <p>All Dalton Public Schools are Title schools with high levels of minority and economically disadvantaged students. Principals, with support from human resources and district directors, seek to recruit, select and retain the best possible professional educators to provide instruction to students. Human resources reviews district and CPI data through locally developed reports and reports provided by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and the Georgia Department of Education.</p> |
| <p>3. Provide a general description of the Title I instructional program being implemented at this Title I school. Specifically define the subject areas to be addressed and the instructional strategies/methodologies to be employed to address the identified needs of the most academically at-risk students in the school. Please include services to be provided for students living in local institutions for neglected or delinquent children (if applicable).</p> | <p>Hammond Creek Middle School will be assessing students' longitudinal data, as well as data that the lowest areas of performance are in the academic areas of math as well as in literacy across the curriculum. Literacy across the curriculum is now included in the Georgia Standards of Excellence. Under this program model, HCMS will maintain the work started at other secondary schools in the district; thereby, focusing on math and literacy for all students as well as work in all content areas to improve student achievement on the Georgia Milestones End of Grade Assessments for the FY 23 school year.</p> <p>75 minute classes help to provide time for teachers to address remediation within the instructional cycle.</p> <p>Co-teaching and resource classes for special education students and English Learner students who qualify for the services.</p> <p>Differentiation of instruction.</p> <p>Hands-on and applied activities that allow students to make connections and apply the math skills to real-world scenarios.</p> <p>Purchase of Desmos for math to ensure grade level content and conceptual understanding.</p> <p>Development of math canvas courses that address each standard and include agreed upon quality resources.</p> <p>Counselors, teachers, and interventionists, in conjunction with parents, will determine interventions for struggling students and follow-up on those</p> |

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| | <p>interventions.</p> <p>Professional Learning Communities focus on learning intentions, success criteria, and strategies to support our students in their learning.</p> <p>Instructional coaches will collaborate with teachers during PLC's to design classroom strategies that address learning gaps and tiered instruction.</p> <p>1:1 devices - All students have a laptop for use in all classes.</p> <p>MAP Assessments administered to students in Reading, Math, and Science to identify areas of weakness and to support students and teachers in setting goals for individual students to improve math, reading, and science skills. The MAP Reading assessment will also provide Lexile scores for all students.</p> <p>Get More Math is utilized to support prerequisite skills for grade level standard acquisition.</p> <p>Reading groups are developed with student choices to ensure engagement with reading for learning and enjoyment.</p> <p>Reading Plus software provides remediation and extension for all students.</p> |
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| <p>4. If applicable, provide a description of how teachers, in consultation with parents, administrators, and pupil services personnel, will identify eligible children most in need of services in Title I targeted assistance schools/programs. Please include a description of how the school will develop and implement multiple (a minimum of 2) objective, academic-based performance criteria to rank students for service. Also include a description of the measurable scale (point system) that uses the objective criteria to rank all students.</p> | N/A |
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3. REQUIRED QUESTIONS

3.2 PQ, Federally Identified Schools, CTAE, Discipline

Required Questions

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| 5. If applicable, describe how the school will support, coordinate, and integrate services with early childhood programs at the school level, including strategies for assisting preschool children in the transition from early childhood education programs to local elementary school programs. | N/A |
| 6. If applicable, describe how the school will implement strategies to facilitate effective transitions for students from middle grades to high school and from high school to postsecondary education including: Coordination with institutions of higher education, employers, and local partners; and Increased student access to early college, high school, or dual or concurrent enrollment opportunities or career counseling to identify student interest and skills. | Hammond Creek plans activities to assist elementary children in the transition from 5th to 6th grade. All 5th graders participate in a "Tiger Tour" in the spring which is a field trip to Hammond Creek to learn about what 6th grade will be like. HCMS hosts a family night in conjunction with Tiger Tour, as well as a 6th grade night in August for all families. 6th grade special education case managers attend 5th grade IEP transition meetings. 6th grade families are surveyed in the summer to gather any information parents think is needed for their students to have a successful transition. Each 6th grader is given an agenda with policies, calendar, code of conduct and academic support information. HCMS counselors ensure elementary counselors understand the instructional program at HCMS and the transition from 5th to 6th grade. From HCMS to DJHS: the counselors from DJHS visit with each 7th grade homeroom to answer questions and describe the program of study at HCMS. Students participate in YouScience activities to begin thinking about how they learn and their interest profiles. |
| 7. Describe how the school will support efforts to reduce the overuse of discipline practices that remove students from the classroom, specifically addressing the effects on all subgroups of students. | Hammond Creek Middle School administrators will review student referral data from Infinite Campus to determine trends and patterns in regards to subgroups. When and if any trends are determined, the administration will work with the counselors to determine strategies for working with students who do not follow the guidelines in the student code of conduct. The administrative team contacts parents of students when it becomes evident that the students need behavioral support. Parents are asked to come in to meet with administrators and/or counselors to partner together to enhance student behavioral success. Students are referred to the Student Assistance Program, if necessary. Future consequences are detailed, and strategies are created to help support the student. The administrative team works with counselors to create behavior intervention strategies for our students. Counselors work with individual students to manage their behavior in an effort to keep students in class. |

ADDITIONAL RESPONSES

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| 8. Use the space below to provide additional narrative regarding the school's improvement plan. | |
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