

## Urban Collaborative



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## **Presentation Goal**

Share the recommendations of the Urban Collaborative review and the actions taken and next steps in addressing the recommendations.







## Strategic Plan Alignment

## THE EARLY YEARS: BUILDING THE FOUNDATION

Every student scholar will enter kindergarten ready to learn with the social/ emotional skills that will propel each student to meet or exceed grade level standards in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics by the end of 3rd grade.



Every student scholar will be empowered and prepared to develop personal responsibility in order to be positive, productive members of society.

## ACTIVE LEARNERS: ENGAGED, EMPOWERED CRITICAL THINKERS

Every student scholar will be empowered with ownership of their education and be fully engaged in becoming critical and creative thinkers.



Every student scholar will receive equitable opportunity for success, and will meet or exceed standards of performance in all subjects by the end of each grade.



Every student scholar will successfully navigate the critical transitions in their schooling, and will graduate from high school ready for college, career, and post-secondary experiences.

- ➤ Pillar 1: Standards Aligned, Culturally Competent Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum
- ➤ Pillar 2: Safe Climate and Strong Relationships with Families and the community
- ➤ Pillar 3: Effective, Caring, Culturally Competent Teachers, Leaders and Staff
- ➤ Pillar 4: Data-Informed Decisions Continuous Improvement



## The Who, What and Why



#### **WHO**

#### **Urban Collaborative**

- National Network of over 100 school districts
- Over 20 years of
   experience providing
   technical assistance to
   local education agencies
   and state departments
- Committed to Improving Outcomes for students with disabilities

#### WHAT

# FWPS requested Urban Collaborative conduct an evaluation of our special education systems and services

- Began Spring of 2018
- Examined data from 2016-2017 academic year
- Visited Schools and Interviewed staff and families
- Surveyed staff and families

#### WHY

## To use the results of the evaluation to improve:

- our systems of support for scholars, families and staff
- our services and supports for scholars with disabilities
- our *outcomes* for scholars with disabilities



## Methodology



## Data Collection

- ✓ Collected district, state, and national data
- Examined district documentation
- ✓ Interviewed

   approximately 100
   central office and school level staff and families
- ✓ Observed in 6 schools
- Received emails from parents and staff
- ✓ Surveys from 306 staff and families

## 2 Interviews with

- ✓ District Administrators
- ✓ School Leaders
- Teachers
- Related Service
  Providers
- ✓ Paraprofessionals
- ✓ Parents

## 3 Quantitative Data

- Review of Washington Integrated System of Monitoring Report
- Quantitative data represents the 2016-2017 school year.
- ✓ The data represent a snapshot of special education at this time.





## Strengths of the System



- Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum. The district has focused on developing and implementing a GVC.
- Equity in Advanced Placement Courses. The district has high rates of scholars of color in advanced placement courses.
- Racial Equity Work. The district has been engaged in it's second year (2016-2017) of racial equity work.
- Partnerships with Federal Way Police Force. The district has revamped partnership with police and improved collaborative structures.
- Curriculum Guides. The district has developed curriculum guides in both English Language Arts and Mathematics to ensure consistency and high quality instruction for all scholars.
  - Special Education Procedural Manual. The district has written and made accessible standard operating procedures for special education processes.



1. FWPS has a mission focused on high expectations for all scholars, however, the vision for special education and how it aligns to the district vision is unclear.

2. FWPS' organizational structure limits collaboration among district departments and communication pathways between the district and schools. In general, staff expressed restrictions in their ability to communicate freely and to act decisively.

3. Student Support Services' organizational structure does not provide consistent and clear support at the district level and timely customer services for both school staff and families.



4. Federal Way Public Schools has started the process of developing an MTSS framework focusing on Tier 1 core academics, known as "guaranteed and viable curriculum." While positive, without a focus on universal design for learning for all scholars and tiered strategies to removing barriers to access and provide specially designed instructional supports, many scholars with disabilities are not succeeding.

5. FWPS is comparable to state and national special education population percentages. However, scholars of color are more likely to be classified as having a disability.

6. Scholars with disabilities in FWPS are graduating at rates comparable to state/nation; however achieving at significantly lower rates in ELA/Math compared to peers.



7. FWPS is in its 2nd year of PBIS (2016-2017), but scholars with disabilities are experiencing disproportionate rates of disciplinary actions.

8. Special education supports/services are developed with a focus on district defined programs rather than on the individual educational needs.

9. Special education supports & services lack a focus on access to and success in core curriculum.



10. Special education supports & services lack focus and clarity as to what is specially designed instruction (SDI).

11. Current structures and staffing models result in an overreliance on para-educators as opposed to highly qualified special education teachers.

12. Professional development is needed for special & general education teachers, educational assistants and other school/district level staff to design and implement high quality instruction that aligns to the district vision of high expectations for all scholars.



## 12 Urban Collaborative Recommendations

- Align work in SSS to Focus on "High Expectations, High Support and No Excuses"
- 5 Attend to Disproportionality in Special Education
- 9 Increase Access to the Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum

2 Improve TFL & SSS Collaboration and Communication

- Increase Academic
  Achievement and create
  sense of urgency around the
  need for improvement.
- Focus on High Quality
  Specially Designed
  Instruction

3 Improve Proactive SSS Structure & Support

- 7 Continue Implementation of PBIS and Social Emotional Supports
- Appropriate Deployment of Teachers and Para-Educators

Develop Multi-Tiered
Systems of Support

8 Increase Continuum of Services at all Schools

Focus Professional
Development on MTSS
incorporating Universal
Design for Learning





## Organizing the Work

**Access and Achievement** 

Social Emotional Learning







## **Communication and Collaboration**

**Goal**: Increase responsiveness, support and alignment to theory of action through the development of district guides, systems and processes that are clearly articulated and accessible by all stakeholders.

#### STEPS TAKEN

- Summer Sped Summit
   Alignment of Work to Strategic Plan
- Program Specialists at Secondary
- Special Education SBI Facilitator
- Procedural Manual Updates
- Canvas Site
- Monthly Newsletters
- Monthly Data Share with Principals

#### 2018-19

- TFL Representation at SEAC
- SBGR Collaboration
- Quarterly Family Newsletters
- Monthly Data Analysis and Dissemination Plan - Dashboard
- Family Guide
- Program Implementation Guides
- Co-Planning Expectations (with TFL)
- Problem Solving Teams

#### 2019-2020

- Co-planning
- Principals Guide to Special Education
- Program Implementation Guides

#### 2020 -2021

- Co-Teaching Expectations
- Community Advisory Board

**Urban Collaborative Recommendations Addressed:** 



1, 2, 3: Develop proactive structures for collaboration and communication among all stakeholders and within the central office departments that focus on responsiveness, support and communicating high expectations for scholars with disabilities.



## **Communication and Collaboration Examples**

- Monthly SEAC meetings include TFL and Superintendent's Office Participants
- Monthly Special Education Parent Teacher Association Meetings
- Behavior Specialists and Program Specialist Bi-Weekly Meeting
- SBGR Committee
   Collaboration
- Curriculum AdoptionCollaboration

## **Sped Data Dashboard** 1,599 SERVICE ENROLLMENT **SPED** 8.16% 4.08% Pct of Students SCHOLARS WITH 1EP BY GRADI ENROLLMENTS BY LRE - 80% or More of the Day in Regular Classroom 47.80% 2-- 40% - 79% of the Day in Regular Classroom

## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHING FOR LEARNING DEPARTMENT STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES UPDATES • JANUARY 2019

IN SUPPORT OF GOAL 2- WHOLE CHILD, GOAL 4 - MASTERY OF ALL SUBJECTS

#### Looking Back

#### K-12 SSS Math Curriculum Adoption

Pilot schools received training in September and October. Implementation of pilot curricula began October 15th. Pilot schools will continue to implement through March, with curriculum review meetings scheduled for April. Final decisions on curriculum adoption will be made through the math curriculum adoption committee and recommendations will be made to our Board of Education in May.

#### Achieve 3000 Implementation

Achieve 3000 is an ELA supplementary curriculum that should be used in RSP and ACP secondary classrooms. This curriculum is used to monitor progress, differentiate reading levels, and provide guided lessons on specific reading skills. Our ACP and RSP teachers at TAF@Sag have made great progress in meeting the two articles per week goal. Way to go!

#### Looking Forward

#### Goalbook Professional Development

In support of Goal 4 and in response to recommendations from our Urban Collaborative review, Student Support Services will be focusing on increasing outcomes for scholars with disabilities through the implementation of Standards-Based IEPs, Standards-Aligned Specially Designed Instruction, and collaboration with our general education colleagues. Goalbook is a teacher resource that will help teachers efficiently write standards based IEPs, plan instruction and share resources with general education colleagues. We will be providing a three-hour professional development for all SSS staff who write IEPs and will use Goalbook. See more about Goalbook here. PD will occur on an early release day. This training will count as two of your district directed PLCs. Staff are grouped by level. You can view the schedule here.

#### Ongoing IEP Writing Support and Synergy Training Opportunities

The 2018-2019 Special Education Procedural Manual can be downloaded here. There have been no substantial changes to previous years. However, you will find the additional State Assessment information and updates to Childfind and preschool processes. We have also added some visual supports. Please reference this document for all Special Education Processes. Student Support Services will be providing drop in sessions for teachers to support IEP writing, intervention development and problem solving and support with other special education processes, as well as, Synergy support on an ongoing basis. These will occur on Thursdays from 3:30 to 5:30 at the ESC. Staff should contact Patrick Reymann if they plan to attend and let him know what you are seeking assistance with so we can ensure program specialists with expertise are there to support.



SSS Teachers attended trainings to



TAF@Sag teachers are meeting 2 article per week goal. Our district is averaging 0.87 articles per week.

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Follow the <u>schedule</u> to determine which Goalbook Training session you should attend.





## **Highly Qualified Staffing**

**Goal:** Increase individualized data-based decisions regarding 1:1 support needs and Least Restrictive Environments while exploring opportunities to increase the continuum of services at all schools and to infuse and align professional development opportunities to district and department initiatives.

#### **STEPS TAKEN**

- Grow Your Own Partnerships
- Paraeducator Review/Fade Out Plan
- Teacher PD (Summer Summit)
  - Measurable Annual Goals and Progress Monitoring
  - Alignment to Strategic Plan
  - Big Ideas in Special Education
  - High Leverage Practices
  - Specially Designed Instruction

#### 2018-2019

- Develop Paraeducator PD\* Plan
- Teacher PD\*
  - Math Curriculum PD
  - Standards Based IEPs &
  - Access to the GVC (Goalbook)
- 1:1 Paraeducator Decision Guidelines
- Integrated Kindergarten Plan
- Extended Day Preschool Recommendations

#### 2019-2020

- Paraeducator Guide
  - Teacher PD
    - Specially Designed Instruction
    - Co-Planning & Collaboration
    - Accommodations & Modifications
  - Continuum of Services Study
  - TFL partnership UDL\*\* PD

#### 2020-2021

Continuum of Services
 Recommendations

#### **Urban Collaborative Recommendations Addressed:**



11 & 12: Assure appropriate deployment, use and highquality professional development of teachers and paraeducators in order to increase high quality instruction focused on high expectations for all scholars.

## **Recent Professional Development from SSS**









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WELCOME



#### Accommodations and Modifications in the Classroom

Accommodations and modifications are a vital aspect of instruction that ensures all scholars have equitable access to grade le what accommodations and modifications are, who receives them, why they should receive them, and how to implement them

**Topics Covered** 

Module 1: Building the Background (1 hour)

Module 2: Implementation (1 hour)

Module 3: Application (1 hour- optional for clock hours)

**Accommodations and Modifications** Online Module for all teachers





## **Social Emotional Learning**

**Goal:** Increase high quality social emotional learning opportunities and decrease disproportionality in special education eligibility and discipline referrals.

#### **STEPS TAKEN**

- Fidelity monitoring of PBIS in schools
- Equity PD
- Adverse Childhood Effects PD
- Classroom Management PD
- De-escalation PD
- Right Response Training
- Functional Behavior Analysis and Behavior Plan Training
- School Psychologist Training on Evaluation processes

#### 2018-2019

- 7 behavior specialists
- Tiered Fidelity Inventory
- Expert Consultant in PBIS
- Safe Learning Walks
- Elementary SEB Classroom
   Improvement Plan
- Second Step PD
- SWIS (Data Based Decision Making)
- Identify Patterns in Eligibility (EBD and ID)

#### 2019-2020

- Practice Guidelines for EBD\* and ID\*\* Eligibility
- Eligibility Protocols
- Pre-Referral Considerations for teams
- Re-evaluation Considerations for Teams

#### 2020-2021

- Screening Protocols for early identification and intervention of mental health disabilities
- SEC (SEB) Program
   Implementation Guide
- SEL Resource Adoption

**Urban Collaborative Recommendations Addressed:** 



5 and 7: Update current evaluation and classification policies and practices to assure fidelity and decrease disproportionality of disciplinary actions for students with disabilities.



## **Social Emotional Learning Work**



#### Quality Program Indicators for Children with Emotional and Behavior Disorders

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MEASURED PROGRESS

pecial education professionals today find themselves challenged in new ways as they strive to provide effective programming for children with emotional and behavior disorders (EBD) in public schools. Factors contributing to



ELEM. SEB Program Improvement Planning

- PBIS PD/Coaching with outside consultants in 30 schools
- **Behavior Specialists** (7 total) in 4<sup>th</sup> school rotation (6-week rotations)
- Second Step Partnership with CHI Franciscan
- Integration of Synergy (Student Information System) with SWIS
- Para-Educator Training on behavior management and de-escalation strategies.





## **Access and Achievement**

**Goal:** Increase academic achievement for all scholars with disabilities by ensuring access to the GVC, standards aligned IEPs, standards based specially designed instruction, the use of high leverage practices, and collaborative data-based decision making.

#### **STEPS TAKEN**

- Summer Sped Summit
   Big Ideas in Special Education
   High Leverage Practices
   Specially Designed Instruction
   Measurable Goals and Objectives
- Special Education Standards Based Instruction Facilitator
- Supplemental Math Resource Pilot
- Goalbook Implementation Proposal
- Curriculum Guide Writing Team Collaboration

#### 2018-19

- Specially Designed Instruction Guide
- Accommodations & Modifications PD\*
- Math Resource Adoption
- ELA Resource Pilot Recommendations
- Teacher PD\*
  - Standards Based IEPs & Access to the GVC – (Goalbook)
- Phonics Work Group (TFL)
- Transition Resources Guide

#### 2019-20

- Inclusive Practices Guide
- Core Curriculum Maps
- Accommodations & Modifications
   Guide with SBGR
- ELA Resource Pilot
- SEL\*\* Pilot Recommendations
- Grade Band Transitions Guide
- Collaborative Tools & Problem Solving Teams

#### 2020-2021

SEL\*\* Curriculum

Recommendations

#### **Urban Collaborative Recommendations Addressed:**



4, 6, 8, 9, 10 & 12: Increase academic achievement for students with disabilities through district systems, including Multitiered Systems of Support (MTSS), making individualized data based decisions regarding specially designed instruction and programing that result in increased access to the general education curriculum.

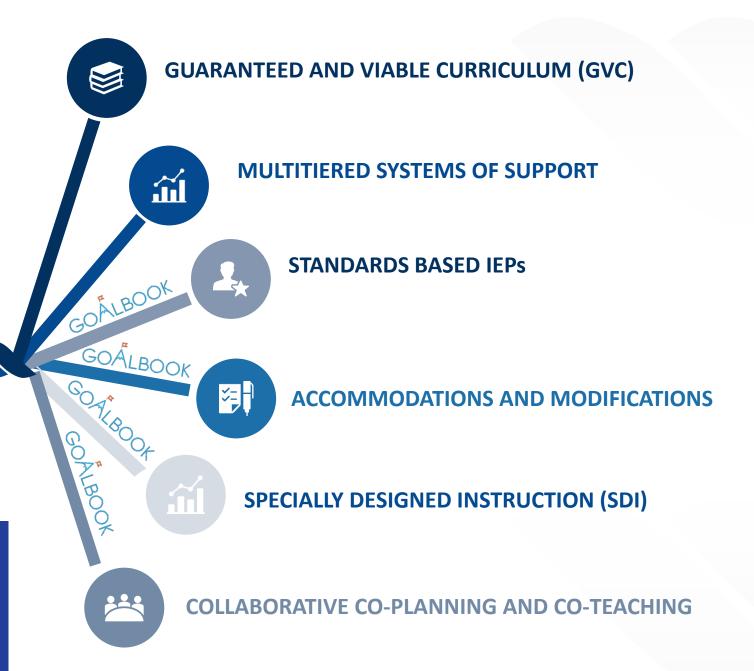


# Standards Based IEPs and Access to the GVC Implementation Planning

**Access and Achievement** 

Goal: Increase access to the Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum (GVC) and academic achievement for all scholars with disabilities by ensuring standards aligned IEPs, standards based specially designed instruction, the use of high leverage practices, explicit instruction and collaborative data-based decision making.





## In order to increase access to and achievement in the Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum all SSS service providers will:

#### **DESIGN DEVELOP COLLABORATE DELIVER** Collaborate with Collaborate with Develop rigorous, Deliver high general education General standards quality, teachers to design Education aligned, standards instructional teachers to measurable IEP aligned & strategies and develop and goals develop resources individualized provide high that will increase specially scholar access to and quality designed increased individualized instruction achievement in the accommodations Guaranteed and and modifications Viable Curriculum

