# Cleveland School District Department of Curriculum and Instruction Strategic Plan 2020-2026



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## **Executive Summary**

Located in Cleveland, MS, the Cleveland School District serves about 3,300 students in grades pre-Kindergarten to twelve. The district is currently a C rated school district, and consists of 10 campuses: Bell Academy, D.M. Smith Elementary, Hays Cooper Center, H.M. Nailor, Parks Elementary, Pearman Elementary, Cleveland Central Middle School, Cleveland Central High School, Cleveland Career Development and Technology Center, and Walter Robinson Achievement Center.

#### **Process**

During the fall and spring of the 2019-2020 school year, the superintendent led the district administrative team in over 40 hours of district strategic planning. In addition to drafting the district strategic plan, the superintendent also trained the team to lead their school teams in subsequent school level strategic planning. The department of curriculum and instruction will work with the superintendent, deputy superintendent, and school administrators in creating the strategic plan for the 2020-2025 school year.

# **Accountability for Implementation**

- Quarterly reviews of the strategic plan
- Monitoring of plan implementation by Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Curriculum Director, and Instructional Coaches
  - ❖ Monthly status reports submitted to the Board of Trustees
    - Integrity checks to gauge progression
    - Review, revise, and modify as needed
      - ❖ Document changes

### STRATEGIC PLAN

#### **Vision**

To develop a community of lifelong learners who are productive citizens that engage in studies that will enable them to creatively and effectively learn and apply information.

#### **Mission**

To improve the quality of instruction and student learning in order to empower all to learn, create, contribute, and grow.

#### **Fundamentals**

Data \* Planning \* Questioning \* Feedback \* Relationships \* Management \* Content Knowledge.

#### **Values**

#### Growth Mindset

\*Learning is a continuous process. \*Welcoming of persistent effort and practices leads to improvement \* Understanding the importance commitment and consistency in achievement \*Mistakes and failure are opportunities for growth\*

#### Equity

Collaborative team effort in pursuit of goals \* Respectful and professional interactions \* Acceptance of different viewpoints \*Build relationships\* Maintain high resiliency

#### Positive Culture

\*Shared vision and mission \*Develop positive relationships \*Celebrate successes among members of the organization \*Supportive environment

#### Accountability

Provide clear expectations about outcomes \* Clarify roles and responsibilities \*Ensure individual's capability to achieve task \*Ensure clear measurement of performance \*Ensure objective, honest feedback, consequences, and milestones

#### <u>Critical Success Factors</u>

- ❖ Alignment of curriculum throughout the system
- ♦ Long range planning and implementation process
- Effective programs and partnerships
- ❖ Motivated and highly qualified staff
- Ongoing quality and professional learning
- **❖** Build teacher capacity
- Student growth and achievement
- Equity and access for all students

<u>Goal 1</u>: To focus organizational efforts and align resources to close achievement gaps and ensure all students are college or work ready.

<u>Synopsis</u>: Department of Curriculum and Instruction will serve and support stakeholders in planning and development of curriculum and professional development activities to support the overall achievement of students and the Cleveland School District.

#### **Supporting Objectives**:

- Complete a curriculum audit to determine the effectiveness and usage of resources that support student achievement.
- Aligned professional development that promotes teacher effectiveness and student learning.
- Create a system for students that promotes college and career readiness.

*Goal Managers:* Dr. Otha Belcher, Ms. Shannon Thompson, Instructional Coaches

<u>Supporting Objective 1a</u>: Complete a curriculum audit to determine the effectiveness and usage of resources that support student achievement.

Task	Persons Responsible	Timeline
Review of related policies	Mrs. McCarty	Yearly
	Ms. Thompson	
Review and revise IMS	Ms. Thompson	Yearly
	Instructional Coaches	
Review and align curriculum documents and	Ms. Thompson	Yearly
pacing guides	Instructional Coaches	_
Ensure all textbooks are related to current subject area	Ms. Thompson	Yearly
standards	Instructional Coaches	_
Ensure all computer-based programs are aligned with	Ms. Thompson	Yearly
current academic focuses.	Instructional Coaches	

	Mrs. McCarty Dr. Harris	
	Mrs. Brinkley	
Create a systematic process for selecting and retiring	Ms. Thompson	August
textbooks and instructional resources.	Instructional Coaches	2020
	Mrs. McCarty	
	Mrs. Brinkley	
	Administrators	

# <u>Supporting Objective 1b:</u> Aligned professional development that promotes teacher effectiveness and student learning.

Task	Persons Responsible	Timeline
Review of related policies	Mrs. McCarty	Yearly
	Ms. Thompson	
Review and revise PD budget	Ms. Thompson	May
	Mrs. Cociclova	2020
Review and revise PD plan	Ms. Thompson	May
		2020
Review Student Assessment Data	Ms. Thompson	June
		2020
Review Teacher Growth Rubric Scores	Ms. Thompson	July
		2020
Develop and disseminate professional	Ms. Thompson	July
development needs assessment to teachers	Instructional Coaches	2020
Develop and implement a system for planning,	Ms. Thompson	July 2020
implementing, and evaluating professional	Instructional Coaches	
development		

# <u>Supporting Objective 1c</u>: Create a system for students that creates college and career readiness.

Task	Persons Responsible	Timeline
Develop an ACT focus for middle school and	Ms. Thompson	2020-2025
high school	Instructional Coaches	
	Administrators	
Collaborate with DSU, MDCC, and MVSU to	Dr. Belcher	2020-2023
offer more opportunities for Dual Credit and	Mrs. McCarty	Ongoing
Dual Enrollment Classes	Ms. Thompson	
	Mr. Foster	
Collaborate with MDE, Business & Industry to	Dr. Belcher	2020-2025
implement Career Academies	Mrs. McCarty	
	Ms. Thompson	

Mrs. Mitchell	
Mr. Foster	

<u>Goal 2</u>: Recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and administrators that will lead schools that are safe orderly and high achieving.

<u>Synopsis</u>: Department of Curriculum and Instruction will create systems to recruit, develop, retain and advance highly qualified teachers and administrators within the Cleveland School District.

#### **Supporting Objectives**:

- Provide high quality mentorship program to promote teachers and administrators
- Develop and implement a program to career advancement
- Develop an ongoing systematic process for recruitment

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<u>Supporting Objective 2a:</u> Provide high quality mentorship program to promote teachers and administrators

Task	Persons Responsible	Timeline
Develop Teacher Academy	Ms. Thompson Instructional Coaches	2020-2021
Execute Teacher Academy	Ms. Thompson Instructional Coaches	Yearly
Develop Teacher Mentor program	Ms. Thompson Administrators	2020-2021
Execute Teacher Mentor program	Ms. Thompson Administrators	Yearly

#### **Supporting Objective 2b:** Develop and implement a program to career advancement.

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Task	Persons Responsible	Timeline
Build relationships with universities to assist	Ms. Thompson	Ongoing
with certifications and test prep	Instructional Coaches	
Develop professional development series	Ms. Thompson	2020-2021
aligned to career advancement opportunities	Instructional Coaches	
Execute professional development series	Ms. Thompson	2021-2025
aligned to career advancement opportunities	Instructional Coaches	

# <u>Supporting Objective 2c:</u> Develop an ongoing systematic process for recruitment

Task	Persons Responsible	Timeline
Develop and execute district intern program	Ms. Thompson	Ongoing