

## **March SAC Meeting - Thursday 3/19, 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**

Attendees: Tony Karr, Hannah Ditto, Brian Schneider, Steph Carlson, Julie Baltes

### **USIP Adjustments if Any (USIP due 4/15)**

Overall, our USIP is unchanged from the prior year to promote consistency of focus. The only reason it would change would be if results necessitated.

There is a significant correlation between attendance above 93% and the significant improvements in Math and English results between terms (as measured by the screener tests). Overall, Holmes is showing improvement from the last screener test in all groups for both math and english test results, but particularly in the groups where attendance is higher.

Current Holmes stats, as of 2/19:

Above 93% attendance, 350 students, 64%

Below 93% attendance, 200 students, 36%

This is still significantly below where attendance was last year, given the pandemic and challenges with remote attendance.

### **5E - Five Essentials Survey Results**

Recently, the district sent out a survey to students, parents, and staff around the Five Essentials study as it relates to Holmes.

Research done out of UIC shows that 5 essential principles which are the hallmarks of schools which have high student success rates:

Effective Leaders

Collaborative Teachers

Ambitious Instruction

Supportive Environment

Involved Families

More information on this study here:

<https://uchicagoimpact.org/our-offerings/5essentials>

At minimum we want to see 3 of the 5 metrics at 4 or higher on a scale of 1-5, where 5 is the highest. We administered this survey to staff and students last year and one of the takeaways was the importance of program coherence, a metric under "Effective Leaders" and this has informed our USIP focus consistency.

### **Family Involvement: Feats of Elevation**

We will be rolling out a new program for family involvement that will give parents a track to get more engaged in the student experience.

Parents will have the opportunity to earn elevation points to hit specific benchmarks for volunteer achievement. At each benchmark there will be an incentive of some kind. We discussed incentive ideas, program feedback and FAQ, program start time and approach. A letter with more details will be sent shortly.

### **Spring CMAS Testing**

The full set of state assessment tests will be administered in the upcoming weeks. The window to do so is April 12 - May 15. Holmes will administer April 19-23.

It's possible that the state of Colorado may reduce the number of tests required to instead give only specific topics to specific grades, however this has yet to be approved. At present we are planning to administer the full suite.