

### Future Ready for All 2021 - 2022 Goals

End-of-Year Update June 2022

# **Mission & Vision**

### MISSION

Norwalk Public Schools provides an excellent and equitable education so ALL students graduate future ready as civically responsible, globally engaged and positive contributors to an ever-changing and diverse world.

### VISION

Norwalk Public Schools is building a more equitable and just world where each and every Norwalk student is prepared for all aspects of life.



2021-22 NPS Goals

# **10 Core Values**

#### STUDENT POTENTIAL

We provide access, opportUnities and sUpport so that all stUdents can meet their promise and potential.

#### EQUITY

We ensure that each and every student in every neighborhood has access, opportUnity, support and encouragement to excel in all current and future endeavors.

#### **DIVERSITY & INCLUSION**

We embrace and nurture a diverse and inclusive community with individuals representing a variety of backgrounds, experiences and perspectives.

#### OUR PEOPLE

We support all our faculty and staff through investing in learning, developing a trusting professional culture and celebration success.

### CREATIVITY & INNOVATION

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VALUES

We seek out new solutions in creative and flexible weys to prepare ALL students for an ever-changing future.

#### EXCELLENCE

We strive for the highest level of achievement for our schools, students, staff and community.

#### RELATIONSHIPS

We faster constructive and meaningful connections among students, between students and educators, and with the larger school community.

#### INTEGRITY

We are honest, transparent, fiscally responsible and committed to doing our best for ALL our students, families and community.

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We work collaboratively with families and community partners to coordinate learning opportUnities, experiences and wraparoUnd support for ALL students.

#### CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

We pursue improvement through reflection and disciplined use of data and evidence in all we do.







### **5 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES**

### **FUTURE READINESS**

Prepare all students so they are ready for further education, career and workplace opportunities, and globally engaged leadership.

### EQUITY

Ensure equitable opportunities, facilities, experiences and outcomes for all students.

### EXCELLENCE

Achieve excellence in all aspects of our organization through effective systems, modern learning environments and continuous improvement processes.

### ENGAGEMENT

Ensure all children, families, team members and the community are informed, are involved and feel welcome in our schools.

### **HIGH-QUALITY INSTRUCTION & SUPPORT**

Foster relevant and intellectually stimulating learning with targeted supports that produce social, emotional and academic growth.

# 2021-22 Goals

**Goal 1:** NPS will strengthen individualized student success plans.

**Goal 2:** The Business and Operations Department, in consultation with Finance, will develop a three-to-five-year facilities plan, inclusive of annual building-based facilities plans and score boards, in conjunction with the city's capital budget and five-year capital plan.

**Goal 3:** The Human Resources, Finance, and Business and Operations Departments will have evaluated and streamlined their respective departments.

**Goal 4:** NPS will cultivate instructional leadership in all school buildings.

**Goal 5:** NPS will develop and/or refine our instructional programming options to increase opportunities for students and to ensure all students have access to high quality instruction and support.

**Goal 6:** We will ensure families are provided with equitable opportunities to access district resources and programs.





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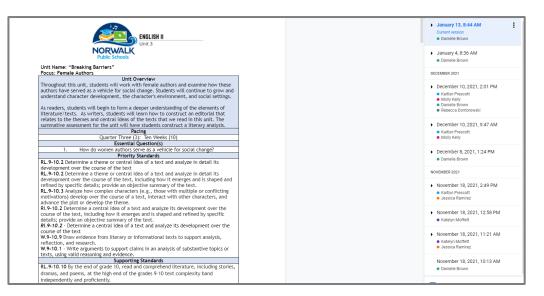


# Redesign K-12 Curricula Maps

Redesign K-12 Curricula Map to fully integrate all learners, incorporate healthy social-emotional boundary practices, and achieve consistent implementation across schools and grades through a districtwide assessment system.

Redesigned:

- K-11 Literacy units
- K-12 Core Science units
- K-12 Core Math units





## **Consistent Implementation Across Schools**

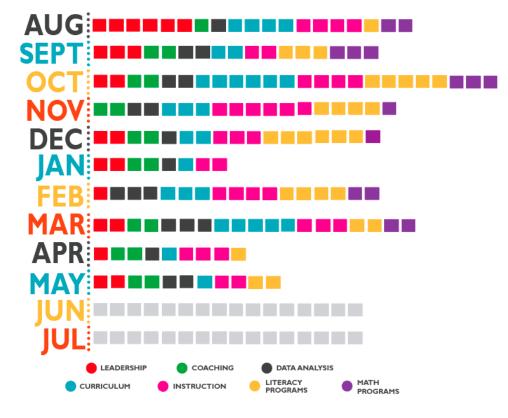
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### **NPS Curricula Corner**

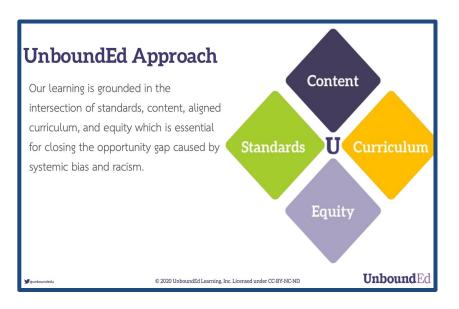




# Standards/Equity Professional Development

### Grades K-5 and 6-12 ELA, Grades K-5 and 6-12 Math, and Leadership Pathway

- Examined the critical role that educator beliefs play in literacy equity.
- Discussed the impact of unconscious bias on student access to grade-level content in both literacy and math.
- Focused on leveraging instructional decisions and strategies to help all students access grade-level ELA and math content during and after the COVID-19.



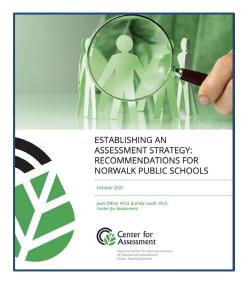




### Create a Districtwide Assessment System

- Developed an assessment strategy
- Implemented common formative & summative assessments in both literacy an math

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Type of Assessment	Purpose & Protocol	Grades K-2	Grade 5	Grades 4-5	Grades 6-8	High School
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Universal Screener: Multiple Content Areas		Kindergarten Entrance Inventory (KEI 1x/year)				
Benchmark Assessment: Literacy Benchmark Assessment: Mathematics	To measure progress towards the standards and gather data to inform instructional decision making.		Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs)	Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs)	Interim Assessment Blocks (IABs)	PSAT (2x/year)
T Assessment: AS Links	For schools and districts to support initial identification of language learners and to promote proper placement in instructional programs for newly enrolled students.	Jan. 3- March 4 (1x/year)	Jan. 3- March 4 (1x/year)	Jan. 3- March 4 (1x/year)	Jan. 3- March 4 (1x/year)	Jan. 3- March 4 (1x/year)
T Assessments: BAC/NGSS/CTAA/ TAS/PSAT/ AT/AP Exams	The goal is to provide parents, teachers, and policymakers with better tools to monitor students, helping them succeed, thrive, and to increase student learning.		May - (1x/year)	May - (1x/year)	May - (1x/year)	AP Exams -(1x/year)
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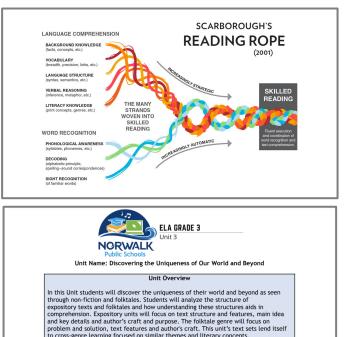
### Adding and Subtracting within 100: End-of-Unit Assessment

- 1. Select 3 expressions whose value is 75.
  - A. 35 + 20
  - B. 85 10
  - C. 7 + 50
- D. 45 + 30
- E. 95 20



## Implement K-5 Reading Curricula and Develop Teacher Professional Capacity

- Provided consistent and coherent professional development offerings in Wonders.
- Cohort I (31) and cohort II (37) completed the first year of LETRS training, starting Cohort III.



In writing, students will have multiple opportunities for oral discourse followed with written responses to text to demonstrate their understanding. Students will also engage effectively in a range of collaborative discussions about the author's text feature choices to build on their own understanding which will then be applied to the end of the unit written task.

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Weeks 1 & 2:
Genre 1: Expository

    text structure continued from Units 1 and 2

    main idea/key details continued from Unit 1

Weeks 3 & 4:
Genre 2: Folktale

    character, setting, plot continued from Unit 1

Week 5:
Teachers have the option to omit Wonders Week 5 in favor of the Schoolwide Writing
Grade 3 Animals Adapt F-Unit. This unit's texts and lessons allow for continued
opportunity for students to meet unit literacy objectives while building additional
content knowledge to support the end of unit task
As a summative assessment of learning in Unit 3, students will create an All About
Animals book that focuses on the unique characteristics of a set of individually chosen
animals using the Schoolwide Nonfiction Writing Unit for Grade 3. Students will
practice research skills, develop a topic with facts and relevant details, implement
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effective techniques of nonfiction writing with a focus on text structure and features.

and utilize content-specific vocabulary.



# Implement K-5 Reading Curricula and Develop Teacher Professional Capacity

### Training in:

- OG and Lindamood Bell Methodologies
- **PAF Training:** Windward Teacher Training School
- Writing Revolution: Districtwide training for SpEd middle school teachers
- **SPIRE:** Districtwide training elementary teacher training









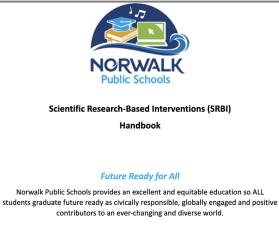
Accuracy

- Fluency
- Comprehension
- Handwriting
- Spelling

## **Refine SRBI Programs**

- Continual, monthly, Professional Development offerings to all improvement teachers
- Creation of the SRBI handbook
- Developed systematic structures for SRBI







## Enhance Gifted & Talented Programs

- Provided professional development and planning for new GT pathway offerings.
- Pilots include Medical Detectives, Advanced Theater Arts, STEAM and Marine Biology.









# **Specialized Learning**

- Creation of a workload/caseload formula to support appropriate resource teacher staffing
- Held quality IEP training for all special education and related service staff
- Expansion of Specialized Programs: co-teaching model, Project Search at the Hospital, and NEST to PINE





## **Specialized Learning**

Priorities	A	ctions steps
Collaborative Structures	Identified integrated instructional decision-making teams at the district level in teaching and learning	Created guidance for special education services to support placement discussions at the IEP team level
Process and Systems	Implemented SRBI in all K-8 Schools	Special education process and services are infused within the SRBI process
Staffing	Updated special education supervisor job description Reviewed special education teachers' job description for the presence of collaboration and equity	Reviewed exit interview data for special education, related services, and student services staff
Teaching and Learning	Examined the IEP's of students to look at services with a focus on inclusive practices (push-in rather than pull- out, co-taught class rather than pull- out services). The goal is to serve more students in an inclusive environment.	Provided three full-day professional development offerings were provided throughout the year.
Family Engagement	Provided parent satisfaction surveys to look for trends and areas of strengths and improvement.	Targeted Latinx and other families of color with a focus on building advocacy and leadership.



## **Develop and Refine Diversified Programs**

- Expansion of Themes: Three schools were selected to become IB schools (Naramake, Nathan Hale and Roton)
- Expansion of the STEAM Pathway at Ponus
- Selected a pathway for the new South Norwalk School
- Expansion of dual-language programs







### **Develop Holistic Educational Processes**

- LGBTQ+ training for all secondary school teachers.
- Launched Second Step district-wide (Year 1).
- Expanded partnerships with Mid-Fairfield Child Guidance and the Norwalk Community Health Center.









### **Develop Holistic Educational Processes**

- Implemented the Wingman Youth Leadership Program in our high schools.
- Started a partnership with mental health providers and the City of Norwalk
   Community Services to extend the level of care for our youth and families.





"The biggest impact it's going to have is feeling like we're heard, and it also creates a feeling of safety just knowing that we have input on what goes on in our school,"



### **Additional Accomplishments**

- Building themes for K-12 pathways.
- Updated Multilingual Learner program of study to have access to core curriculum.
- Updated the Summer MLL program to provide students access to curriculum.
- Integrated QTEL Strategies for scaffolding instruction.



# **Questions on Goal 1?**





### Goal 2:

The Business and Operations Department, in consultation with Finance, will develop a three-to-five-year facilities plan, inclusive of annual building-based facilities plans and score boards, in conjunction with the city's capital budget and five-year capital plan.



## **Develop a Multi-Year Facilities Plan**

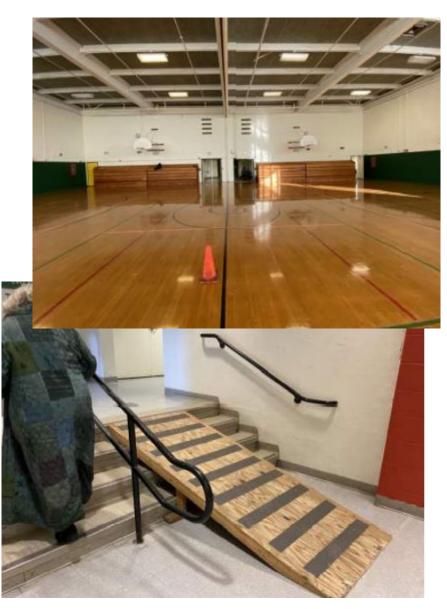
- Norwalk/P-TECH high schools projects: Design Phase
- The New Cranbury School project: Phase 1
- SoNo School
  - Meadow Street Ext. property acquired
  - Incubation at Concord Street facility with enrollment of 2 pre-school and 4 Kindergarten classes from SoNo neighborhood families





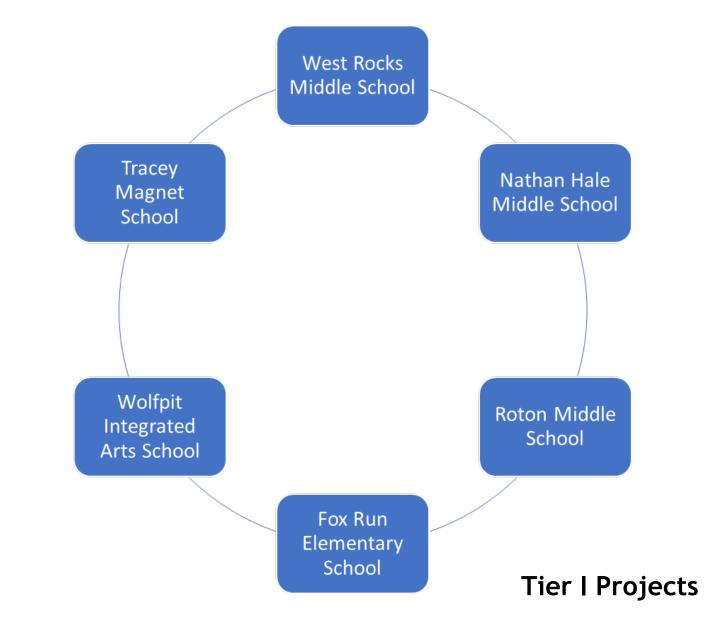
### Align the Facilities Plan and Capital Plan

- Recommend to "renovate as new" West Rocks Middle
   School and begin planning for Tier I projects
- Work with the City to maximize 60% reimbursement rate for the next 25 years
- Plan for Tier I schools project





## Align the Facilities Plan and Capital Plan



### **Create Annual Building-Based Facilities Plan**

Location	Average of ALL ATP Readings	Result
Norwalk Public Schools	23	Effective Cleaning
Client A	57	Needs Improvement
Client B	85	Ineffective Cleaning
Client C	1250	Ineffective Cleaning
Client D	19	Effective Cleaning
Client E	68	Needs Improvement

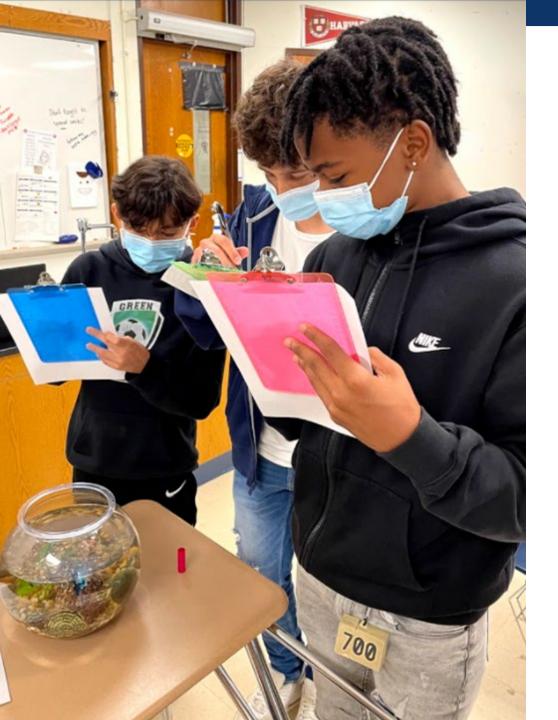
NPS scored in the Effective Cleaning range for sanitation.Each school has a scorecard using ISSA criteria.

Silver/Petrucelli and Associates Feasibility Study (2016). Outdoor spaces and the Newman/DLR Feasibility Study conducted in (2021). Tiered priorities for building projects were utilized to create a building specific needs assessment and recommended tiered priorities.



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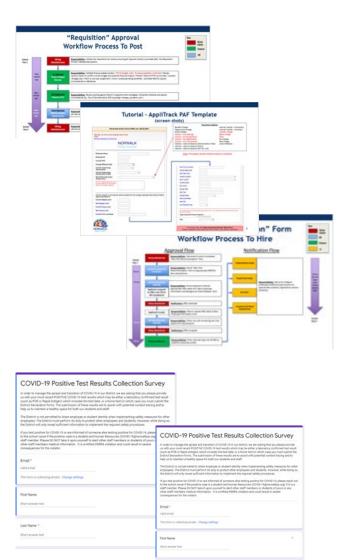


### Goal 3: The Human Resources, Finance, and Business and Operations Departments will have evaluated and streamlined their respective departments.



## Streamline & Enhance Processes

- Streamlined new position requisition and hiring approval process.
- Automated online Prior Program Approval and New Salary Advancement process.
- Rolled out NovaTime FMLA processing module
- Developed COVID-19 surveys to capture/report vaccination status, confidential test results and meet compliance requirements.
- Retirement benefits paid by ACH v. personal checks.



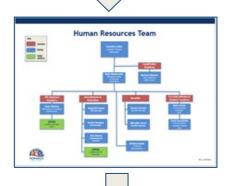


# **Implement HR Reorganization**

- Initiated an ongoing HR reorganization.
- Initially shifted resources to Benefits processing and COVID-19 legal compliance.
- Evolved organization to focus on inhouse legal counsel support, and build out of HR Generalists and Confidential Associates.
- Current organization design provides for enhanced client support and ensures solid succession planning in place.



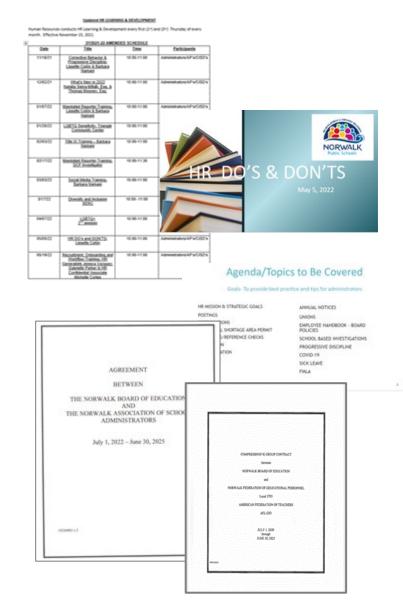






# Strengthen HR Legal Expertise & Support

- Rolled out finalized Employee Handbook to all staff.
- Conducted regular and ongoing employment-related training & communication.
- HR Do's and Don'ts
- Title IX
- LGBTQ+ sensitivity & awareness
- Negotiated new labor contracts





### Expand Recruitment & Marketing Plan

- Hosted 3 district-wide recruiting events
- Ongoing focus on expanded marketing campaign to include expanded social media presence, I-95 billboards, Metro North advertisements, News12 TV, City of Norwalk buses and a new recruiting brochure











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### Focus on Maximizing Staff Retention

- Expanded certified & noncertified training opportunities
- Rolled out non-certified staff performance evaluation programs

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### Develop & Implement HR-Related Leadership & Development

- Conducted 10 training & development sessions with Administrators
- Hosted "What's New On The Legal Landscape" (Facilitated by Shipman & Goodwin)
- Mandated reporter training
- Contractual negotiations: ways to avoid issues
- Re-build TEAM foundation to maximize completion of 2 modules by new teachers and provide expanded resources to support mentors
- Facilitated HR organization exercise for creating a highperforming team through enhanced communication norms



### Finance

### • Update Purchasing Policy

- Policy and implementation guidelines have been completed
- Redesign FY23 Budget Book
  - Draft budget book complete. Waiting budget approval and book publishing
- Automate Budget Transfer Requests
  - Signed agreement with MUNIS for upgrade. City/BOE testing team created. Testing is "live", final "go-live" September
- Redesign Monthly Financial Reports
  - New report format began January 2022, reports are now BOE website

### • Prepare a user friendly "Budget in Brief" document

- Will be published with FY23 Budget Book



### **Redesign Budget Book**

#### Norwalk Public Schools

#### **FY23 BUDGET**

#### WOLFPIT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal: Jacquelyn Aarons Address: 1 Starlight Drive, Norwalk, Connecticut 06851 Phone: 203-899-2980



#### About the School:

The school is named for the main street that borders it, but how did the street get this name? When the first Europeans settled in Norwalk around 1650, wolves were a constant danger to people and livestock. English settlers and Native Americans alike were entitled to bounties for trapping the wolves in "pits" within the town limits. The minutes of a town meeting in Sept., 1659, stated that everyone is allowed to build "wolfe pitts in convenient places." According to Norwalk Land Records, an area named "The Wolfe Pits" was first mentioned in 1768.

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Wolfpit School	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	APPROVED	REVISED	APPROVED	AMOUNT	%
Salaries	3,159,874	3,682,178	3,899,945	3,879,977	3,968,868	88,891	2.3%
Benefits	20,841	22,309	67,995	67,995	956,828	888,833	1307.2%
Professional & Technical Services	17,690	39,092	53,214	53,214	53,814	600	1.1%
Property Services	12,798	16,370	16,564	16,564	16,862	298	1.8%
Other Services	983	1,223	1,020	1,020	1,320	300	29.4%
Supplies & Materials	134,188	131,856	145,511	148,065	147,612	(453)	-0.3%
Equipment	2,570	27,038	1,500	5,218	1,500	(3,718)	-71.3%
Other Objects	350	350	600	600	600	-	0.0%
Sub Total	3,349,293	3,920,415	4,186,349	4,172,653	5,147,404	974,751	23.4%







### **Redesign Budget Book**

	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	FY22-23 VA	RIANCE
Plant And Operations	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	APPROVED	REVISED	APPROVED	AMOUNT	%
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Salaries	1,555,668	1,411,974	1,439,285	1,489,442	1,690,182	200,740	13.5%
Benefits				24,843	488,335	463,492	1865.7%
Professional & Technical Services	-	223,223	100,000	5,000	-	(5,000)	-100.0%
Property Services	4,165,962	4,662,021	5,052,798	5,118,307	5,815,968	697,661	13.6%
Other Services	37,337	42,754	51,420	39,668	54,360	14,692	37.0%
Supplies & Materials	-	-	-	9,400	251,475	242,075	2575.3%
Supplies & Materials	758,673	593,554	726,001	725,801	853,351	127,550	17.6%
Equipment	20,962	35,328	8,800	4,684	8,800	4,116	87.9%
Other Objects	542	213	1,600	1,600	4,000	2,400	150.0%
Sub Total	6,539,144	6,969,066	7,379,904	7,418,745	9,166,471	1,747,726	23.6%

	2020	2021	2022	2022	2023	FY22-23 VA	RIANCE
Transportation	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	APPROVED	REVISED	APPROVED	AMOUNT	%
Salaries	105,510	101,710	92,541	102,626	107,625	4,999	4.9%
Benefits					19,482	19,482	
Professional & Technical Services	13,773	26,678	15,258	40,698	25,643	(15,055)	-37.0%
Property Services	3,694	-	-	12,700	-	(12,700)	-100.0%
Other Services	8,222,967	6,163,687	7,097,193	6,858,130	6,757,164	(100,966)	-1.5%
Supplies & Materials	171,081	209,966	111,332	112,778	120,630	7,852	7.0%
Equipment	353,501	358,568	364,477	364,477	371,502	7,025	1.9%
	8,870,526	6,860,608	7,680,801	7,491,410	7,402,046	(89,364)	-1.2%



## **Redesign Budget Book**



This Meritorious Budget Award is presented to

### Norwalk Public Schools

for excellence in the preparation and issuance of its budget for the Fiscal Year 2022–23.

> The budget adheres to the principles and standards of ASBO International's Meritorious Budget Award criteria.



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Charles E. Peterson, Jr. MBA, PRSBA, SFO President

John D. Musso

John D. Musso, CAE, RSBA Executive Director

The Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO) presented a Meritorious Budget Award to Eagle County School District RE50J, Colorado for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

In order to receive these awards, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device.



**Government Finance Officers Association** 

### RECOGNITION FOR IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICES IN SCHOOL BUDGETING

Norwalk Public Schools For Fiscal Year Beginning June 30, 2023

Christophu P. Morrill

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/CEO

Recognition for Implementing the Best Practices in School Budgeting is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association to school districts demonstrating progress towards implementing GFOA's budget process guidelines. While the district's application for the award met some required elements, not all elements have been implemented. Implementing the Best Practices in School Budgeting process improvements are a significant, multi-year undertaking that require broad collaboration and support, which the district continues its work towards implementing these additional criteria.

Budget processes are evaluated based on a number of criteria that focus on alignment of resources towards student achievement focusing on collaboration, communication, and rigorous development, evaluation, and prioritization of strategies to achieve a district's goals and objectives. In addition, the criteria includes recommendations for conveying the results of this budget process through the budget presentation and also utilizing continuous improvement approaches to monitor outcomes.



### Finance: Redesign Monthly Reports

#### Norwalk Public Schools

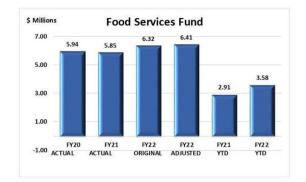
#### January 2022 Financial Report

			FOOD SERV	ICES				
	FY20 ACTUAL	FY21 ACTUAL	FY22 ORIGINAL	FY22 ADJUSTED	FY21 YTD	FY22 YTD	% BUDGET SPENT	YR OVER YR VARIANCE
Salaries	1,651,550	1,435,581	1,346,127	1,431,127	716,393	740,021	51.7%	3.3%
Benefits	544,746	585,070	619,016	619,016	267,840	262,421	42.4%	-2.0%
Professional & Technical Service	1,435,506	1,047,321	1,570,873	1,570,873	554,861	665,888	42.4%	20.0%
Property Services	101,652	120,768	130,118	140,270	48,063	101,604	72.4%	111.4%
Other Services	52,529	60,392	90,243	90,243	32,932	34,873	38.6%	5.9%
Supplies and Materials	2,133,065	2,553,490	2,492,305	2,482,153	1,280,848	1,767,627	71.2%	38.0%
Equipment	19,599	43,723	75,000	75,000	8,942	5,634	7.5%	-37.0%
Other Objects			200	200	-	-		
Food Services Fund	5,938,647	5,846,345	6,323,682	6,408,682	2,909,879	3,578,068	55.8%	23.0%

#### **Food Services Fund Expenditure Analysis**

The \$3.09 million FY22 year-to-date Food Services Fund expenses represent a 4.0% increase over the FY20-21 year-to-date expenses of \$2.61 million.

The increase is driven by reduced staffing in the current year following last year's staffing increases due to providing meals and managing tent sites during the partial shutdown. The district is also no longer serving weekend or holiday meals per state guidelines

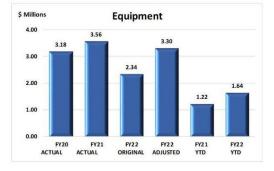




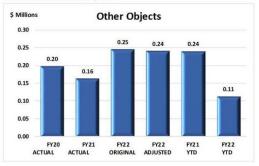
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The \$0.11 million FY22 year-to-date expenses represent a 52.8% decrease over the FY20-21 year-to-date expenses of \$0.24 million. The decrease is driven by one-time Covid related expense transfers that occurred last fiscal year.



#### **Other Objects**

Other Objects is used to classify transactions which are not recorded in any of the other expenditure categories but require budgetary or accounting control. Other Objects account for 0.1% of FY21-22 General Fund expense budget.

GRANTS & PROGRAMS								
	FY20 ACTUAL	FY21 ACTUAL	FY22 ORIGINAL	FY22 ADJUSTED	FY21 YTD	FY22 YTD	% BUDGET SPENT	YR OVER YR VARIANCE
Salaries	12,036,588	14,270,698	20,796,355	30,156,034	7,370,802	13,291,481	44.1%	80.3%
Benefits	1,829,016	2,403,448	2,951,082	5,479,917	-	-	0.0%	
Professional & Technical Service	3,007,915	3,395,506	2,917,557	5,522,925	1,288,217	1,873,387	33.9%	45.4%
Property Services	194	767,530	9,608	1,681,902	58,244	513,543	30.5%	
Other Services	5,698,156	5,535,055	6,121,181	6,032,348	2,428,640	2,784,321	46.2%	14.6%
Supplies and Materials	802,570	3,142,587	728,893	2,080,390	1,091,108	677,486	32.6%	-37.9%
Equipment	859,422	2,668,596	681,262	3,734,977	666,668	1,247,993	33.4%	87.2%
Other Objects	3,175	4,726	5,055	10,170	2,370	-	0.0%	-100.0%
Grants & Programs Fund	24,236,842	32,188,147	34,210,993	54,698,662	12,906,049	20,388,211	37.3%	58.0%



### Finance: Redesign Monthly Reports

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### Monthly Financial Reports

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Finance / Purchasing	January 2022 Monthly Report	2022-06-06
Meet the Team	February 2022 Monthly Report	2022-06-06
Monthly Financial	March 2022 Monthly Report	2022-06-06
Reports	April 2022 Monthly Report	2022-06-06
2022-23 Budget Documents		
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# School Safety & Security

Consistent Systems and Practices

- School Climate Specialist
- School Safety Plans per CT requirements
- Drills-SRP
- Monthly Meetings

District Safety Task Force

 Behavior Interventions and Expectations Guide



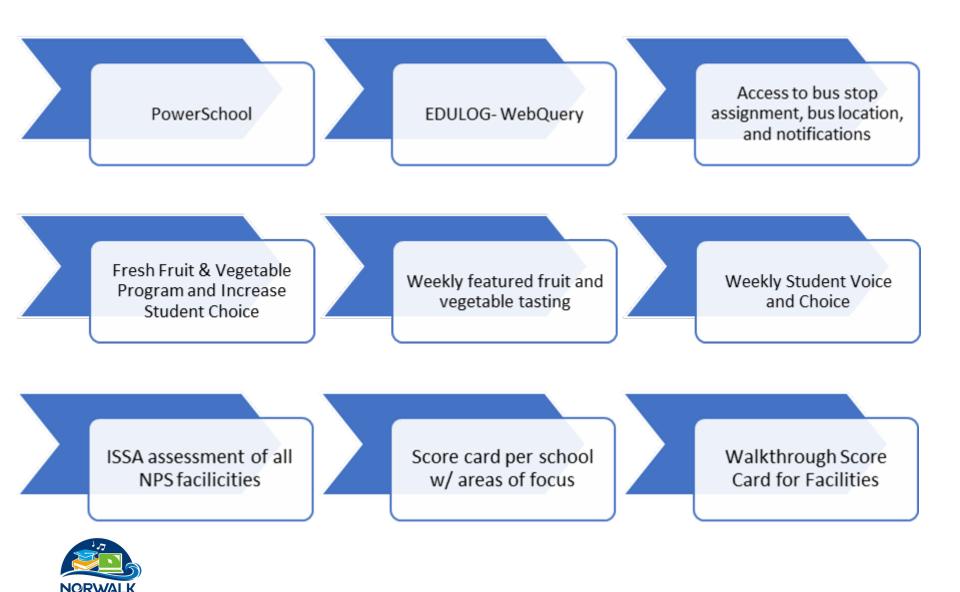
Funding for Enhanced School Safety

- Facilities security
  - $\circ$  cameras
  - leverage technology
- Efficient communications
  - $\circ$  Radios
  - Raptor
  - Gaggle/Linewize
- Staff training
  - Increase situational awareness
  - Revise safety plans, practice safety protocols

Action plan for allocation of approved Capital Funds



### **Business and Operations**



## **Additional Accomplishments**

### Transportation

- 98% on-time arrival
- EDULOG and WebQuery for improved communication

### **Food Services**

- CEP
- Student Voice and Choice
- Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Grant

### **Competitive Grants**

• 8 grants awarded (nearly 2 million dollars)

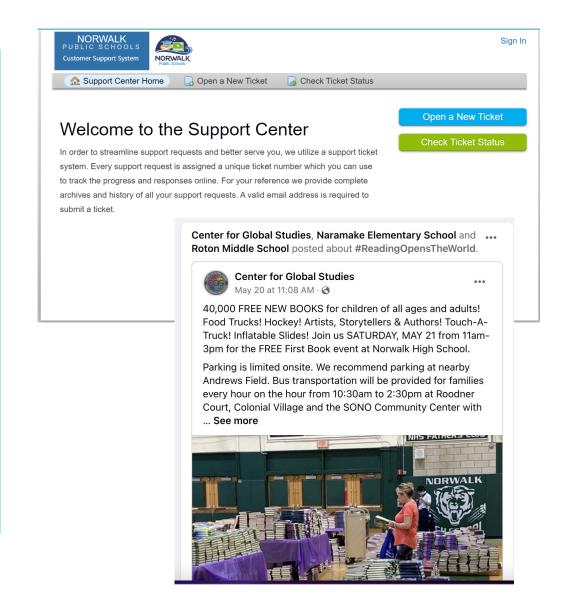
**Middle School Sports** 

Outdoor learning spaces in 6 locations



## Communications

- A new public ticketing system is in place and will be on the website this summer available for community members to request assistance
- Schools all have standardized Facebook and Twitter accounts

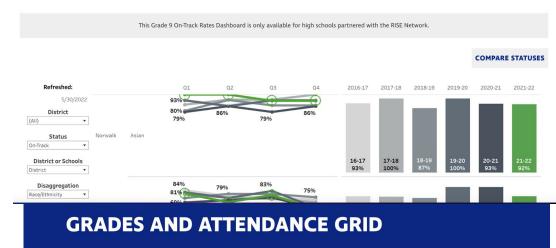


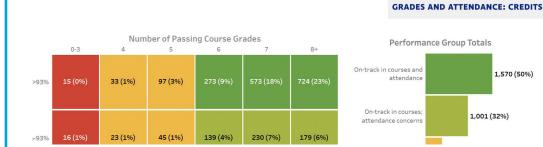


# **Research and Analytics**

- Partnered with RISE, Harvard and Norwalk ACTS to finalize our PK-12 results framework that will be integrated into our dashboard.
- High schools are working with RISE to implement freshman success teams focused on ensuring grade 9 students remain on track.
- Director of School Improvement is working with RISE to create key performance indicators and develop tools and protocols for use in elementary and middle schools

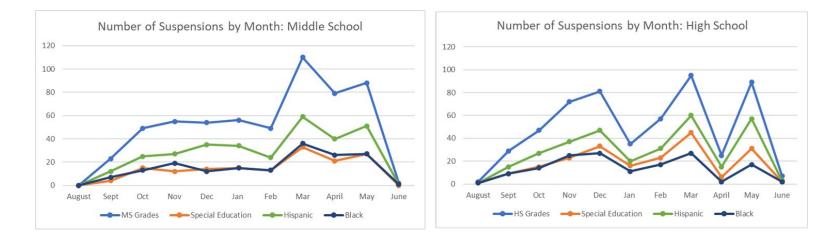
### **GRADE 9 ON-TRACK RATES SUMMARY**



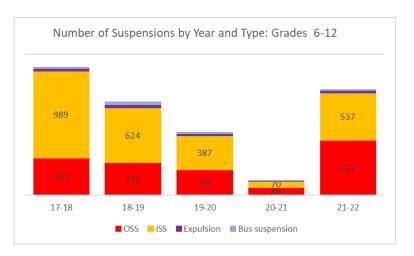




## **Research and Analytics**



- Weekly progress monitoring of key metrics across the district and among subgroups.
- Metrics focus on discipline, chronic absenteeism and middle/high school scholarship data.





# School Quality Review (SQR)

10 SQRs conducted: 3 high schools, 1 middle school, 1 K-8, and 5 elementary

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- Comprised of meetings with administration, teachers, students, families, and class visits
- Final SQR reports provided to all schools
- Area of Improvement was most often 2.2 Instruction at the Developing rating.
- Area of Celebration was most often 4.2 Positive School Learning Environment, rated as proficient.



What does a Manuaryk star student do? Manuaryk

Usten when others talk. 2) Be sole and records 1 !

3) Raise your hand/don't call out.

5) Don't give up! George 6) Ask for help. Allison P

7) Be a good friend

4) Work hard!



# **Questions on Goal 3?**

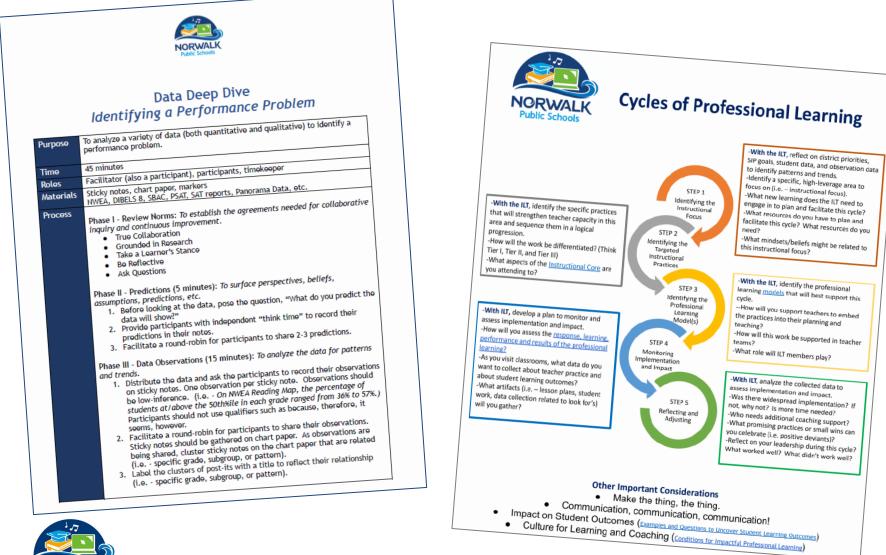




Goal 4: NPS will cultivate instructional leadership in all school buildings.



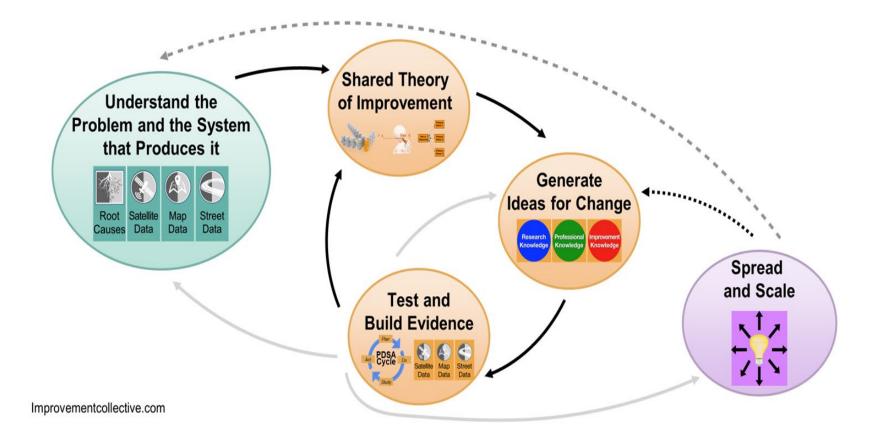
### **Professional Learning: Leaders**



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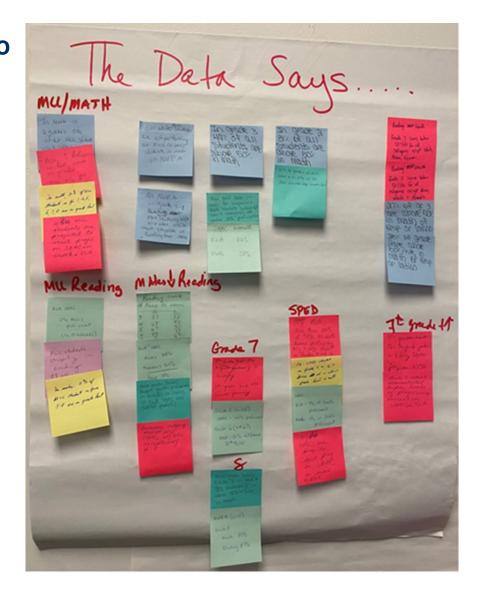
## **School Improvement Planning**





## **Cycles of Support**

# **Teachers Learn New Strategies to** Support Student Learning School Quality Review Cycle of Support Launch Weekly Collaboration Mid-cycle Visit Weekly Collaboration **End-cycle Visit**



## **Professional Learning: Coaches**

### Monthly Meetings and PLCs

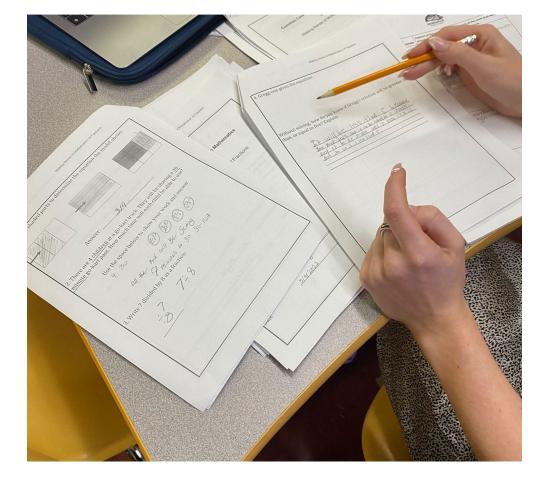
- Understand Adult Learning
- Lead Data-driven Instruction Cycles
- Facilitate Curriculum
   Unpacking Protocols
- Monitor Evidence of Impact on Improvement of Teacher Practice and Student Outcomes





## **Teacher Teams**

- Plan standards-based instruction
- Analyze student assessment data
- Look at student work
  - Adjust curricula and lesson plans
    Reflect and refine
  - Reflect and refine instructional practices
  - Identify supports and extensions for students
  - Help teachers to use data for instruction





# **Equity Teams**

Developed a problem of practice derived from disproportionality data

- Identified An Area of Focus using data: (Special Education, Gifted and Talented and Suspensions)
- Data conversations
- Developed Plan of Action with focus (PD, mindsets, structures)
- Implementation of Strategy
- Progress Monitoring





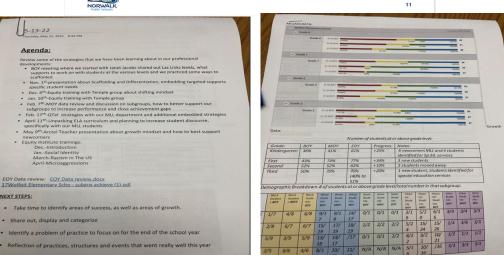
#### School Based Equity Team-Silvermine

- <u>Silvermine Equity Goal:</u> By June 2022, the composition of Multilingual Learners (MLLs) identified for the Gifted and Talented Program will increase from 4% in the spring of 2021 to 15% in 2022.
- Theory of Action: If all teachers engage in professional learning that broadens their perspectives on giftedness and addresses deficit thinking, then more students representative of our diverse population will be nominated and identified for the Gifted and Talented Program.

#### Silvermine 12/8/21

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 Read aloud the vision statement: <u>Team Vision</u>: We are an equity leadership team who believes that all students have a right to access high quality learning experiences throughout the day, including during our <u>Tier</u> 1 instructional time, as well as during enrichment and intervention blocks. We work collaboratively and with open minds so that we can have critical conversations about disproportionality and take action to disrupt the status quo that is holding our students of color back from achieving their maximum potential.

- Clear identified roles
- Review old business: Frame the work of the team (technical and adaptive) focus on changing mindset. Are we
  doing one or the other or both?
- Action items updates: process elements of the GBT program and identifying the gaps (communication w) bilingual meeting for parents to let them know what they do and how their s receive enrichment, communication to all students about what the program is-all students have multiple intelligences, communication on expansion of the program to all the families.
- Double percentage of MLLs identified from spring to the fall, 33% in talent development are MLLS. Goals is 9% and on track to surpass goals especially with all the recommendations
- Traits of giftedness in MLL and bilingual students prioritized as a result of PD support an surveys
- New business share opinions and recommendations from the LT wants to focus on flesh out 4th and 5th grade Scholars enrichment program (before and after school program fun



Start to generate ideas for our School Improvement Plan for 2022-2023

## **Additional Accomplishments**

### Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)

• Facilitated PLC visits so that each principal and assistant principal hosted two PLC visits.

### Alignment and Coherence

• Served as liaisons to other central office departments to ensure necessary services and supports are provided to schools.

### **Advisory Councils**

• Launched Principal and Assistant Principal Advisory Councils to gather feedback and plan for the 2022-2023 school year.



# **Questions on Goal 4?**





Goal 5: NPS will develop and/or refine our instructional programming options to increase opportunities for students and to ensure all students have access to high quality instruction and support.

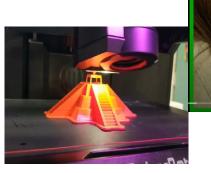


# **STEAM Learning**

- Established a District K-8 STEAM Team of Digital learning coaches and teachers to:
  - Develop a shared vision aligned to design thinking
  - Surveyed all sites to gather current STEAM experiences
  - Ground and leverage the grade level science units of study to design coherent STEAM experiences with teacher teams
- STEM22 Showcase!
  - YouTube Channel
  - Elementary and Secondary Showcases
  - Newsletter distribution



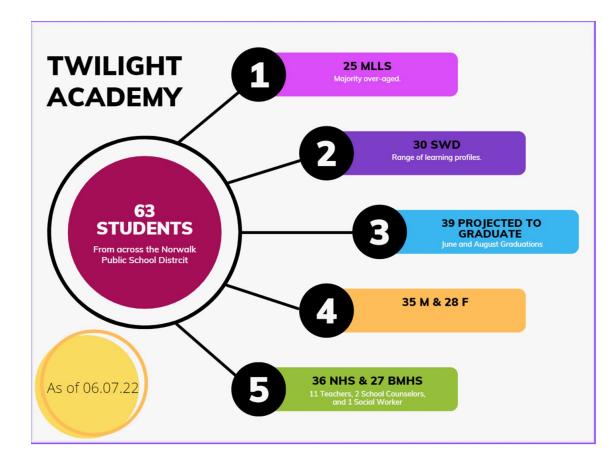






## Implement Virtual Academy and Refine Twilight Academy

- Twilight and Virtual Academy will be part of our alternative programs and combine resources in the 2022-23 school year.
- Combining the two programs offers more options for our scholars.
- Currently hiring staff and recruiting students.





## Implement Virtual Academy & Refine Twilight Academy





## **Arts Pathway**

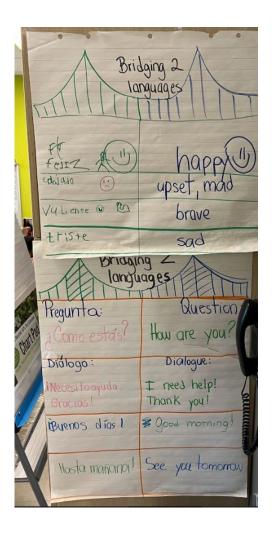
- Dance teacher hired and expanded curriculum to include a dance special for all students K-5.
- STEAM, Digital Arts and Coding are taught through the Library Media Services
- Transportation will be available for all students
- Expanded instrument offerings for students across K-5, with the addition of the strings program in grades K-2 the first program of its kind in the district.

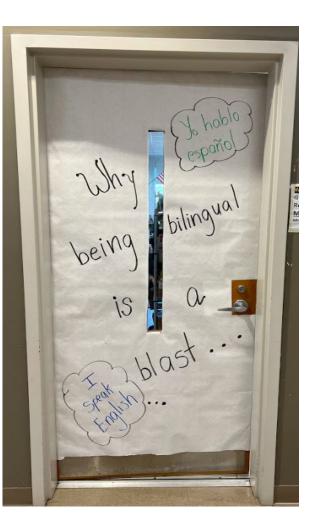




### **Bilingual/Dual Language**

Increase access and service programs for English language acquisition for Multilingual Learners and ensure all students are receiving high quality instruction and support.







### Increase Dual Language Programs

2022-2023 Dual Language Programs					
School	Grade Levels	DL Program	Future Planning		
Brookside	Kindergarten Grade 4	Two-Way DL Program One-Way DL Program	Supporting Bilingual Teachers with implementation of 50/50 Model		
Jefferson	Grades K, 1, 2 Classrooms	Two-Way DL Program	Supporting Bilingual Teachers with 50/50 Model Content		
Silvermine	Grades K-5	Two-Way DL Program	Supporting New Arrivals		
West Rocks Middle School	Offered in Grades 6-8	Two-Way DL Program	Supporting West Rock with the increase of students in DL program		



## **Additional Accomplishments**

### **Verizon Innovation Labs**

 Three Schools will be integrating labs to enhance our STEM initiatives and teach subjects such as Artificial Intelligence and Robotics

### **Internet Access for Families**

• We are receiving E-Rate funds to continue offering students in need of internet access at home a free broadband connection

### Expansion of Staffing to Support "Future Ready" Skills

• Every school will have a certified Library Media Specialist in the 22-23 school year. These positions will work directly with the students as well as support the classroom teachers in integrating our future ready skills curriculum (e.g. digital citizenship and research skills)



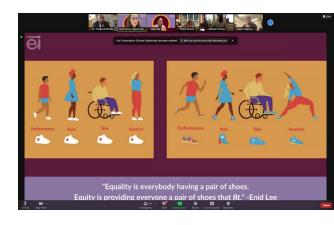
## Equity Structures (Equity Ambassadors)

The Equity Institute: Developed an understanding of educational equity and antiracism and their impact on learners' academic and social-emotional development.

- Comprised of teachers, guidance counselors, social workers, assistant principals, and principals.
- Topics focused on: Defining Equity, Social Identity, Microaggressions/Implicit Bias, and Racism 101.
- Developing an action plan for how to implement more examples of critical discussions about, race, racism, and power into the curriculum with short-and long-term actions.









### **Ambassador Data**

SESSION

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TRAINING

PARTICIPANTS

98

85

95

86

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SURVEY

RESPONSES

83

57

61

47

### WHO IS IN THE ROOM?

Stakeholders throughout Norwalk District were invited to four essential sessions of El's Equity Lab - The Basics. This consisted of a holistic make up of the district including educators, staff members in various roles, and administration.

The intersectionality of participants was critical to catalyzing action at all levels of leadership withir Stake from thoug reflect

to tatayang action at a reverse of within the district, from practice. Stakeholders built relationships a from multiple perspectives, and thought-provoking conversations reflection.	e to policy. and learned engaged in		0ther 12.4%		Teacher 56.6%
STATEMENT	SESSION 1	SESSION 2	SESSION 3	SESSION 4	
This session taught me something that I can apply to my work/life.	93%	97%	97%	90%	
This session helped me learn new DEIA concepts.	98%	98%	94%	92%	
This session helped me realize the importance of concepts reviewed.	96%	95%	96%	94%	

Table 1. Percentage of participants who agree with each statement.



### WHERE AM I? ACTIVITY

EDUCATIONAL EQUITY SELF-ASSESSMENT



BEGINNING	DEVELOPING	TAKING ACT
"Please note that no matter where you self-select.	his is a continuous learning process.	

At the end of each session, participants were asked to self-identify where they feel they are in the Educational Equity Spectrum. Below you will find significant differences highlighted in the total percentages of participants who identified being in the category aligned with each number from 1-7 from the first session to the last one. In categories 2 and 4, there were slight increases whereas categories 6 and 7 show decreases. This shows that participants who initially believed they were actively working on a systems-level realized they are earlier in the spectrum and have additional work to do before creating systemic change, such as having common language throughout the district and engaging in discussions with diverse groups of people. It also demonstrates how perspectives shifted after learning from the four sessions and gives leaders an idea of where the overall community feels they are in their journey towards educational equity.



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### TAKEAWAYS WHAT PARTICIPANTS LEARNED FROM SESSIONS



## Ambassador Data (cont'd)

### INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS

#### ACTIONS PARTICIPANTS WILL TAKE TO SUSTAIN WORK

Participants were asked to state how they plan to take individual action to continue sustaining the work in their district. Survey takers responded with 86% agreement that they would use the active strategies from the training in the classroom or school. Below are the themes that surfaced and direct quotes from the community.



FEEDBACK

We need to spend more time as a district

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equitable, antiracist spaces. Here are the recommendations that emerged:

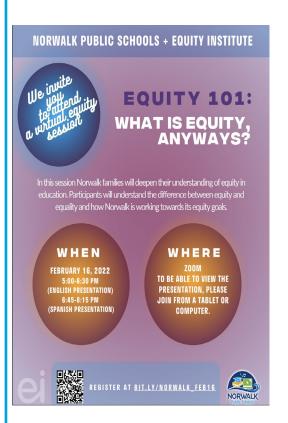
We asked participants to share how these trainings have shaped their work and to imagine, both in

an achievable and aspirational way, what the district could start and stop doing to create more

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## **Equity Structure**

- Provided families with professional learning around topics being discussed with pedagogues and school staff
- Sessions provided in English and Spanish
- Supported shared understanding of equity work and builds connection and reflection through discussion







### **Family Data**

### FAMILY SESSIONS

FROM CLASSROOM TO COMMUNITY

A crucial stakeholder of our schools are the families that support and prepare students beyond the classroom. In an effort to make this work cohesive and impactful across school communities of Norwalk, the Superintendent invited families to participate in the trainings we offer to our educators and school leaders, and add to our collective discussion on equity and antiracism. There were two sessions offered to families across the district, in English and Spanish.

SESSION NUMBER	TRAINING Participants	SURVEY RESPONSES
1 (EN)	29	6
1 (SP)	18	10
2 (EN)	9	2
2 (SP)	8	3

[I gained] a better understanding of what equity means in terms of education i.e. teachers are not taking a 'one size fits all' approach.

this work.

[I would like] to continue to have this conversation and to hear more about specific things the district is doing around this topic.

[I would like to see] talks about what kind of skills we could help develop in our children and their role as future actors in society for change or creation of laws for the benefit of the most defenseless within the institutional system.

\*Quote was translated from Spanish to English.

We need more classes on allyship to

engage white families to participate in

Learning about history makes me understand facts around me that I did not know and makes me more aware of my role as an immigrant mother and my role in influencing my son's life about racism and his critical thinking towards it. "Quote was translated from Spanish to English.

I think this is a great forum for the community to share information and build transparency.



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# Equity Structures (Grading for Equity)

- Comprised of teachers, students, administrators, board members, union leaders, and Central Office members
- Reviewed and Assessed Norwalk Public School's Current Grading Policy
- Discussed research based grading practices to develop a grading policy that reflects our beliefs and supports for All scholars
- Creating and making grading recommendations for policy consideration

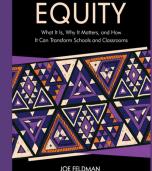
### Grading for Equity

What It Is, Why It Matters, and How It Can Transform Schools and Classrooms

"There is growing awareness that traditional grading practices have become a barrier to meaningful student learning. There is a lack of resources to support educators who want to adopt new grading practices that are both accurate and equitable. Joe Feldman addresses this need."

- Jeffrey Tooker

outy Superintendent of Educational Services, Placer Union High School District



**Grading for** 





## **MBK and MSK Districtwide Mentor Program**

My Brother's Keeper and My Sister's Keeper seeks to build positive relationships with scholars of color to address the persistent opportunity gaps they face, so that they can reach their full potential.

- Districtwide and school based
- Focus on student achievement and social-emotional support
- Rites of passage program
- Network of resources and supports (peer to peer, scholar to adult, etc.)
- Exposure and opportunities to college and career activities and expeditionary learning



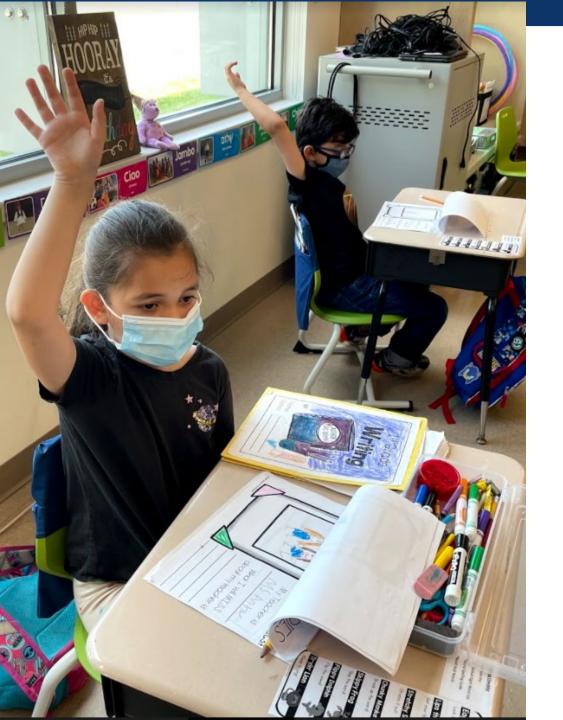






# **Questions on Goal 5?**





Goal 6: We will ensure families are provided with equitable opportunities to access district resources and programs.



## Launch NPS Family Center

- Family Center opened and fully operational, serving as a central hub for family facing functions
- 1,250 people have already visited over a 4-month, phased-in launch period to access services, in addition to serving as a site for PPTs, meetings and trainings



Grand Opening Ceremony May, 2022



## Launch NPS Family Center







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For more information. contact 203-854-4100 or FamilyCenter@norwalkps.org

### **DROP IN HOURS AT THE NPS FAMILY CENTER**

**1 PARK STREET** 

For assistance with new student registration or elementary lottery applications

> Thursday April 14, 2022 4 pm to

7 pm

Appointments for other times also available.





SCAN THE QR CODE FOR REGISTRATION

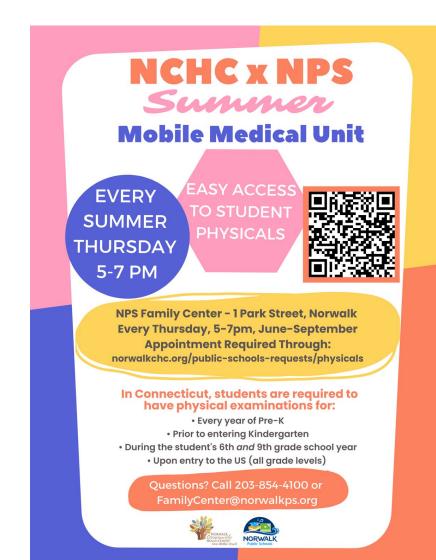


FamilyCenter@norwalkps.org

## Launch NPS Family Center

In partnership with Norwalk Community Health Center, student physicals will be available at the Family Center Thursday nights through September.







## Establish Central Registration & Lotteries

- Cross functional team including Communications, Technology, MLL and Health Services worked closely to re-design and transition to central registration process under the Family Center.
- To support equity and access, centralized high school and elementary lotteries conducted for the first time for magnet and theme programs.





## **Promote Choice Options**

### NPS HIGH SCHOOL Choice programs catalog

AN OFFICIAL GUIDE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT NPS HIGH SCHOOLS, PATHWAYS, ACADEMIES AND CHOICES!



### NPS HIGH SCHOOL CHOICE FAIR

Join us to learn more about NPS high schools, pathways, academies and choices available for all middle and high school students!

Wednesday, November 3

The Carver Center, 7 Academy Street

6pm-8pm

No RSVP needed Communications@norwalkps.org for questions

Representatives will be on hand at the fair to help

Brien McMahon High School Center for Global Studies Digital Media & Communications Academy International Baccalaureate program & diploma Marine Science Academy at McMahon McMahon Healthcare Academy Norwalk High School P-TECH Norwalk MLL Welcome Center District Services

#### MARINE SCIENCE ACADEMY AT BRIEN MCMAHON



APPLICATION DETAILS: Applications are available online or through the school

Incoming 9th graders from across the district

Application deadline: xxx

Lottery drawing:

#### DEMY AT BRIEN MCMAHON HIGH SCHOOL

Concurrently with STEM courses, students will follow a4-course sequence of Marine Studies. In addition to the core-required classes at BMHS, students will enroll and successfully complete courses that engage them in an Introduction to Marine Science, Introduction to Oceanography and Marine Biology, Marine Engineering-Operations, Environmental Sustainability, BEP safe boating course, Navigation, and Seamanship.

Students will work in collaboration with but not limited to: Brien McMahon High School staff, NJROTC, The Maritime Aquarium, and local marine-based industries.

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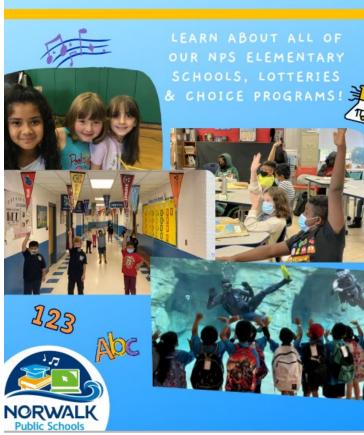






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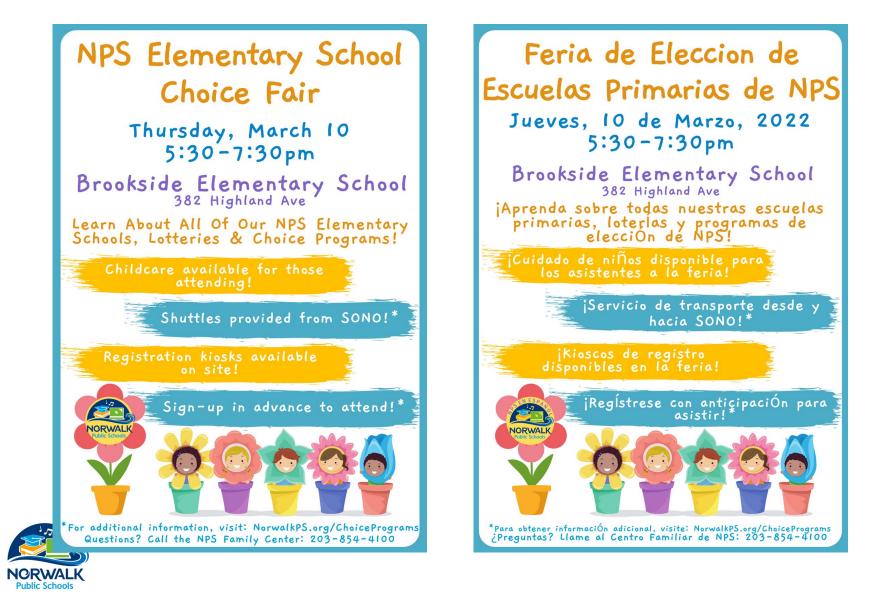
### NPS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHOICE PROGRAMS CATALOG







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## **Choice Fairs**

### **Community Partner Presence**

Carver / After the Bell

City of Norwalk Family Navigators

Norwalk Health Department

NCHC Mobile Dental Clinic

City of Norwalk Early Childhood

Norwalk Mentor Program

### **District Resources**

Transportation

Health Services

**Food Services** 

MLL Welcome Center

Specialized Instruction & Student Services



South Norwalk Shuttle Bus





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# **Additional Accomplishments**

### Increased online, video and visual communications, including:

- Production of back-to-school Town Hall
- Academic focused social media videos
- Superintendent's Book clubs
- All staff Board meeting previews
- Original graphics produced in-house for social media usage

### Stakeholder Feedback

- Surveys created and promoted to gather parent, staff and student input, including a Start Time Survey for Families and High School students to support the shift in start times and a survey on spring break timing.
- Organized community forums included Town Hall meetings prior to the start of school and the recent South Norwalk school in person meeting.
- Organized Superintendent's student forum with Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona.



# **Questions on Goal 6?**







2021-22 NPS Goals