




# Sandtown Middle School



**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**  
*We prepare students with strong academic foundations and the skills needed to navigate life beyond graduation.*



**PEOPLE AND CULTURE**  
*We provide a welcoming environment and positive school and district culture for students, families and employees.*



**COMMUNITY COLLABORATION**  
*We engage families, community members and civic organizations as active partners.*



**FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY**  
*We manage and protect public funds and assets through efficient and effective use of available resources.*

**Outcomes:** What will success look like for our school?

**8<sup>th</sup> grade literacy:**  
 85% of 8th grade students will read at or above grade level

**Middle school proficiency:**  
 65% of 8th grade students will score at or above the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile rank on the IOWA assessment in Math

**School culture:**  
 Increase the percentage of families and students who will recommend Sandtown MS as a place to attend school to a family member or friend

**Teacher retention:**  
 Increase the percentage of teachers retained beyond their 5th year

**Partnerships:**  
 Increase the percentage of impactful partnerships that align to our school's goals

**Family engagement:**  
 Increase the percentage of families who feel empowered to support their child's education

**Transparent and efficient management of local funds:**  
 Reduce the number of audit findings for Student Activity funds and ensure effective management of funds between schools and School Governance Councils

**Initiatives:** What will we do to achieve success?

**Balanced literacy framework:**  
 Implement literacy instruction that includes a progression of teacher modeling, guided practice, and student independent learning

**Balanced math framework:**  
 Implement math instruction that helps students build the computational and conceptual skills needed to solve complex problems

**Focus on school culture:**  
 Improve fidelity of implementation of Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS)

**Staff leadership development:**  
 Provide professional development for effective PLCs and leadership opportunities

**Community champions:**  
 Continue recruitment of new Partners in Education (PIEs) and sustaining relationships with existing PIEs.

**Parent transition services:**  
 Create a framework that includes supporting parents in their transition from ES to MS and MS to HS.

**Effective budgeting:** Refine and adjust our modified zero-based budgeting process to ensure that resources are used effectively and efficiently to impact district goals



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What will we do to achieve success?

**Critical actions:** What major actions will we complete and by when?

**Evidence of progress:** How will we know that the initiative is working?

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**Balanced Literacy Framework**

- Utilize Data-Driven Instructional framework in English Language Arts (ELA) Professional Learning Community (PLC) (*Ongoing, weekly*)
- Provide instructional coaching to ELA teachers (*Ongoing*)
- Complete redelivery of Standards Mastery Framework Modules 4-7 with continued support in use of proficiency scales (*Redelivery complete by August 2018, support ongoing*)

- Increase the percentage of students demonstrating mastery of ELA standards as measured by common formative and summative ELA assessments
- Increase the percentage of students performing on/above grade level in Comprehension: Literature and Informational Text as measured by i-Ready (Reading)

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**Balanced Math Framework**

- Utilize Data-Driven Instructional framework in Math Professional Learning Community (PLC) (*Ongoing, weekly*)
- Provide instructional coaching to Math teachers (*Ongoing*)
- Complete redelivery of Standards Mastery Framework Modules 4-7 with continued support in use of proficiency scales (*Redelivery complete by August 2018, support ongoing*)

- Increase the percentage of students demonstrating mastery of Mathematics standards as measured by common formative and summative Mathematics assessments
- Increase the percentage of 8th grade students who score proficient on the Iowa assessment in Mathematics

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**Focus on School Culture**

- Utilize online PBIS Rewards system for student and staff incentives (*August 2017, daily*)
- Implement social emotional learning through Response to Intervention (RTI) block (*November 2017, ongoing*)
- Increase student and faculty mindfulness through yoga as an additional course during school and twice monthly after school (*August 2017, ongoing*)

- CCRPI School Climate parent and student survey data will become more positive
- Decrease in discipline infractions resulting in ISS/OSS

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**Staff Leadership Development**

- Implement GO-TIP PLC sessions for teachers new to Sandtown and/or teaching profession (*Monthly*)
- Assign mentors to teachers new to Sandtown (*Upon hire*)
- Ensure top performing teachers continue to experience professional growth through leadership opportunities (*Ongoing*)

- Increase the percentage of teachers retained each year
- CCRPI School Climate staff survey data will become more positive
- Increase the number of teachers with school-based leadership roles

**Teacher retention:**  
Increase the percentage of teachers retained beyond their 5th year



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**Community Champions**

- Meet with Chamber of Commerce to identify and attract new Partners in Education (PIE) to support key school initiatives (*Annually*)
- Recognize new PIEs through PIE Induction Ceremony (*October 2017, annually*)

- Increase/maintain number of new PIEs
- Funding/services-in-kind acquired through community resources
- PIEs fulfill quarterly commitments

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Increase the percentage of impactful partnerships that align to our school's goals

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**Parent Transition Services**

- Create Parent University to support transition (*June 2018*)
- Implement Homeroom Parent program to increase lines of school-home communication (*August 2018, ongoing*)

- Utilize SMORE platform analytics to measure viewership and clicks
- Percentage of parents who attend the Parent University sessions will be 15% or higher

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**Effective Budgeting**

- Minimize monthly deficits by monitoring school budget
- Principal and administrative staff will review the Budget Accountability Report (BAR) monthly
- SGCs will monitor school General Fund on a quarterly basis

- Average monthly deficits are 1 or less each month
- Carryover is projected to be less than 5% at the end of the school year

**Transparent and efficient management of local funds:**  
Reduce the number of audit findings for Student Activity funds and ensure effective management of funds between schools and School Governance Councils



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