

Key Communicators Meeting September 19, 2023



Introductions and Purpose

Welcome to Key Communicators.

 The purpose of this group is two-way discussion of areas of importance in the school district through a culture of mutual trust and candor.

Back-to-School Update



Food Services

- State Budget 2023-2024 school year.
 - Free Breakfast All Students
 - Free Lunch Reduced Students

Staffing

Open Positions 22% = High School = 2 Middle School = 1 Eden Hall = 2.5 Richland ES = 1

Student Engagement

- Healthy High School Challenge October 2023 Student Government Price \$5K \$500
- Lucky Tray Day Elementary Schools October 31, 2023
- Future Chef Event March 6, 2024

Catering

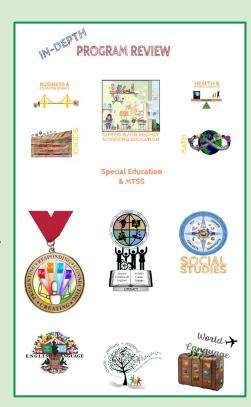
- Eden Hall Staff Breakfast September 20, 2023
- High School New Student Breakfast September 21, 2023
- Hall of Fame Weekend October 6/7, 2023
- Administrative Review / School year 2023-2024 / Date to be announced





In-Depth Program Review

- Implementation
 - Integration AmongDepartments
 - Integration with Key Initiatives
- Study Phase Mini IDPR
 - Science
 - Process Built for Replication
 - Next slide







Science Department Mini-Review





Cheer for Our Team



Who do we want to be known as?

Athletic Department

Coaches

Teams

Booster Groups

Parents

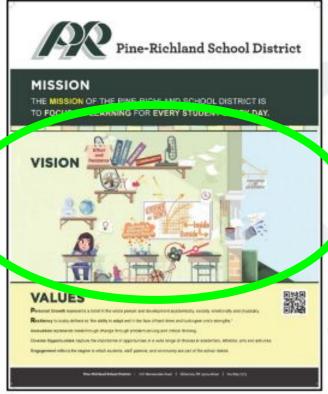
Student Section Leaders

Other Building-Based Groups



MVV (Compass) and Strategic Plan (Map)









Strategic Context



Strategic Advantages

- SA1 Scope and Quality of Educational Programming
- SA2 Culture of Collaboration with Stakeholders and a High Performing Workforce
- SA3 Financial and Operational Health (ROI)
- SA4 Strategic Approach to Continuous Improvement (Systems Thinking)

Strategic Challenges

- SC1 Transforming Models of Education to Meet Varying Needs (Academic Rigor, Social Development, Mental Health, Wellness)
- SC2 Staffing Shortages in Select Positions (Short- and Long-Term)
- SC3 Fiscal and Environmental Sustainability Given Economic Pressures
- SC4 Political Landscape Impacting K 12
 Education (National, State and Local)



2023-2024 Key Strategic Initiatives

Teaching and Learning:

- Select and implement **instructional strategies in general education classes** that consider the interests, achievement/growth, and learning styles of every student.
- **Design In-Depth Program Mini-Review Study Process** and Pilot with **Science** to support our MVV through continuous improvement of student learning experiences.

Student Progress and Engagement:

- Develop **board-approved integrated curriculum** (e.g., health, career education and work, K-2 early childhood, and school counseling standards, suicide awareness, etc.).
- Bolster parent/student/staff communications, ongoing engagement, and educational opportunities related to safety, security, and positive school culture.

Workforce Development

- Expand targeted and active recruitment efforts for hard-to-staff support staff positions (e.g., custodians and paraprofessionals).
- Negotiate the next **collective bargaining agreement** with the PREA.

Finance and Operations

Refine the structure of the 10-year capital funding plan with awareness of the notable increase in annual spending projected for the next 3 – 5 years.

Pursuit of Excellence

- Implement school-based action plans tied to accreditation programs or data analysis.
- Establish **Board Operating Norms** and Framework (e.g., DECIDE or equivalent).
- Review current measures across all areas of the organization to gain consensus and determine relevant comparators where appropriate.



Safety and Security

Emergency Operations Plans

- Quick Reference Guides Red Folders
- Common Location in All Classrooms
 - "I luv u guys"
- Integration with Raptor Emergency Management System/Raptor Alert app

Safety Security Drills 2023-24

- Fire
- Lockdown
- Evacuation
- Severe Weather





Proactive Strategies - Active Shooter

- Develop Relationships with Students
- Encourage Student Engagement through Instruction and School-Based Activities
- Teach Notification Systems
 - Trusted Adult, Safe2Say, TipsLine
- Exterior Doors are ALWAYS Locked
- Be Visible and Engaged During Arrival/Dismissal and Class Changes
- Classroom Doors Remain Locked
 - Used Lock Blok or Room Specific Method
- Bathroom Sweeps by Custodians
- Consistent Use of Hall Pass Procedures
- Update Red Folder Review Red Folder Frequently
- Practice, Practice Revise Based on Experiences





Student Service and Special Education

- Continuum of Supports are provided to all of our students (K-12) through MTSS, SAP, Pupil Services, School Counseling and Psychological Services.
 - <u>Final Promoting Wellness & Mental health, Suicide Prevention and Intervention</u>
- School-based mental health services have been available at all district schools for many years. If desired and authorized by a family, a therapist from Glade Run Lutheran Services can provide school-based mental health services.
 - Update on Glade Run contracted services- Ms. Stephanie Deglau will be our new (3rd) school-based mental health therapist for PRSD. Referrals can be done through SAP and/or parent referral.
 - Video Introduction of School-Based Mental Health Therapists
 - NEW Glade Run MHP Referral 2022 updated 8_17_22.docx



District Resources (Mental Health & Wellness)

- Reach out to the School Counselor, <u>Counseling Department- K-12</u>
- Student Services; <u>Psychological Services and Support-K-12</u>
- Multi-Tiered Systems Level of Support (K-8)
- The <u>RAMS Way</u> Updates (K-12)
- Student Assistance Program (K-12)
- School-Based Mental Health (K-12): Glade Run School-Based Mental Health Services
- Grief: <u>The Highmark Caring Place</u>
- Crisis Center North <u>Crisis Center North Pittsburgh</u>
- Suicide Prevention and Intervention Resources
- Preventing Youth Suicide: Tips for Parents & Educators
- Suicide Prevention Teen Resource



Safety Numbers and Resources

- As a first option, we encourage our students to talk with one trusted adult at home and school.
- Call 911 if there is any indication that danger appears immediately.
- Do NOT leave the child alone until his or her safety is made certain.
- Directly report a potential concern to the Northern Regional Police Department (911) or anonymously through The Pine-Richland TIPS Line: 724-449-TIPS (8477).
- Contact the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline if you are experiencing mental health-related distress or are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.
 - Call or text 988
 - Chat at <u>988lifeline.org</u>
 - Connect with a trained crisis counselor. 988 is confidential, free, and available 24/7/365.
 - Visit the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline for more information at <u>988lifeline.org</u>



Safety Numbers and Resources

- Safe2Say: 1-844-SAF2SAY or Safe2SayPA.org This program operates 24/7
 and allows one to report a secure and anonymous safety concern to help
 identify and intervene with at-risk individuals before they hurt themselves
 and/or others.
- Resolve Crisis Network: 1-888-7-YOU CAN (1-888-796-8226) All calls are answered 24/7 by a mental health counselor.
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255 All calls are answered 24/7 by a mental health counselor.
- Crisis Text Line Text "HOME" to 741-741 to text with a crisis counselor 24/7. The Crisis Text Line is similar to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and other hotlines but allows those in crisis to text in rather than call.

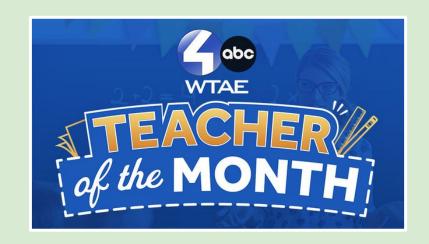


Special Education/ MTSS IDPR- Updates

- Best practices approach for all students within the classroom setting for Math and ELA (Tier ½) Approach
- Emotional Support Hub at Wexford
 - Alternative Therapies (Music, Pet)
- Autistic Support Staff receiving Professional Development (K-6) on Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA)
- Practice Assessment Exploration System (PAES), is a simulated work assessment and hands-on curriculum lab where students learn by doing in a structured environment.
- Strengthen and align literacy and Math teaching strategies and Interventions across the MTSS model

WTAE Teacher of the Month

- Nominate a teacher at WTAE.com
- A teacher will be selected each month from September through May
- Nominations can be made by students, parents, colleagues
- The selected Teacher of the Month will receive a \$1,000 credit to donorschoose.org
- Pittsburgh's Action News 4 will feature that teacher and their story



Topic Brainstorming

1. Please identify areas of discussion for 2023 - 2024.

2. The next Key Communicator Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday,

November 14, 2023.

