



# 2023-24 Cluster Advisory Team

## Cluster Plan Status Update

### Midtown Cluster

#### **Chair:**

Kristy Perez, Cluster Representative – Mary Lin Elementary School

#### **Vice-Chair:**

Terry Harness, Principal – Virginia-Highland Elementary School

#### **Secretary:**

Audrey Sofianos, Principal – Morningside Elementary School



Priority 1: SCHOOLS  
High-Level Status Update

Status Date  
May 2, 2024

**Priority Description:** STEAM Implementation-Leaders ensure that all stakeholders have ongoing opportunities to access information and learn about STEAM implementation.

Last Status  
November 2023

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May 2024

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- Action Steps:**
- 1. STEAM Room/Lab Audit (Inventory)
  - 2. Standardize labs across the cluster

Priority Highlights

Key Activities Completed

- ✓ Morningside Science Fair/Night
- ✓ SPARK Light Night
- ✓ VHES Design Thinking | STEAM Lab Complete | STEAM Night
- ✓ Met with Dr. Warren Edwards
- ✓ Hope-Hill: Kinder PBL | Science-based Field Trips
- ✓ Midtown HS - Georgia Tech Innovation Lab Tour (with Washington High School)
- ✓ Cluster STEAM Day at VHES

Key Activities through SY 24-25

- SPARK STEAM Certification
- Mary Lin STEAM Certification
- Morningside STEAM Certification
- Hope-Hill Arts NOW
- Cluster STEAM Strategy Planning
- Beginning of year meeting-Principals and Coaches

DELIVERABLES | TIMELINES

| Key Deliverables                              | Responsible             | Due           | Status    |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Contact Dr. Warren Edwards – STEAM Lab Audits | Kristy Perez (Sheletha) | December 2023 | COMPLETED |
| Complete STEAM Labs Audit                     | TBD                     | March 2024    |           |
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BENCHMARKS | CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

- Standard STEM/STEAM Coach collaborative meetings
- Cluster School Visits
- Cluster STEAM Newsletter | Blog (Semester)





Priority 2: FAMILIES + COMMUNITIES  
High-Level Status Update

Status Date  
May 2, 2024

Priority Description: Build cross-cluster engagement opportunities for students, staff, families, and neighborhoods.

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- Action Steps:
1. Focus on FOUR cluster-wide events
  2. Continue current cross-cluster opportunities with increased participation/attendance
  3. Increase awareness across the cluster

Priority Highlights

Key Activities Completed

- ✓ Cluster Arts Night
- ✓ 2024 Midtown Graduates Visit Elementary Schools
- ✓ Special Education PD
- ✓ Basketball Cluster Night
- ✓ Cross-cluster principal meetings
- ✓ Knight School, Saturday School, GradU
- ✓ Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl
- ✓ Howard Middle – Fun on the Field | Rising 6<sup>th</sup> Graders
- ✓ Cluster Night – Football Event

Key Activities through SY 24-25

- Continue and strengthen existing events

DELIVERABLES | TIMELINES

| Key Deliverables | Responsible | Due | Status |
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BENCHMARKS | CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

- Increase attendance/participation





Priority 1: SCHOOLS  
High-Level Status Update

Status Date  
November 29, 2023

**Priority Description:** STEAM Implementation-Leaders ensure that all stakeholders have ongoing opportunities to access information and learn about STEAM implementation.

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- Action Steps:**
- 1. STEAM Room/Lab Audit (Inventory)
  - 2. Standardize labs across the cluster

Priority Highlights

Key Activities Completed

- ✓ Project Learning Gardens
- ✓ VHES Math Club

Key Activities through SY 23-24

- 12.01.23 Morningside Science Fair/Night
- SPARK Light Night
- VHES Design Thinking
- Midtown HS - Georgia Tech Innovation Lab Tour (with Washington High School)
- Engage Dr. Warren Edwards

DELIVERABLES | TIMELINES

| Key Deliverables                              | Responsible             | Due           | Status  |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|---------|
| Contact Dr. Warren Edwards – STEAM Lab Audits | Kristy Perez (Sheletha) | December 2023 | PENDING |
| Complete STEAM Labs Audit                     | TBD                     | March 2024    |         |
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BENCHMARKS | CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

- Standard template for STEAM Rooms/Labs
- District Budget Support | Leverage Signature Program Funding





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Priority Highlights

Key Activities Completed

- ✓ No Place for Hate cluster-wide event
- ✓ Cluster Arts Night-String Fling – All Schools Orchestra Performance
- ✓ Thanksgiving Luncheons
- ✓ Georgia Tech Buzz Readers
- ✓ Cluster Arts Night – Choral
- ✓ Cluster Arts Night - Band

Key Activities through SY 23-24

- Cluster Arts Night
- 2024 Midtown Graduates Visit Elementary Schools
- Special Education PD
- Basketball Cluster Night
- Cross-cluster principal meetings
- Knight School, Saturday School, GradU
- Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl
- Cluster-wide Family Event
- Cluster-wide Play Dates

DELIVERABLES | TIMELINES

| Key Deliverables                  | Responsible       | Due        | Status |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|--------|
| Cluster-wide Family Event Support | Family Engagement | April 2024 |        |
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BENCHMARKS | CRITICAL SUCCESS FACTORS

- Increase attendance/participation

