

## 2019-2020 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN



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Westwood Public Schools 2019-2020 Elementary School Improvement Plan

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## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

### **Parent Representatives**

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### Community Representative Brad Pindell



### HANLON SCHOOL CORE VALUES :

Achieve academic success in a safe and nurturing environment Develop knowledge and understanding through exploration and discovery Demonstrate effort, pride, respect, and responsibility Goal IMeaningful Learning ExperiencesObjectiveExpand and invest in programs and practices that provide authentic, student-centered learning.

Focus Area	Person(s) Responsible	Action Steps and Timeline	Evaluation of Success
Explore hands-on learning opportunities for end-of-year culminating experience with Grade 5.	<ul> <li>Principals</li> <li>Grade 5 Teachers</li> <li>Asst. Supt.</li> </ul>	Recruit staff to work with Hale staff to design programming for Grade 5 students. 2019-2020 school year	Successful implementation of end of year Grade 5 experience. Feedback from teachers, parents and students.
Support expansion of coding and makerspaces beyond Grade 3.	<ul> <li>Principals</li> <li>ITCs</li> <li>Librarians</li> </ul>	Summer curriculum project - identifying core lessons to explore with students. Librarians and ITC's will implement coding classes for the 2019-2020 school year for students in Grades 4 & 5. Librarians & ITC's will communicate these	Implementation of Coding classes and feedback provided by staff and students.
Continue to support student inquiry-based learning in science.	<ul> <li>Coaches</li> <li>Teachers</li> <li>Principals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>changes to parent community.</li> <li>Coaches model instruction and collaborate with teachers to incorporate more hands-on learning in science</li> <li>Support teachers integration of StemScopes 3-D in a way that supports student-led inquiry</li> <li>Use science materials manager position to ensure that teachers have materials and supplies needed for student inquiry.</li> <li>Grade Level groups within horizontal teams plan instruction that begins with student</li> </ul>	Participate in 1-2 Learning Walks for 2019-2020 School Year One PD afternoon dedicated to horizontal sharing by grade level

		<ul> <li>questions and hands-on experiences (instead of text based concepts)</li> <li>Principals, Teachers, and Science Coaches conduct Learning Walk Throughs to support and strengthen inquiry-based learning in all core content areas.</li> </ul>	
Identify opportunities and support the development of student-led civic engagement projects.	<ul> <li>Asst. Super.</li> <li>Humanities Coordinator</li> <li>Teachers</li> <li>Principals</li> </ul>	Participate in PreK-12 Social Studies curriculum review process, with a focus on student inquiry and civic engagement opportunities.	Development of review recommendations specifically related to student-led civic engagement projects.

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Goal IIGeneral GoalCoherent, Connected CurriculumObjectiveImprove student reading and writing outcomes by aligning curriculum and instruction PreK - 12.

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Implement curriculum recommendations from ELA review committee.	<ul> <li>Assistant Superintendent</li> <li>Principals</li> <li>Literacy Curriculum Coordinator</li> <li>Literacy Specialists</li> <li>K-5 Classroom Teachers</li> </ul>	Complete review in fall 2019 Provide PD for teachers around instruction, assessment, and intervention Literacy specialists provide coaching, co-teaching and modeling.	Recommendations implemented.
Promote peer observation and coaching within and across schools in order to help students progress toward learning goals from year to year/building to building without unnecessary repetition or gaps.	<ul> <li>Instructional Coaches</li> <li>Teachers</li> <li>Principals</li> </ul>	Establish/develop a structure, protocol, schedule, and calendar at the start of the year to promote individual teacher learning.	Calendar developed Increase in number of participants from '18-'19 school year Survey feedback from participants
Explore opportunties for integrating literacy with other content areas.	<ul> <li>Humanities Coordinator</li> <li>Literacy Specialists</li> <li>Principals</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Humanities Coordinator will examine ways to target literacy frameworks through the teaching of science and social studies content and will research curricular materials and resources to support this goal.</li> <li>Develop curriculum map structure that supports interdisciplinary integration</li> </ul>	Units, lessons identified for cross curricular content Preliminary curriculum map drafted

Goal III	
General Goal	Healthy and Supported School Community
Objective	Develop and implement a district wide plan for meeting students' social and emotional learning needs.

Focus Area	Person(s) Responsible	Action Steps & Timeline	Evaluation of Success
Provide SEL training for all	• K -8 SEL	Leadership team and coordinator will assess	Implementation of strategies and
classroom teachers.	Coordinator	current needs and provide foundational SEL	techniques to support classsroom
	• Director of	training.	teachers and students to maintain
	Student Services		healthy and supportive classroom
	• Asst. Supt.	Provide Responsive Classroom training for	communities.
	Principals	first cohort of teachers	
			Improvement in relevant student
		SEL Coordinator will conduct classroom	indicators (within 3 - 5 years).
		observations and provide coaching around	
		implementation of lessons and strategies.	SEL Newsletter or means of collecting and sharing recources across the
		Coordinator and leadership team will gather	district
		baseline data: referrals to office, nurse visits,	
		attendance, CST referrals.	
Provide SEL programming for	• K-8 SEL	Leadership Team will coordinate	Several parent workshop offerings
parents	Coordinator	opportunities for SEL parent programming	throughout the school year on a range
	• Director of		of topics related to social emotional
	Student Services	Leadership Team and Coordinator will make	learning.
	• Asst. Supt.	sure SEL programming content is available	-
	Principals	to all families.	
	• School		
	Psychologists		