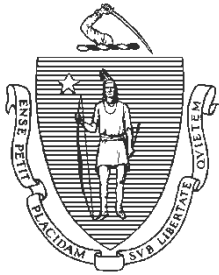


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ATTACHMENT A



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Dear Parker Elementary School Community:

After considering the modifications proposed by Parker's Local Stakeholder Group, we are excited to share with you the turnaround plan for the John Avery Parker Elementary School.

Accompanying this letter is the final plan for turning around Parker so that all of its children receive a world-class education. We have high expectations for what Parker's students can achieve if provided with the right tools. As a result, we have high expectations for the professionals who will work at the school, and for the effectiveness and impact of the programs and strategies we will implement.

Superintendent Durkin will serve as the Commissioner's point person in charge of the day-to-day management of the school, and will work directly with him to implement the Parker turnaround plan. More detail about the priorities and strategies for our work follows in the plan, but key themes include:

- 1) A strong focus on great teaching, so all students will achieve to their highest potential;
- 2) A program of study that provides students with a well-rounded curriculum;
- 3) Supports for students, so they have what they need to learn; and
- 4) Effective use of resources, including time, funds, staff, operational support, and other resources.

We know this work will be challenging, but it is our conviction that we must – and can – do better for Parker's students. It will take bold thinking, a commitment to continuous rapid improvement in teaching and learning, and multiple years of effort, focusing on what's best for students as the core of our work.

The Parker community deserves a school where – in every classroom, every day – we are helping students to perform at high levels, reach their full potential, and be prepared to succeed in the world that awaits them, in high school and beyond. We encourage you to read through this plan, contact Superintendent Durkin with any questions, and think about the role you can play as we move forward over the coming years.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Signed by Commissioner Chester

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Section 1. Executive Summary

Introduction from Commissioner Chester

On October 30, 2013, I determined that the John Avery Parker Elementary School is chronically underperforming – a Level 5 school in the Commonwealth’s accountability system. This designation provides a significant opportunity to transform the school from one of the lowest performing in the state to an extraordinary school with sustained high performance. Using the tools provided by the Achievement Gap Act, we will transform the Parker so that all students receive a high quality education.

The turnaround work at the Parker will be realized only through substantial reform that will require considerable time and effort. I know this work is challenging, and I do not assume that the Parker’s status as a Level 5 school is due to a lack of effort or concern by the adults working there. I also know, however, that the students at the Parker need and deserve a much stronger education than they have received at the school over the past several years. I have every conviction we can do better.

On January 29, 2014, I named New Bedford School District Superintendent Pia Durkin as my point person to implement the turnaround plan at Parker. Superintendent Durkin participated with me in the creation of the turnaround plan that follows. I look forward to working with Superintendent Durkin and with the Parker community to implement the turnaround plan.

On March 7, 2014, I released the preliminary turnaround plan and, as provided in the statute, invited Superintendent Durkin, the New Bedford School Committee, and the Parker Local Stakeholder Group to propose modifications. On March 28, 2014, I received proposed modifications from the Local Stakeholder Group, and on April 9, 2014, in tandem with the release of this plan, I provided my response to those requests (available at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/apa/sss/turnaround/level5/schools/>). I appreciate the Local Stakeholder Group’s input; this final turnaround plan includes some of its proposed modifications.

Turnaround Plan summary

For years, the John Avery Parker Elementary School has struggled to make consistent academic progress. Its students have demonstrated limited mastery of core skills, even during the school’s tenure as a Level 4 school. Despite designation as a Level 4 school in 2010 (and the resulting autonomies, authorities, and investments provided to the district and school), student achievement at John Avery Parker Elementary School has lagged for the past three years, leading to the school’s designation as a Level 5 school in fall 2013. Superintendent Durkin, as the Commissioner’s point person to implement the turnaround plan for the Parker, will restart the school in summer 2014.

Based on student performance data, classroom observations, and evidence collected by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (ESE) and by school and district leaders, six central challenges have kept the school from improving student performance:

- **Low rigor of classroom instruction:** In the 2012-2013 school year, fewer than 50% of students passed the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in any subject. Particularly in reading and English/Language Arts (ELA), data suggests that students are not provided with rigorous instruction every day in every classroom.
- **Limited structures for tracking progress and making mid-course corrections:** After it was designated Level 4 in 2010, the school had difficulty making the comprehensive, rapid changes needed to create substantial progress, delaying much-needed improvements in the school’s systems for providing rigorous instruction and supports.
- **School schedule does not maximize instructional time:** Due to structural issues in the school schedule, students are often pulled for related arts courses during core instructional time, preventing teachers from providing high-quality instruction during a continuous core instructional period. Students with disabilities are also often pulled from core classes to receive specialized services.
- **Lack of use of data to drive instruction:** According to Monitoring Site Visits from previous school years, teachers did not formally use a data cycle to identify “root causes” for why students struggle. Student performance did not grow between past years’ middle-of-year (MOY) and end-of-year (EOY) assessments, suggesting that teachers did not know how to analyze data thoroughly, or did not know how to change their practice in response to the data.

- **Few supports to address behaviors that prevent students from fully engaging in their learning:** Teachers lack the expertise to address behavioral issues in the classroom. This leads to disruptions of classroom instruction and a school environment that does not focus primarily on teaching and learning.
- **Limited number of focused approaches to engage families as partners in their children's learning:** While many families attend social activities at the school, Parker has offered few events focused on academics. Parent-teacher conferences are optional, and teachers have not been expected to maintain two-way communication with their students' families. Many families do not speak English, and the school has not established effective ways to engage them. The school has also struggled to build relationships with community resources to assist families.

As a district, New Bedford Public Schools has started to address these issues in the 2013-2014 school year under the leadership of Superintendent Pia Durkin, who was named the Commissioner's designee for operating Parker Elementary School. As a Level 5 school, Parker Elementary will use the authorities afforded to it to deepen the focus on instruction and on the use of data to ensure that all students receive challenging instruction in every classroom every day. This will be accomplished by exercising certain authorities available to Level 5 schools, including:

- Extending the school day and school year for students and staff
- Providing extensive professional development to teachers
- Retaining and hiring highly-effective staff to ensure the school's teachers are dedicated to a continuous cycle of improvement to raise student performance
- Implementing a new career ladder that rewards teachers for improving student achievement
- Revising the collective bargaining agreement with the New Bedford Educators' Association and other applicable unions for members working at Parker

To address these challenges, Parker Elementary will focus on four priorities:

- **Increase the rigor of Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III instruction (Priority Area 1):** The school will focus heavily on professional development and coaching for teachers to ensure that they use evidence-based best practices to consistently provide instruction to students that promotes higher-order thinking and pushes students to improve toward grade level standards. This will be accomplished through:
 - Establishing curricula in reading, math, and science that are aligned with the most current editions of the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks
 - Providing professional development on implementing effective and rigorous instructional practices and strategies in Tiers I, II, and III; and holding teachers accountable for using the evidence-based practices they learn through professional development in their classroom, including strategies for differentiating instruction for all students based on their individual needs
 - Hiring a turnaround manager to oversee the school's rapid improvement by closely tracking the turnaround plan, ensuring the plan's components are implemented with fidelity; and closely monitoring teacher quality and student learning with the principal, Superintendent, and Chief Academic Officer
 - Expanding the school's pre-kindergarten program to address literacy development at an early age
 - Developing and refining services for English language learners
- **Create school structures and systems that support instruction and maximize time on task (Priority Area 2):** The school will establish systems and structures to ensure that students receive instruction from teachers who can support and challenge them to improve toward grade level standards, such as:
 - Retaining, hiring, and developing teachers who are committed to rapidly improving student performance through a cycle of continuous improvement and who have a track record of success in improving student achievement
 - Revising the school schedule to maximize time in core instruction by extending the school day and year and restructuring the schedule for arts, interventions, and support services
 - Creating incentives to reward teachers for improving student achievement through a new career ladder
- **Increase the use of data to drive instruction (Priority Area 3):** The school leadership team and teacher collaboration teams (TCTs) will use data to inform instruction. To ensure that data analysis impacts classroom instruction, the school will focus on:
 - Establishing a system for collecting, organizing, and summarizing student data

- Ensuring that common formative assessments are administered and analyzed on a regular schedule
- Sharing data with students and helping them set goals for their learning
- Building the capacity of TCTs to analyze student-level data and use it to inform their instruction during core and intervention instructional periods
- Monitoring TCTs' decisions for impact in the classroom
- **Establish a school culture focused on achievement and engage families as partners in their children's learning (Priority Area 4):** School leaders and teachers will be responsible for promoting a school culture that focuses on learning, and for engaging families in the school's efforts to improve student performance through:
 - Creating a safe and respectful school climate that prioritizes student learning
 - Providing tiered supports to ensure students come to school ready to learn by addressing behavioral issues, including on-task behavior during class, and the reinforcement of content at home
 - Developing a coherent strategy for teacher and family communication
 - Building families' capacity to support their student's academic progress using parent-centered programs like a Family Resource Center and a Saturday Academy

The effective use of resources to maximize student achievement is the principle on which all of the school's strategies will be based. All resources allocated to Parker – including time, funds, human capital, operational supports, and other resources – will be fully aligned in support of student learning.

Theory of Action

IF John Avery Parker Elementary School focuses on and persists in expecting, developing, supervising, and evaluating educators' capacity to deliver rigorous and engaging instruction that is:

- aligned to state standards,
- monitored so student progress in attaining those standards reaches a level of proficiency,
- adjusted and differentiated so that all students will be supported and stretched to make progress, and
- demonstrated every day in every classroom

THEN student achievement will significantly increase in each classroom and in the school overall.

Parker Elementary School Core Values

- Our core business is teaching and learning
- Our students always come first
- Everyone shares in accountability for student results
- Teamwork, trust, and mutual respect are expected
- Parents and community members are our partners in ensuring that all students improve their academic performance

Section 2: Priority Areas for Improvement

Priority Area for Improvement 1: Maximize and accelerate student achievement by increasing the rigor of classroom instruction in every classroom for every student every day

Rationale

Achievement will only increase if students are consistently provided with rigorous instruction. To ensure that student achievement improves rapidly, Parker Elementary must establish a curriculum aligned to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks in ELA and mathematics, which incorporate the Common Core State Standards; must develop and support teachers through professional development to provide Tier I, Tier II, and Tier III instruction, supports, and interventions; and must empower school leaders to provide growth-producing feedback to teachers with a focus on rigor.

Related Emerging and Sustaining Practices for School Turnaround

- Improving instruction and interventions through teacher- and student-specific data

Challenges Addressed by Priority Area 1

- Low rigor of classroom instruction:** Parker did not meet any of its Composite Performance Index (CPI) targets in the 2012-2013 school year. The percentage of students who were Proficient or Advanced on the 2013 MCAS was at or below 50% in every subject in grades 3-5. The number is even lower for special education students, who make up 25% of the school's population. In 2013 in third grade, no students with disabilities passed the reading MCAS; only 14% passed in math. This low student performance suggests that instruction does not promote higher-order thinking for students, nor is it differentiated to meet students' individual needs.
- Students struggle with reading:** While performance in all subjects is below the state average, MCAS results in reading and ELA are especially weak, particularly in third and fourth grade. Parker has seen some growth in math performance, but reading and ELA scores have remained almost flat (see Figure 1). On the 2013 MCAS in third and fourth grade, no students were Advanced in reading. Furthermore, students often begin the school year below grade level: in 2013, only 30% of second graders started the year proficient on the Grade 1 Reading for Literature Standards, as measured by the beginning-of-year Galileo assessment; and 15% of second graders met the standard regarding phonics and word recognition (see Table 1). This low performance is due in part to the fact that the school has been using outdated curricula that are not aligned to Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks. The school launched a new reading program, Reading Street, in grades 3-5 at the beginning of the current school year and began to pilot the program in grades K-2 in February 2014. However, in K-2 classes not piloting the new program, the curricula are over 10 years old, and few curriculum maps or model units exist as resources for teachers. As a result, turnaround work will focus heavily on literacy.

Figure 1. MCAS Reading/ELA Performance
(% of Students Proficient or Higher, 2009 – 2013)

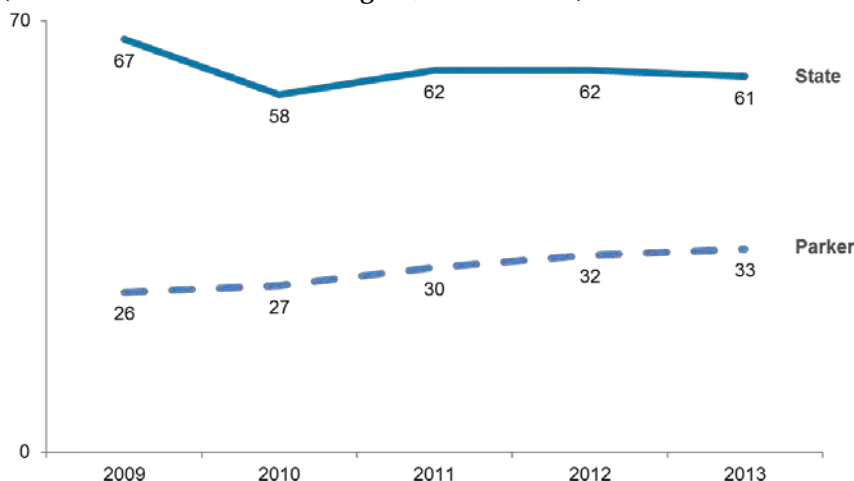


Table 1. Second Grade ELA Beginning-of-Year (BOY) Galileo Assessment Performance (SY2013-2014)

	% of Students Meeting Standard
MA-RL.2. Reading Standards for Literature Concept Mastery	15%
MA-RI.2. Reading Standards for Informational Text Concept Mastery	5%
MA-RF.2. Reading Standards for Foundational Skills	15%

- Lack of dedicated school structure for tracking progress and making mid-course corrections:** After it was designated Level 4 in 2010, Parker School had difficulty making the comprehensive, rapid changes needed to create substantial improvement. It took almost a year for Parker's original Level 4 school turnaround plan to meet approval from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, delaying much-needed improvements in the school's systems of instruction and supports. No one person was responsible for tracking the plan's progress on a regular basis or for changing plan strategies that were not yielding results. As a result, student achievement at the school has lagged for the past three years, leading to the school's designation as a Level 5 school.

Strategies to Achieve Priority Area 1

Key Strategy	Owner	Timeline
<p>1.1 Align the reading, writing, and math curriculum with Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to ensure students receive rigorous core instruction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Reading</u>: Continue to implement the new Reading Street curriculum that was piloted in SY2013-2014 in grades 3-5, and roll out the program in all classes in grades K-2. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Expand the Lively Letters curriculum from pre-K to kindergarten to help students master phonemic awareness to ensure early reading fluency ○ Continue the work of the current reading specialist to assist with implementation of Reading Street ○ Implement model curriculum units for reading; based on pilot, roll out district wide as appropriate • <u>Writing</u>: Continue to use the Empowering Writers program, currently used in grades K-5. • <u>Math</u>: Solicit teacher input and finalize and implement the K-5 math curriculum based on district evaluation of potential math programs. • <u>Science</u>: Review existing science program, including solicitation of teacher input, and revise if necessary. The science curriculum will include an emphasis on literacy development. Ensure sufficient materials and curriculum supports, and include related PD for teachers (see 1.2 below). • Regularly assess the fidelity of implementation of each program through classroom observations, conversations with teachers, and focused learning walks to identify areas where teachers need additional support in using the curricula. • Regularly assess programs and services for Parker's students with disabilities. Ensure students' needs are met through the most appropriate program/service delivery model (e.g., co-teaching, substantially separate classrooms, and/or other models), in order for all students to receive rigorous core instruction. • Based on identified areas for support, provide additional professional development to help teachers understand and deliver the content of their core curricula. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Share best practices and professional development material with other elementary schools in the district <p><i>This strategy is informed by Local Stakeholder Group recommendation B-6, B-7, and B-10.</i></p>	Chief Academic Officer	July 2014, with monthly assessments of impact in the classroom
<p>1.2 Use Level 5 authorities to increase the amount of focused and accountable professional development for teachers on delivering effective, engaging, and rigorous reading and math instruction in Tiers I, II, and III during and beyond the core block.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Level 5 authorities include, for example, expanding the school year and school day, establishing a plan for professional development, and providing increased opportunities for teacher planning time and collaboration focused on improving student instruction. • The three tiers of instruction are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tier I instruction: occurs during the core block and includes instruction and interventions that target all students ○ Tier II instruction: provides interventions and time on instruction for struggling students, in addition to Tier I ○ Tier III instruction: the most intense level of intervention, provided to 	Turnaround manager, principal	June 2014, ongoing monthly

<p>students who receive Tier I and II instruction but who continue to struggle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Tier I:</u> Provide training for core teachers in grades pre-K-5 over the summer and during the school year on evidence-based best practices for providing Tier I instruction in ELA and math. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide four weeks of training for all core teachers in grades pre-K-5 over the summer through a pilot summer institute in which teachers receive professional development on Tier I instruction for half the day and teach struggling students in summer school for the other half <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify struggling students for the program based on middle-of-year (MOY) and end-of-year (EOY) student achievement data, including Galileo and MCAS data, and performance on common formative assessments (see Priority Area 3) ○ Work with an external consultant to identify an instructional focus area and identify evidence-based best practices to share during professional development, with a goal of ensuring that teachers develop skills for teaching higher-order thinking skills and know how to build a culture of high expectations for learning in their classrooms. Solicit teacher input when identifying PD needs ○ Dedicate monthly faculty meetings to professional development on Tier I instruction with a focus on ELA and math; and provide professional development for related service providers ○ Redefine the role of the Teaching and Learning Specialist to be a literacy coach who provides job-embedded professional development and works with teachers individually and in small groups on delivery of differentiated, high-powered instruction rich in literacy through side-by-side coaching of teachers and observations of students needing intensive literacy instruction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 70% of literacy coach's time will focus on working with teachers, and 30% of his/her time will be spent directly with students • <u>Tier II:</u> Coach teachers on further differentiating instruction based on specific needs of subgroups of students as identified by the collection and review of student data (see Priority Area 3). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ During professional development on monthly early release days and during common planning time, train teachers to implement center-based instruction in which students are flexibly grouped and re-grouped based on their strengths and skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ "Centers" provide the opportunity to review, reinforce, and accelerate student learning based on students' strengths and weaknesses in priority curriculum standards ○ Train teachers to differentiate Reading Street and math curriculum based on student need • <u>Tier III:</u> Coach teachers and related service providers to support students who demonstrate significant learning gaps and work with struggling students directly. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As part of the new role, literacy coach trains teachers on providing targeted instruction to students who are significantly behind grade-level and provides additional support to struggling students directly ○ Provide additional time on task for students who are struggling during the school's remediation/intervention period (see Priority Areas 2 and 3) • Present targeted professional development to teachers with a focus on providing appropriate accommodations and modifications for students with disabilities in both general education and substantially separate classrooms to ensure access to quality instruction in the least restrictive environment possible in all three tiers 		
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<p>of instruction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicit teacher feedback on PD quality and practical application in the classroom. • Identify two teacher-leaders to model implementation of reading, writing, math, and science curricula in “best-practice” classrooms during core instruction and to coach peers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Principal and Superintendent select teacher-leaders through an application process ○ Establish a schedule that allows teacher-leaders to teach their own classes and coach peers through role-modeling and during TCT conversations ○ Financial incentives for the position may be awarded, consistent with the provisions of the performance-based compensation plan (see Appendix A) • Establish the expectation that teachers will immediately use the practices gained in professional development in their daily instruction; monitor teachers for follow-through. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ After each professional development session, teachers implement what they learned in their classrooms ○ Literacy coach and teacher-leaders provide embedded support and activities, coach teachers, and develop follow-up activities to ensure teachers are able to put their new knowledge and skills into practice ○ Teachers continue to use weekly common planning time to share successful practices and learn from each other ○ Principal conducts classroom observations and learning walks to ensure new instructional practices are being used and implemented with fidelity, and to provide feedback to teachers on their instruction ○ Teachers, literacy coach, and principal assess the impact of the professional development on student learning by analyzing data • Use the educator evaluation tool for the principal to provide growth-producing feedback to teachers that considers both teacher skill and evidence of student outcomes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Principal conducts at least 10 mini-observations a week and spends at least 600 minutes a week on instructional leadership • Share professional development material and best practices with other elementary schools in the district. <p><i>This strategy is informed by Local Stakeholder Group recommendation B-3, B-9, and E-3.</i></p>		
<p>1.3 Hire a turnaround manager to ensure that the turnaround plan’s strategies lead to improvements in student learning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turnaround manager will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Manage implementation of the school’s turnaround plan and organize and coordinate resources to ensure plan is implemented ○ Coordinate professional development with principal, Chief Academic Officer, and Superintendent and assess impact of professional development on classroom instruction ○ Help school develop data management systems and ongoing assessments ○ Share lessons learned and best practices from other district and school leaders with principal 	Superintendent	June 2014 - ongoing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Report to Superintendent directly to ensure that progress is being made and recommend mid-course corrections if progress is not on track • Position will be in place for the duration of the Parker turnaround plan. <p><i>This strategy is informed by Local Stakeholder Group recommendation E-4.</i></p>		
<p>1.4 Study, develop, and expand the current pre-K program to better serve all students in a more cohesive program with a focus on literacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine and propose new program parameters to increase the current population of students served in the pre-K program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently, program serves mostly students with disabilities from throughout the district and a limited number of general education students from the Parker neighborhood ○ Analyze data to examine why more families of Parker students do not take advantage of the pre-K program and how the program can be enhanced to attract additional students and meet their needs ○ Based on data analysis, develop and execute a strategy for attracting more students to the program ○ Change current district policy to prioritize enrollment in the pre-K program for students who would attend Parker in grades K-5 ○ Study the feasibility of expanding the program to add classrooms and instructional time (e.g., possibly full days, full week) • Establish a curriculum for the program with a focus on early literacy and oral language development to address the literacy development deficits in many incoming kindergartners, and narrow students' learning gaps by grade 3. Align the pre-K program with Parker's K-5 program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Continue using the Lively Letters curriculum to teach phonemic awareness to students <p><i>This strategy is informed by Local Stakeholder Group recommendation B-4.</i></p>	Principal	September 2015 - ongoing
<p>1.5 In conjunction with the district's current efforts, study and evaluate the need for supports for English language learners (ELLs) and develop services as necessary.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In alignment with wider district efforts, re-evaluate current processes for screening students for fluency in English. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In winter and spring 2014, send home-language surveys to all Parker students in their native language to identify and evaluate students who may qualify as ELL or former ELL (FELL) and who need language support ○ Depending on survey results, develop and implement relevant ELL and/or SEI curriculum, classrooms, and services as needed ○ Depending on survey results, develop a Parker ELL Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) as needed • If necessary, present targeted professional development to teachers with a focus on providing appropriate accommodations and differentiating instruction to meet the needs of ELLs and former ELL (FELL) students in all three tiers of instruction. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Professional development for teachers will focus on strategies to help non-native English speakers access the curriculum, differentiate instruction to meet student needs, and provide appropriate assessments ○ Interventions for ELL and FELL students will target language development • All teachers and administrators will obtain SEI endorsement. The Parker 	Superintendent	March 2014 - ongoing

<p>leadership team, the district's Implementation Manager for Quality Services for English language learners, and ESE will work collaboratively to develop a plan for offering SEI endorsement related training for Parker staff.</p>		
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This priority area is aligned with Initiative 3.2 in the 2013-2014 New Bedford Accelerated Improvement Plan.

Final Outcomes

By June 2015, Parker Elementary School will meet or exceed all of its Measurable Annual Goals related to student achievement, including:

- Narrowing proficiency gaps in ELA, math, and science
- Demonstrating growth in student performance in ELA and math

Early Evidence of Change

- Within 2 weeks of every professional development session, 100% of core pre-K-5 teachers will be observed using an evidence-based practice taught in professional development during a classroom observation, or will present other evidence of having used such practice(s) to their principal.
- By January 2015, 75% of students will be provided with rigorous Tier I instruction, as measured by a review of observation data and growth-producing feedback provided by the school principal, turnaround manager, Chief Academic Officer, and/or Superintendent. By June 2015 this will be 100%.
- By February 2015, 100% of students will be regularly grouped and re-grouped based on their identified need to receive the appropriate supports, interventions, and enrichment opportunities as part of tiered instruction.

Implementation Milestones

Strategy 1.1

- By September 2014, ELA curriculum maps in grades K-5 will be finalized and shared with teachers.
- By January 2015, model curriculum units in reading in grades K-5 will be developed and shared with teachers.

Strategy 1.2

- In July and August 2014, 100% of core pre-K-5 teachers will participate in a summer institute to receive additional professional development on providing rigorous instruction and to teach struggling students over the summer.
- By August 2014, a plan for providing professional development on Tier I instruction and supports during the 2014-2015 school year will be finalized.
- Starting in September 2014 and ongoing throughout the year, 100% of core pre-K-5 teachers will receive professional development on Tier I instruction at least once a month.
- By October 2014, two teacher-leaders at Parker Elementary will be identified.
- By October 2014 and ongoing throughout the year, the impact of 100% of professional development sessions on classroom instruction and student learning will be monitored through conversations, learning walks, observations, and data collection.

Strategy 1.3

- By June 2014, a turnaround manager will be hired for the school.
- Starting in August 2014 and ongoing throughout the year, the turnaround manager will report on the school's progress to the Superintendent at least every week.

Strategy 1.4

- By June 2015, a needs analysis on the current pre-K program will be conducted to identify why more students do not take advantage of the program.
- By September 2016, the percentage of neighborhood students enrolled in Parker's pre-K program will increase from 4% to 10%.

Strategy 1.5

- By September 2014, ELL and former ELL (FELL) students at Parker will be identified based on results of home language surveys completed in spring 2014.

Priority Area for Improvement 2: Establish school structures and systems to ensure that all students have teachers who are proficient in delivering rigorous instruction and maximize instructional time

Rationale

Without the proper resources and support, teachers cannot successfully provide rigorous instruction to all students. Parker Elementary must be staffed with teachers who are committed to delivering rigorous instruction and continually improving their own practice to ensure that all students succeed. Systems and structures must be established to provide adequate time in core instruction with these highly-qualified staff. All resources allocated to Parker—including time, funds, human capital, operational supports, and other resources—will be used to maximum effectiveness and will be fully aligned to support student learning.

Related Emerging and Sustaining Practices for School Turnaround

- Building a community of effective practice through leadership, shared responsibility, and professional collaboration

Challenges Addressed by Priority Area 2

- **Low rigor of classroom instruction:** As discussed in Priority Area 1, Parker did not meet any of its CPI targets in the 2012-2013 school year, suggesting that teachers did not consistently provide rigorous instruction to their students across all content areas. The 2012-2013 Monitoring Site Visit also reported that classroom instruction did not promote higher-order thinking. Retaining and hiring staff who have track records of success in raising student achievement will help ensure that all students receive rigorous instruction.
- **School schedule that does not maximize instructional time:** As a Level 4 school, Parker Elementary failed to maximize additional learning time to extend instruction for its students. Parker Elementary did add 30 minutes to the school day, providing students with an additional 3.5 hours of instruction per week, and is one of only two elementary schools in the district with a dismissal time after 1 PM on Fridays. Despite these improvements to the schedule, a fragmented instructional day offsets the potential gains of the extended school day. Slow transitions from breakfast and lunch result in the loss of learning time, and students with disabilities are often pulled from core classes to receive specialized services. Due to the constricting schedules of related arts and music teachers, core instructional time is interrupted for art, music, and physical education, and students are pulled out of instructional time to participate in chorus and band. This leaves teachers with only a fraction of their homeroom classes for a portion of core instruction. While these additional subjects are important aspects of a well-rounded education, the current schedule results in a loss of core academic instructional time.

Strategies to Achieve Priority Area 2

Key Strategy	Owner	Timeline
<p>2.1 Exercise Level 5 autonomies to recruit, hire, and develop all teachers who are committed to a cycle of continuous improvement and who take responsibility for improving student results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 5 autonomies include limiting, suspending, or changing provisions of contracts or collective bargaining agreements as they relate to the school (see Appendix A). • Articulate expectations for staff at a Level 5 school that requires bold and robust change, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teachers and other professional staff will devote whatever time is required to achieve and maintain high-quality education. ○ In addition to their traditional responsibilities, all staff members will be expected to be involved in a variety of educational and administrative activities necessary to fulfill the school's mission. ○ The Superintendent, working with the principal, will have the sole authority to set professional expectations and put policies and procedures in place for the school that will lead to the rapid academic achievement of Parker's students. • The Superintendent and the principal have the discretion to select the staff for any and all positions at the school. In order to exercise this autonomy, following consultation with the union, all existing Parker employees who are interested in continuing to work at Parker will be asked to reapply to secure positions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Specifically, the Superintendent and principal may select staff for Parker's positions represented by the New Bedford Educators Association (NBEA) without regard to seniority within the NBEA or past practices between the New Bedford School Committee and the NBEA. ○ The principal, in collaboration with the Superintendent, may formulate job descriptions, duties, and responsibilities for any and all positions in the school. • Beginning in the 2014-15 school year, the Superintendent and the principal will identify teachers to retain through a thorough assessment based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teachers' expressed interest in remaining at the school for at least three years; ○ Student growth data; ○ Classroom observations; ○ Educator evaluation ratings, including educators' portfolios of evidence, using the educator evaluation system used within New Bedford Public Schools; ○ Principal's assessment of teachers' skill to provide rigorous instruction, continually improve their practice, and commit to working in an environment where staff feel an urgency for raising student performance; ○ Teacher willingness to participate in a four-week summer institute, extensive professional development, an extended school day and school year, occasional weekends for Saturday Academy, and other requirements of a Level 5 school; ○ Evidence of commitment to working as part of a high-performing team; and ○ Additional evidence as determined by the principal and Superintendent. 	Superintendent, principal	March 2014 – ongoing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on number of teachers retained for the 2014-2015 school year, identify staffing needs. • Recruit and hire teachers annually to fill needed positions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Publicize for and recruit high-quality proficient and exemplary teachers within New Bedford Public Schools ○ Partner with outside organizations to recruit effective teachers with track records of success • The principal may make adjustments to staff positions annually and may unilaterally move staff to other positions within the school if they are appropriately licensed for those positions. • For the 2015-2016 school year and beyond, use ratings on the New Bedford Public Schools educator evaluation tool as a basis to identify teachers who will be retained and who will separate from the school, with a focus on retaining teachers who are proficient and exemplary. • Use a dispute resolution process that allows for rapid and effective resolution of employee concerns (see Appendix A). • Support all teachers through professional development as described in Priority Area 1. 		
<p>2.2 Focus time, resources, and efforts on improving the quality of core instruction and maximizing the effectiveness of instructional time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend the school year for teachers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Up to 185 instructional days with students in attendance for 7.5 hours; per full day of school (4 hours and 15 minutes on monthly early release days) ○ Add 40 minutes to the current school day for teachers to increase the standard school day from 7 hours and 20 minutes to 8 hours. ○ Up to 25 days for professional development, planning time, Saturday Academies (not to exceed two per teacher per work year), and Summer Academies • Create a school schedule with student “movement” near the end of the day, including interventions, enrichment, and related arts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dedicate the morning portion of every day to core instruction in an uninterrupted block. ○ Stagger work times for student support staff (e.g., guidance counselors, behaviorists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, social workers, nurses, school adjustments counselors, etc.) and for related arts specialists (e.g., art, music, and PE teachers) so that students are not pulled from core instruction to receive services or attend their related arts courses. ○ Schedule related arts near the end of the day so that students receive well-rounded educational experiences without interrupting core education. ○ Solicit staff input in schedule development. • Establish an intervention or acceleration period during the school day so that all students receive intervention and/or enrichment based on need, as identified by data (see Priority Area 3). • In conjunction with ongoing district efforts, review Parker’s existing technology resources, including software, hardware, and infrastructure. <p><i>This strategy is informed by Local Stakeholder Group recommendation B-1.</i></p>	Principal	September 2014

<p>2.3 Create incentives based on student results to reward teachers for rapid improvements in student performance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective starting in the 2014-2015 school year, a new performance-based compensation system will be developed and used to compensate teachers based on individual effectiveness, professional growth, and student academic growth. (See Appendix A regarding Working Conditions and additional information in Appendix C.) • Communicate the new compensation system to all stakeholders to ensure they understand the objectives and benefits of the system. • Roll out the system in spring 2014 to allow for a smooth transition between the current and new compensation systems. 	Superintendent	March 2014 - ongoing
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Final Outcomes

By June 2015, 100% of core K-5 teachers will see student growth at or above the student growth percentile of 51 in all of their classrooms.

Priority Area 2 directly supports the Final Outcomes for Priority Area 1.

Early Evidence of Change

- Effective July 1, 2014, 100% of teachers will transition to new positions on a career ladder in the newly-devised compensation system.
- By June 2015, 70% of teachers will be rated Proficient or Exemplary on their summative evaluations
- By June 2015, 90% of teachers who respond to a school survey will report that they feel a sense of urgency to improve student outcomes.

Implementation Milestones

Strategy 2.1

- By April 2014, the Superintendent and principal will assess 100% of core pre-K-5 teachers to determine who will remain at the school based on observational information, student growth data, and teacher's educator evaluation ratings, etc.
- By June 2014, 80% of new teachers who receive offers to work at Parker Elementary will have accepted positions.

Strategy 2.2

- By June 2014, the new daily school schedule will be finalized, communicated to all school staff, and implemented.
- By August 2014, 100% of support staff, related arts, and PE teachers will have staggered work daily schedules, which may be revised as necessary throughout the year.
- By September 2014 and ongoing throughout the year, students will receive additional instruction as established by the new school schedule.

Strategy 2.3

- By March 2014, a new career ladder that is aligned with performance measures will be developed for teachers.
- By April 2014, a communications strategy for rolling out the career ladder will be finalized and 100% of retained teachers will be informed of their placement on the new career ladder.

Priority Area for Improvement 3: Provide students with appropriate supports and acceleration opportunities to maximize their learning by using data to differentiate instruction and identifying opportunities for intervention and enrichment

Rationale

Using data to inform teachers' practice is an essential tool for providing rigorous instruction, yet it is not consistently used across all classrooms at Parker Elementary. Teachers need a robust understanding of how to differentiate their instruction based on analysis of their students' data. Teachers are beginning to embrace and implement the data cycle, but only a continued focus on data will ensure that teachers build upon this practice.

Related Emerging and Sustaining Practices for School Turnaround

- Providing data-driven tiered instruction for all students

Challenges Addressed by Priority Area 3

- **Lack of a comprehensive data system:** As noted by the Local Stakeholder Group in fall 2013, the school lacks a system for organizing school wide data and tracking “at risk” students. Without easy-to-understand data, school leaders and teachers cannot accurately identify the “root cause” for why students struggle, nor can they provide the appropriate differentiation to help address these students’ needs.
- **Lack of use of data-driven instruction:** The use of data to drive instruction is a new instructional practice in the school, starting in the 2013-2014 school year. As noted in the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Monitoring Site Visits, teachers have not yet made the connection between their data analysis and their instructional practice. Teachers spent the first half of the 2013-2014 school year learning about the process of the data cycle, but teachers do not yet understand how to embed formative assessments into their instruction, how to consistently check for understanding in their daily instruction, and how to adjust their instruction to ensure all students learn. Time has already been built into the school schedule so that teacher collaboration teams (TCTs) can meet two times per week, but this time has not been used effectively. Teachers require more coaching and support on how to transfer their data analysis into re-teach plans for differentiating instruction based on student need.

Strategies to Achieve Priority Area 3

Key Strategy	Owner	Timeline
<p>3.1 Create a coherent system for organizing student data, communicating data to students and teachers, and acting on data.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Collect the data</u>: Create a coherent system for collecting and organizing common formative assessment (CFA) data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identify an external partner to assist in this work • <u>Communicate the data</u>: Create a student data “dashboard” system to provide the principal and teachers with timely views of all students’ academic profiles and non-academic profiles for students who are at-risk (see Priority Area 4). • <u>Share data with students</u>: Help students understand their own performance data, set goals, and identify strategies for improvement. • <u>Create tools to use the data</u>: Improve existing tools and create new tools to help teachers and the principal analyze data (e.g., spreadsheets for reviewing CFA data school wide, TCT toolkit, etc.) Provide appropriate PD in the use of these data tools. • Using existing data, conduct a “root cause” analysis to identify why students struggle to meet grade-level goals and expectations. • This analysis will inform the schedule and topics for professional development needs addressed in Priority Area 1. <p><i>This strategy is informed by Local Stakeholder Group recommendation A-2.</i></p>	Turnaround manager	August 2014 - ongoing
<p>3.2 Ensure the regular administration of formative assessments in ELA and math.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a calendar for administering CFAs regularly in ELA and math throughout the year using Reading Street, Galileo assessments, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Create a TCT calendar to clearly define the schedule for completing data cycles during the school year, including specific guidelines on when teachers should re-teach and re-assess their students. ○ Conduct additional diagnostic testing, including screening for English Language proficiency, for students who are identified as struggling and are consistently below grade-level. • With the support of the principal and the turnaround manager, create banks of rigorous assessment questions aligned with the current curriculum standards for teachers to use in their CFAs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Share questions with other elementary schools district wide. • Embed formative assessments in daily instruction. • School instructional leadership team (SILT), which includes teachers and school administrators, monitors implementation of CFAs at the classroom level by collecting formative assessments from a sample of classrooms and through conversations and analysis with teachers. • SILT analyzes results of CFAs to identify school wide trends in student learning and design strategies to address gaps. <p><i>This strategy is informed by Local Stakeholder Group recommendation A-4.</i></p>	Principal, school instructional leadership team	September 2014 - monthly
<p>3.3 Build the capacity of leadership staff and teachers to effectively use the data inquiry cycle to make data-driven decisions about instruction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the extended day and staggered schedules, use TCT meetings and planning time to provide teachers with dedicated time to review student data. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As part of the TCT calendar, create agendas to ensure that TCTs make 	Principal	September 2014 - ongoing

<p>effective use of their time working on focused instructional goals and practices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop a TCT meeting schedule that optimizes teacher participation. • Based on the results of formative assessments, TCTs identify priority areas for each subject and grade-level. • Establish a voluntary professional learning community for teachers to deepen their understanding of data-driven instruction by reading about data-driven instruction, discussing problems of practice, etc.. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Frequency of meetings to be determined ○ Sessions will be facilitated by principal, TLS, or teacher-leader • Develop and implement a professional development plan to ensure teachers know how to consistently check for student understanding, use embedded formative assessments to monitor student progress, and make meaning of data that impacts their classroom instruction. • Ensure that teachers provide supplemental supports/interventions to struggling students based on data, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additional time on task during the intervention/remediation period that address students' specific learning targets. ○ Instruction during the intervention/remediation period that uses evidence-based programs with track records of success (e.g., SuccessMaker) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discontinue intervention/remediation programs that have been deemed ineffective based on student results. ○ Summer institute for four weeks for students identified as struggling in reading and math, based on MOY and EOY student achievement data, including Galileo and MCAS performance, and performance on CFAs. • Offer a Saturday Academy for struggling students in targeted grades to provide additional instruction while simultaneously building the knowledge, skills, and capacity of families to develop students at home (see Priority Area 4). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hire an external consultant to assist in developing the curricula and program for the Academy. ○ Identify students to attend the program based on performance data. ○ Ensure that the program contains learning opportunities that address the specific learning targets of students who attend. • Identify and implement opportunities for acceleration and enrichment to challenge students in areas where they are proficient, including project-based learning and an application of learning strategies within increasingly complex contexts (e.g., science, social studies, and throughout community-based venues, including the New Bedford Whaling Museum, New Bedford Historical Society, etc.). • Identify instructional best practices to address the areas in which students struggle. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Literacy coach provides job-embedded coaching and professional development to teachers on data analysis, coordinated by turnaround manager and principal. • Coordinate the provision of specialized instructional supports that take place outside of the pre-K-5 classroom in alignment with students' Individualized Educational Plans (IEPs) to minimize student absence during core instruction. • Ensure that principal provides growth-producing feedback to teachers on their 		
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<p>use of data to inform instruction.</p> <p><i>This strategy is informed by Local Stakeholder Group recommendation B-1.</i></p>		
<p>3.4 Monitor that TCT decisions result in differentiated instruction and additional learning time for all students, leading to improvement in student outcomes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SILT meets weekly to review student data, track progress towards meeting the school's goals, and make instructional adjustments as necessary. • TCTs make instructional adjustments after each formative assessment based on the results of the data. • TCTs reassess and regroup students based on most recent formative assessment data every 6-8 weeks. • Principal, SILT, and literacy coach monitor data-driven decisions for impact by reviewing TCTs' action plans and reflection protocols, through conversations and analysis with teachers, and by classroom observations. 	Principal, literacy coach	September 2014 - ongoing

This priority area is aligned with Initiatives 2.1 and 2.2 in the 2013-2014 New Bedford Accelerated Improvement Plan.

Final Outcomes

By January 2015, 100% of school leadership team meetings will include data-driven decisions that result in teachers providing differentiated instruction and additional learning time for struggling students, as evidenced by minutes from leadership team meetings.

By June 2015, 100% of TCTs will make decisions that result in teachers providing appropriate supports/interventions, differentiated instruction, and additional learning time for all students, as evidenced by TCT minutes, re-teach plans, classroom observations and improved student outcomes.

Priority Area 3 directly supports the Final Outcomes for Priority Area 1.

Early Evidence of Change

- By January 2015, 100% of classrooms focus core instruction on the priority areas identified by analysis of assessment data.
- By January 2015, 100% of Tier II and Tier III supplemental instructional supports/interventions will address areas where data has identified that students need support.
- By March 2015, all students will receive core instruction (Tier I), no more than 15% of students will require additional supports/instruction (Tier II), and no more than 5% of students will require more targeted and intensive supports/interventions (Tier III).*

* These numbers are targets; students will be provided the supports necessary to ensure individual learning.

Implementation Milestones

Strategy 3.1

- By September 2014, the turnaround manager and school principal will establish a system for analyzing data.
- By October 2014 and ongoing throughout the year, TCTs will initially identify 100% of struggling students and the “root cause” for why they struggle.

Strategy 3.2

- By September 2014, a calendar for conducting common formative assessments will be established and distributed to 100% of core teachers expected to administer these formative assessments.
- Every 6-8 weeks, 100% of core K-5 teachers will conduct formative assessments to identify students' academic needs and learning gaps.

Strategy 3.3

- By October 2014 and ongoing throughout the year, 100% of struggling students identified by data will receive the appropriate supplemental supports/interventions during the intervention/enrichment block provided near the end of the school day.
- Every 6-8 weeks, 100% of core K-5 teachers will analyze the most recent common formative assessment data to identify students' academic needs, identify appropriate interventions, and develop and implement re-teach plans.
- By October 2014, at least two priority standards for each subject and grade level will be identified based on beginning-of-the-year (BOY) formative assessment data.
- Every 6-8 weeks, priority standards for each subject and grade level will be re-assessed and new priority standards will be identified if necessary, based on formative assessment data.

Strategy 3.4

- By January 2015, 80% of teachers will show evidence of using differentiated instruction informed by data in their classrooms, as evidenced by student groupings, re-teach plans, classroom observations, conversations and analysis with teachers, and improvement in student outcomes.

Priority Area for Improvement 4: Ensure that all students succeed academically by establishing a climate that focuses on learning and engaging families as partners in student learning

Rationale

Parker Elementary School is responsible for ensuring that all students are productive learners during the school day; therefore the school must establish a positive culture that focuses on student learning. Families are valued members of the school community whose collaboration is needed to support and accelerate student learning beyond the school day and at home. The school must increase family engagement in children's learning experiences by offering family-friendly activities and relationship-building focused on academics. These targeted activities and supports will lead to increased on-task student behavior in the classroom, cooperative problem-solving work with families on attendance and behavior issues, and reinforcement of academic content at home.

Related Emerging and Sustaining Practices for School Turnaround

- A safe, orderly, and respectful environment for students and teachers

Challenges Addressed by Priority Area 4

- **Instructional time lost to behavioral issues:** The school does not have a fully-developed tiered system of behavioral supports. As a result, student behavioral issues often detract from the focus on instruction in the classroom. In 2012-2013, the school's out-of-school suspension rate was 1.8%, more than double the suspension rate in 2011.
- **Limited number of focused approaches to engage families in academic activities:** Family engagement focused on student learning has been limited at Parker: While many family members attend social events at the school, few events focused on academic issues have been offered; attendance at those events has been low. For example, according to the 2012-2013 Monitoring Site Visit, families were engaged in social activities, such as family movie nights, cook-outs, and game nights, but not academic activities. It is unclear how much school staff previously encouraged families to take part in students' learning. On the 2012 Massachusetts TELLS survey, about 33% of teachers responded that parents and/or guardians were influential decision-makers at the school, and only 13% of teachers felt that families help students achieve their educational goals. Similarly, very few family members attended a meeting at the school in fall 2013 regarding Parker's status as a school at risk of being designated Level 5.
- **Poor connections with community resources to support students and families:** The school does not have existing formal structures to coordinate support for families. The school's staff have struggled to build relationships with community resources to assist families who may have extensive needs. Going forward, providing supports for families facing extenuating circumstances will help improve students' academic achievement.
- **Challenges engaging families who do not speak English:** Local Stakeholder Group members indicated that the school may be struggling with family engagement because of the number of families for whom English is not a first language. Data shows that the percentage of families whose first language is not English (FLNE) has increased from 14% to 20% since 2011. The lack of bicultural and bilingual staff makes it difficult for families and school personnel to communicate and engage with each other in support of student learning and success.

Strategies to Achieve Priority Area 4

Key Strategy	Owner	Timeline
<p>4.1 Establish a safe and respectful school climate so that all students can learn (Tier I Social/Emotional and Behavioral Supports).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicate key priorities in the turnaround plan and school wide focus areas to students in a clear, student- and family-friendly way that ensures understanding of high expectations, academic goals, and how good attendance and positive behavior can help everyone in the school reach those goals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on the district's "Where Are You Headed?" campaign to help students begin to think about college, career, and other future aspirations. Establish a consistent, evidence-based behavior management system and related protocols for handling student behavior issues to ensure a safe learning environment. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will be a Tier I school wide approach developed with staff input, that will result in all Parker staff using common and consistent language and systems to help all students demonstrate on-task behavior during all academic classes. During August professional development and ongoing throughout the year, establish the common understanding that teachers' primary business in the classroom is ensuring that all students are fully engaged in their learning. Coach teachers to build a repertoire of strategies for ensuring that students remain engaged and on task in the classroom (e.g., classroom management, positive reinforcement, providing opportunities to respond). Engage staff, families, and students in determining whether to implement a student dress code. Message monthly "core values" for students to motivate them to engage in their education and to set high expectations for all members of the school community. Hold Student of the Month assemblies to recognize students for exemplary academic growth, performance, and effective effort, and provide rewards centered on learning and enrichment. Monitor programs and behavioral expectations for impact <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a system for collecting, organizing, and acting on data on student behavior. Celebrate successes, and make mid-course corrections as necessary (see Priority Area 3 for academic alignment). <p><i>This strategy is informed by Local Stakeholder Group recommendation B-5.</i></p>	<p>Behavior intervention specialist</p>	<p>September 2014 – ongoing monthly</p>
<p>4.2 Provide tiered supports to students demonstrating behaviors that prevent them and others from fully engaging in the classroom (Tier II and Tier III supports).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hire a behavior intervention specialist to plan, coordinate and implement this work. <u>Tier II:</u> Teachers, family members, and students work with behavior intervention specialist to develop behavior plans or identify supplemental supports/interventions for identified students who have difficulty staying on task and/or are disruptive in the classroom. 	<p>Principal, behavior intervention specialist</p>	<p>September 2014 – Ongoing</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students identified as needing Tier II supports based on behavioral issues inside and outside the academic setting. ○ Teachers, family members, and behavior interventionist review both academic and behavioral data to determine the root cause of misbehavior (see Strategy 4.3). ○ Teachers, family members, and behavior interventionist work with students to develop plans to raise students' academic achievement and address behavioral issues at school and at home. ○ Teachers, family members, and behavior interventionist monitor plans for impact and adjust as necessary. ○ Teachers collaborate with behavior interventionist regularly to discuss roadblocks and receive supports in enacting plans. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tier III: Teachers, students, and families collaborate with Family Resource Center staff and behavioral intervention specialist to identify community resources to assist families in need of services and support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Students identified as needing more intensive and targeted supports/interventions based on the results of previous Tier II interventions and supports. ○ Teachers, family members, Family Resource Center staff, and behavior interventionist review both academic and behavioral data to determine the root cause of off-task behavior with a plan to increase focused learning time and student outcomes. ○ Teachers, family members, Family Resource Center staff, and behavior interventionist monitor behavior plans for impact on learning and adjust as necessary. <p><i>This strategy is informed by Local Stakeholder Group recommendation B-5.</i></p>		
<p>4.3 Establish meaningful communication and relationship-building between teachers and families to reinforce and support academic goals and student success.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provide professional development to teachers on cultural competencies before the beginning of the school year to engage with all family members, including those who are not native English speakers. ● Clarify and monitor expectations for teacher communication with families. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Core pre-K-5 teachers reach out to families one to three times over the summer during the summer institute. ○ Core pre-K-5 teachers reach out to the families of all their students at least once a month during the school year to discuss students' academic progress. ○ Core pre-K-5 teachers hold at least one parent-teacher conference with all their students' families during the school year. ○ Supported by Family Engagement Center Coordinator, encourage teachers to conduct visits with families who are receptive to engaging with teachers outside the school setting. ○ All educators record written and oral communication with families in a log. ● Reinvigorate the school-site council by leveraging it as an opportunity for families to provide input, feedback, and support to turnaround efforts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ensure supports are available so that families who do not speak English can fully participate. <p><i>This strategy is informed by Local Stakeholder Group recommendation C-1, D-</i></p>	Principal, Family Resource Center manager	Summer 2014 - ongoing

1, D-3, and D-4.		
<p>4.4 Build parent capacity to support academic goals and school success.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate key priorities in the turnaround plan and school wide focus areas to families in a clear, family-friendly way. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Educate families on grade-level expectations for rigor for their students in reading and math, and what they can do at home to support those goals. ○ Educate families on school behavioral expectations and protocols and what they can do at home to support those expectations. ○ Provide translation into all languages spoken at home in all family communications. • Establish a Family Resource Center to coordinate family and community engagement activities that are linked directly to student learning. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hire a coordinator for the Resource Center to help families access resources through community agencies to provide extensive services and supports, including language and workforce supports. ○ Investigate successful Parent Academy models to offer parent support and programming. • Through the Family Resource Center: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Analyze school-level data from past events to identify successful strategies for engaging families. ○ Offer school wide evening events that combine literacy and math development with engaging activities for children and families to learn together. ○ Hold school wide evening events and workshops to help all families, with a focus on non-native English speakers, navigate the school system, understand how to interpret grades, MCAS results and other data shared with students, and make the link between their child's elementary school experience and their goal to be prepared for college and careers. • Partner with community-based agencies or organizations to provide wraparound services and other supports (e.g., home visits, adult workforce development, wraparound referrals, family literacy development, mentoring, law enforcement services if needed, etc.) that enhance student learning and ensure families are partners in their child's progress toward higher achievement. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Family Resource Center coordinator will lead the development of a school wide plan for providing or referring students to resources that provide necessary wraparound services; this plan will be developed in conjunction with ongoing district wide efforts. ○ The secretaries of health and human services, labor and workforce development, public safety will coordinate with the secretary of education and the commissioner regarding the implementation of the turnaround plan as appropriate and will, subject to appropriation, reasonably support the implementation consistent with the requirements of state and federal law. • Offer a Saturday Academy program in the 2014-2015 school year in targeted grades, to provide additional instruction for struggling students while simultaneously building the knowledge, skills, and capacity of parents and families to develop students at home (see Priority Area 3). 	Family Resource Center manager	September 2014 - ongoing

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Offer high-quality learning opportunities for parents and families, facilitated by community partners and teachers, for three hours twice a month in October, November, January, February, March, April, and May. <p><i>This strategy is informed by Local Stakeholder Group recommendation C-1, D-1, D-3, and D-4.</i></p>		
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This priority area is aligned with Initiatives 4.1 and 4.2 in the 2013-2014 New Bedford Accelerated Improvement Plan.

Final Outcomes

By June 2015, student attendance will be at or above 95.7%, and out-of-school suspensions will be at or below 1.4% without a related increase in in-school suspensions.

By June 2015, at least 70% of families responding to a survey will demonstrate an understanding of Parker Elementary School's vision for turnaround and will take regular action to support their students' academic achievement.

Priority Area 4 directly supports the Final Outcomes for Priority Area 1.

Early Evidence of Change

- Starting in September 2014 and ongoing throughout the year, 100% of core pre-K-5 teachers will communicate at least once per month with at least one adult family member for each of their students.
- By October 2014, 100% of teachers will implement common school wide behavioral expectations, as evidenced by classroom observations where students are engaged in on-task behavior, conversations with school leaders, etc.
- By January 2015, 40% of families will have attended at least one event offered by the Family Resource Center, as measured by attendance logs at events.
- By June 2015, 80% of students who respond to a school survey will report feeling both challenged and supported by adults at the school.
- By June 2015, 80% of core pre-K-5 teachers will be rated as proficient or exemplary on indicator III-C Communication in their summative or formative evaluations.

Implementation Milestones

Strategy 4.1

- By January 2015, 80% of students will follow school wide behavioral expectations as measured by student detention rates and in-school suspension rates.

Strategy 4.2

- By September 2014, all students' social/emotional skills will be assessed to identify whether they require additional Tier I, II or III behavioral supports/interventions.
- By October 2014 and ongoing throughout the year, all students will be reassessed every 6-8 weeks to determine what behavioral supports are needed, if any.
- By June 2015, at least 50% of students with behavioral plans will have achieved the goals outlined in their plans, as measured by the behavior intervention specialist, teachers, and families, resulting in improved learning outcomes.

Strategy 4.3

- By August 2014, a Family Resource Center manager will be hired for the school.
- By September 2014, a family engagement plan will be developed, as informed by data analysis of previous successful community events at Parker.
- Starting in October 2014 and ongoing throughout the year, the Family Resource Center will host monthly events for families and community members.
- By January 2015, 50% of core K-5 teachers will have participated in at least one Saturday Academy or evening program.

Statutory requirements	Related Priority Area(s)
Achievement gaps for limited English-proficient, students with disabilities and low-income students	All Priority Areas
Alternative English language learning programs for limited English proficient students	Priority Area 1
Social service and health needs of students at the school and their families, to help students arrive and remain at school ready to learn; may include mental health and substance abuse screening	Priority Area 4
Improved or expanded child welfare services and, as appropriate, law enforcement services in the school community, in order to promote a safe and secure learning environment	Priority Area 4
Improved workforce development services provided to students at the school and their families, to provide students and families with meaningful employment skills and opportunities	Priority Area 4
Coordination among secretaries of health and human services, labor and workforce development, public safety and the secretary of education to support the implementation of the plan.	Priority Area 4
A financial plan for the school, including any additional funds to be provided by the district, commonwealth, federal government or other sources	Appendix C
Formation of a Parent Advisory Committee focused on English language learners (if applicable)	Priority Area 1
Strong leadership in schools, including a new or current principal with a track record of success	Priority Areas 1, 2, & 3
Redesigned school day, week, or year to include additional time for student learning and teacher collaboration	Priority Area 2

Turnaround Plan Authorization

The turnaround plan is authorized for a period of three years. The Superintendent may develop and/or revise additional components of the plan, which must be approved by the Commissioner.

Guidance on Changes in Policy and Strategies to Consider under State Law

The Superintendent will use the proposed changes in policies and strategies available to Level 5 schools to implement the school's Turnaround Plan as marked below.

Curriculum and Instruction

- ✓ **Expand, alter, or replace curriculum:** The Commissioner may expand, alter or replace the curriculum and program offerings of the school, including the implementation of research based early literacy programs, early interventions for struggling readers and the teaching of advanced placement courses or other rigorous nationally or internationally recognized courses, if the school does not already have such programs or courses.
- ✓ **Expand use of time:** The Commissioner may expand the school day or school year or both of the school.
- ✓ **Add kindergarten or pre-kindergarten:** The Commissioner may, for an elementary school, add pre-kindergarten and full day kindergarten classes, if the school does not already have such classes.

Financial and Asset Management

- ✓ **Reallocate school budget:** The Commissioner may reallocate the uses of the existing budget of the school.
- ✓ **Reallocate district budget:** The Commissioner may provide additional funds to the school from the budget of the district, if the school does not already receive funding from the district at least equal to the average per pupil funding received for students of the same classification and grade level in the district.

Human Resources

- ✓ **Attract and retain leaders and teachers:** The Commissioner may provide funds, subject to appropriation, to increase the salary of an administrator, or teacher in the school, to attract or retain highly qualified administrators, or teachers or to reward administrators, or teachers who work in chronically underperforming schools that achieve the annual goals set forth in the turnaround plan.
- ✓ **Make staffing changes:** The Commissioner may, following consultation with applicable local unions, require the principal and all administrators, teachers and staff to reapply for their positions in the school.
- ✓ **Implement a new system of evaluation and/or performance compensation:** The Commissioner may establish steps to assure a continuum of high expertise teachers by aligning the following processes with a common core of professional knowledge and skill: hiring, induction, teacher evaluation, professional development, teacher advancement, school culture and organizational structure.
- ✓ **Leadership development:** The Commissioner may establish a plan for professional development for administrators at the school, with an emphasis on strategies that develop leadership skills and use the principles of distributive leadership.

Professional Development and Collaboration

- ✓ **Embedded professional development:** The Commissioner may include a provision of job embedded professional development for teachers at the school, with an emphasis on strategies that involve teacher input and feedback.
- ✓ **Expanded teacher planning time:** The Commissioner may provide for increased opportunities for teacher planning time and collaboration focused on improving student instruction.

Leadership and Governance

- ✓ **Change contract or collective bargaining agreements:** The Commissioner may limit, suspend or change 1 or more provisions of any contract or collective bargaining agreement, as the contract or agreement applies to the school; provided that the Commissioner shall not reduce the compensation of an administrator, teacher or staff member unless the hours of the person are proportionately reduced; and provided that the Commissioner may require the school committee and any applicable unions to bargain in good faith for 30 days before exercising authority pursuant to this clause.
- ✓ **Change district policies:** The Commissioner may limit, suspend or change 1 or more school district policies or practices, as such policies or practices relate to the school.

Additional Strategies

- ✓ **Study best practices:** The Commissioner may develop a strategy to search for and study best practices in areas of demonstrated deficiency in the school.
- ✓ **Address mobility and transiency:** The Commissioner may establish strategies to address mobility and transiency among the student population of the school.
- ✓ **Additional strategies:** The Commissioner may include additional components based on the reasons why the school was designated as chronically underperforming and the recommendations of the local stakeholder group.

Appendix A: Working Conditions and Compensation for Level 5 Schools

Following are the terms for working conditions and compensation specific to the John Avery Parker Elementary School, a Level 5 school in the district. The Commissioner and Superintendent Durkin reserve the right to make additional changes to the collective bargaining agreement as needed. Nothing contained in the turnaround plan or the collective bargaining agreement shall be construed to limit the rights of the Commissioner as they are provided for under G.L. c.69, §J.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES AT THE JOHN AVERY PARKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Pursuant to G.L. c. 69, §1J, the Commissioner must create a turnaround plan intended to maximize the rapid improvement of the academic achievement of students in the John Avery Parker Elementary School, hereinafter referred to as “the school.” The Commissioner will take all appropriate steps necessary to support the goals of the turnaround plan. Among other things, the Commissioner may:

- (1) expand, alter or replace the curriculum and program offerings of the school, including the implementation of research-based early literacy programs, early interventions for struggling readers and the teaching of advanced placement courses or other rigorous nationally or internationally recognized courses, if the school does not already have such programs or courses;
- (2) reallocate the uses of the existing budget of the school;
- (3) provide additional funds to the school from the budget of the district, if the school does not already receive funding from the district at least equal to the average per pupil funding received for students of the same classification and grade level in the district;
- (4) provide funds, subject to appropriation, to increase the salary of an administrator, or teachers in the school, in order to attract or retain highly-qualified administrators or teachers or to reward administrators or teachers who work in chronically underperforming schools that achieve the annual goals set forth in the turnaround plan;
- (5) expand the school day or school year or both of the school;
- (6) for an elementary school, add pre-kindergarten and full-day kindergarten classes, if the school does not already have such classes;
- (7) limit, suspend, or change 1 or more provisions of any contract or collective bargaining agreement, as the contract or agreement applies to the school; provided, however, that the commissioner shall not reduce the compensation of an administrator, teacher or staff member unless the hours of the person are proportionately reduced; and provided further, that the commissioner may require the school committee and any applicable unions to bargain in good faith for 30 days before exercising authority pursuant to this clause;
- (8) following consultation with applicable local unions, require the principal and all administrators, teachers and staff to reapply for their positions in the school, with full discretion vested in the superintendent regarding his consideration of and decisions on rehiring based on the reapplications;
- (9) limit, suspend or change 1 or more school district policies or practices, as such policies or practices relate to the school;
- (10) include a provision of job-embedded professional development for teachers at the school, with an emphasis on strategies that involve teacher input and feedback;
- (11) provide for increased opportunities for teacher planning time and collaboration focused on improving student instruction;
- (12) establish a plan for professional development for administrators at the school, with an emphasis on strategies that develop leadership skills and use the principles of distributive leadership; and
- (13) establish steps to assure a continuum of high expertise teachers by aligning the following processes with the common core of professional knowledge and skill: hiring, induction, teacher evaluation, professional development, teacher advancement, school culture and organizational structure.

The terms outlined below are necessary for the successful implementation of the turnaround plan and reflect mandatory changes to the school’s policies, agreements, work rules, and any practices or policies. These terms will take effect July 1, 2014. The Commissioner reserves the right to make additional changes to collective bargaining agreements as needed. Nothing contained in the turnaround plan or the collective bargaining agreements shall be construed to limit the rights of the Commissioner as they are provided for under G.L. c.69, §1J.

Central to the School Turnaround Plan is the requirement that the John Avery Parker Elementary School make effective use of its resources to maximize student achievement. In particular, the John Avery Parker Elementary School Turnaround Plan requires Superintendent Durkin to develop and utilize a new performance-based compensation system, which will contain a career path and which compensates employees based on individual effectiveness, professional growth,

and student academic growth. The compensation plan must be affordable and sustainable and may serve as a model for the district to consider in setting future compensation policies.

Part I, below, sets out working conditions for all staff at the school.

Part II, below, sets out the performance-based compensation system.

These terms shall supersede any contrary provision of the district's collective bargaining agreements or any pre-existing practice or policy. The terms reflect mandatory changes to the district's policies, agreements, work rules and any practices or policies, and are implemented pursuant to G.L. c. 69, § 1J.

I. WORKING CONDITIONS

To implement the John Avery Parker Elementary School Turnaround Plan, the Commissioner has selected Superintendent Pia Durkin as the Commissioner's designee (hereinafter referred to as Superintendent Durkin) to implement the turnaround plan for the school. Superintendent Durkin shall have full managerial and operational authority for the school. Superintendent Durkin shall develop, and the Commissioner shall approve, an annual operational plan which outlines working conditions for staff working at the school.

Superintendent Durkin retains final authority over school-based decision-making and her determination shall be final.

Conditions Necessary for Superintendent Durkin to Succeed

Superintendent Durkin will exercise key autonomies derived from those articulated in the Commissioner's school turnaround plan. Below are the conditions and autonomies that are necessary for the successful transformation of the John Avery Parker School as a low-performing school:

Student Discipline

Superintendent Durkin shall have the discretion to establish the code of conduct for students and establish procedures and standards for the discipline of students in the school.

Staffing

Collective Bargaining Agreements:

- All staff members at the school will continue to be represented by their respective collective bargaining units. However, certain terms of the collective bargaining agreements in effect across the district will not apply at the school managed by Superintendent Durkin. Also, prior Level 4 agreements and/or decisions of the John Avery Parker Elementary School Joint Resolution Committee (JRC) will not apply beyond June 30, 2014. John Avery Parker Elementary School employees will also accrue seniority while employed at the school. Superintendent Durkin will adopt the new compensation strategy to be effective July 1, 2014 for teachers. (See Part II).
- **Grievance Procedure:** Notwithstanding any provision in a collective bargaining agreement, the Grievance Process for employees at the John Avery Parker Elementary School shall be as follows:

A grievance is defined as an allegation of a violation of an applicable provision of the parties' collective bargaining agreement. The following are excluded from the definition of grievance and from this grievance procedure:

Suspension of professional employees

Discharge of professional employees

Non-renewal of professional employees

A. The grievant may be represented by his/her union representative at any level of the dispute resolution process.

B. **Grievance Process:**

1. **Level 1 Grievance:** The employee may submit a grievance to the Principal in writing within ten (10) work days of the occurrence of the event giving rise to the grievance. The grievance must include a description

of the alleged violation, identify the specific violation of the parties' agreement alleged to have been violated, and state the desired resolution.

2. Level 1 Response: Within ten (10) work days of the receipt of the grievance, the Principal/designee will schedule a meeting with the grievant to discuss the grievance. Within five (5) work days of the meeting, the Principal/designee will issue a decision to the NBEA.
3. Level 2 Grievance: If the grievant is not satisfied with the Principal's/designee's response at Level 1, the grievant may submit the grievance to the Commissioner's designee, Superintendent Pia Durkin, in writing within five (5) work days of receiving the Level 1 response. The grievant's submission to the Commissioner's designee shall include the Level 1 Grievance and the Level 1 Grievance Response and an explanation with the reasons why the grievant does not find the Level 1 Response satisfactory.
4. Level 2 Response: Within fifteen (15) work days of the receipt of the grievance, the Commissioner's designee will schedule a meeting with the grievant to discuss the grievance. Within five (5) work days after the meeting, the Commissioner's designee will issue a decision to the NBEA for professional employees or to the applicable union, if the employee is not represented by the NBEA.
5. Level 3 Grievance: If the grievant is not satisfied with decision of the Commissioner's designee, she/he may submit the grievance in writing to the Commissioner of the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts within five (5) work days of receipt of the Level 2 Response. The employee's submission to the Commissioner must include the following information:
 - Name of Grievant;
 - For employees represented by the NBEA, New Bedford Educators Association, 160 William St. New Bedford Ma, 02740. For employees represented by another union, the name and address of the applicable union.
 - School District where Grievant is employed;
 - Level 1 grievance;
 - Level 1 decision;
 - Level 2 grievance;
 - Level 2 decision; and
 - An explanation with the reasons why the Level 2 decision was not satisfactory to the Grievant.
6. Level 3 Decision: The Commissioner's designee's Level 2 response will be entitled to substantial deference during the Commissioner's review of the Level 3 grievance. The Commissioner's decision shall be final. The Level 3 decision shall be sent to the NBEA if the grievant is represented by the NBEA. If the employee is represented by another union, the Commissioner's decision will be sent to the applicable union.
7. General Provisions:
 - A. The time periods are considered maximum periods. Failure of the grievant to advance his/her grievance to the next level within the time period shall be deemed to be acceptance of the grievance answer/decision at the prior Level.
 - B. The Commissioner's designee has the authority to suspend or amend the time periods for any one or more grievances in writing by agreement with the union.

Personnel:

- Superintendent Durkin has the sole discretion to select the staff for any and all positions at the school, including administrators, teachers, maintenance staff, nurses, security guards, etc. There is to be no requirement for Superintendent Durkin to employ any specific individuals in the school.
- Superintendent Durkin may select staff for union-represented positions without regard to posting requirements, transfer provisions, recall provisions, and seniority provisions in an applicable collective bargaining agreement and without regard to any applicable and past practices between the school committee and union.
- Superintendent Durkin may formulate job descriptions, duties and responsibilities for any and all positions in the school.
- Staff in the existing school (and the district) shall not have attachment rights to any position and Superintendent Durkin may unilaterally move any employee at the school to another position provided that for positions requiring a license or certification that the employee is properly licensed and certified.
- Superintendent Durkin may choose to terminate or non-renew any union or non-union employee pursuant to federal and state laws and municipal ordinances.
- In dismissing an employee as a result of misconduct, Superintendent Durkin shall not be bound by any provision in an applicable collective bargaining agreement, practices or procedures between the school district and any collective bargaining unit. Superintendent Durkin shall issue discipline, up to and including termination, to employees in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and municipal ordinances.
- The school and its employees are exempt from the layoff and recall provisions of any applicable collective bargaining agreement and any associated practices.
- Notwithstanding any provision in an applicable collective bargaining agreement or practice to the contrary, administrators may without limitation have discussions with educators regarding professional practice, student needs, data analysis, curriculum, and other topics regarding or related to improving instruction and educational outcomes for students.

Professional Obligations

Teachers and other professional staff shall devote whatever time is required to achieve and maintain high quality education at the John Avery Parker Elementary School. For example, unless formally excused, teachers and other professional staff shall participate in all regular school functions during or outside of the normal school day, including faculty meetings, parent conferences, department meetings, curriculum meetings, promotional exercises, and other similar activities.

Notwithstanding any provision of an applicable collective bargaining agreement or practice to the contrary, and subject only to the requirements of any applicable state or federal law, all employees assigned to work at the John Avery Parker Elementary School shall request and receive advance approval from the Principal/designee whenever possible for each personal day requested. Employees will inform the Principal/designee as soon as practicable of the employee's need to use a sick day(s) prior to taking the day.

Expectations for Staff Members

- The term of employment for teachers will be July 1 through June 30, and will include the following:
 - Up to and including 25 days for professional development, planning time, Saturday Academies (not to exceed two per teacher per work year), and Summer Academies;
 - Up to and including 185 instructional days with students in attendance for seven and one half (7.5) hours per full day of school;
 - Superintendent Durkin and Chief Academic Officer will develop the schedule for students and for employees and shall determine the content for professional development and planning days.
 - Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving: On the Wednesday prior to Thanksgiving, professional employees shall remain in their assignments fifteen (15) minutes beyond the actual dismissal time of students.
 - Final Day of Classes in the Work Year: The final day of classes will be a full work day for professional employees but a half-day for students with dismissal time for students being the same as the day before Thanksgiving.
- The John Avery Parker Elementary School will use the state's model educator evaluation system, as determined by Superintendent Durkin.
- Except as noted below, the standard workday for professional employees represented by the NBEA at the school will be 8 hours. Professional employees shall arrive at least fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the student

day and may be required to supervise students as students arrive. Professional employees may be assigned duties, including duties before and/or after school, to support the smooth operation of the John Avery Parker Elementary School. The Commissioner's designee shall establish the hours for the work day.

Additional working conditions for specific staff are as follows:

Grade-level Teachers at the Parker School shall receive up to 175 minutes of preparation time per 5-day week and up to 90 minutes of common planning time per five-day week, excluding Summer Academy weeks.

Specialists will not be entitled to common planning time but may be assigned to participate in some common planning time from time to time at the discretion of the Principal. Common planning time activities shall be determined by administration and may include but are not limited to common planning time, tutoring students, student help sessions, supervision of students, working with colleagues, grade-level meetings, cross-grade level meetings, subject area meetings, training, coaching, professional development, data analysis or other activities, duties or tasks as determined by the administration.

- The schedule will be created in such a way that teachers will have a duty-free lunch lasting approximately 30 minutes each full work day.
- Superintendent Durkin, Chief Academic Officer, and/or Principal will select teachers to take part in a summer academy program for students. Teachers will participate in a half-day of professional development or other activity as determined by the administration and spend a half-day working with students. The summer program is anticipated to be up to and including 16 days over a 4-week period with each day being 6.5 hours.
- *Teacher leaders:* At least 2 teacher-leaders will be identified: one in grades K-2 and one in grades 3-5. Applicants for the position may apply and applications will be reviewed by Superintendent Durkin, the Chief Academic Officer, and/or Principal. Superintendent Durkin shall determine the job duties, responsibilities, and qualifications for such teacher leader positions which are expected to include: (1) coaching of peers on providing rigorous instruction and (2) opening up the teacher leader's classroom to peers so teachers can view model lessons and use that observational learning to adjust their own practice accordingly in their own classrooms. Superintendent Durkin shall establish the salary or stipend for such teacher leader positions and shall appoint qualified individuals to such positions whom she may remove in her sole discretion.
- Student support services personnel such as guidance counselors, social workers, nurses, behaviorists, SAC, therapist, OT, PT may be assigned staggered start and end times to their work days provided the employee's starting time is within one hour of the regular start time and the time is continuous.
- *After School Meetings and Activities:*
 - In addition to meetings pursuant to Section E.1 of Article 12 of the NBEA Unit A collective bargaining agreement, professional employees in the school will be required to attend up to and including three (3) meetings per month. Meetings will begin within a reasonable amount of time following the end of the student day (generally and approximately ten (10) minutes after the end of the student dismissal) and will last no longer than seventy-five (75) minutes. Content of the meetings will be determined by Superintendent Durkin, Chief Academic Officer, Principal, and/or Teacher Leader with approval of Principal and may include but are not limited to professional development activities, common planning, grade-level meetings or activities, cross grade-level meetings. New personnel in their first full year of employment in the John Avery Parker Elementary school may be required to attend additional meetings.
 - Employees at the John Avery Parker Elementary School may be required to attend four (4) evening parent-teacher conferences and one (1) open house each school year, and up to and including four (4) evenings each year for the school. Events may include but are not limited to plays, shows, and recreation events for students. Evening meetings and events shall not last more than two (2) hours and shall end no later than 9:00 p.m. During all evening meetings and events there will be an administrator, administrator's designee, or central office staff member present for the duration of the evening meetings.

During a typical Monday-Friday week, all staff members are expected to perform additional duties that support the smooth operation of the school before the school day, during the school day, and after the school day. Additional responsibilities may include but are not limited to: coverage of homeroom periods; substitute coverage of classes and duties of others who are absent from school; coverage of school and afterschool activities (e.g., lunch periods, recess, etc.).

Superintendent Durkin, Chief Academic Officer, and/or Principal may assign NBEA members to be available to support, assist, and communicate with students and parents in the Family Resource Center.

- Superintendent Durkin, Chief Academic Officer, and/or Principal may select any NBEA members to participate in the Saturday Academy. NBEA members will be expected to participate in no more than two Saturday Academy sessions during the school year.
- NBEA members are expected to be involved in a variety of educational and administrative activities that are necessary to fulfill the mission of the school. These activities may include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Conducting home visits: Professional employees will be offered training prior to commencing home visits. When necessary, home visits may be conducted at another mutually agreed upon location. Home visits by professional employees shall occur outside of the school day and with notice to the principal. Professional employees may schedule their home visits with another educator if they choose. If an educator is assigned to participate in a home visit(s) the educator shall be paired with another educator if the educator so requests;
 - Conducting regular contact with families of students with chronic behavior issues, poor attendance and/or other factors that are impacting student learning gains will be made to discuss academic and social progress of these students on a weekly basis;
 - Participating in four family conference evenings during the school year;
 - Preparing of individual Progress Reports and Report Cards;
 - Leading student extracurricular activities;
 - Maintaining a subject-area bulletin board;
 - Working regularly with school administrators to improve one's instructional practices;
 - Checking homework on a daily basis;
 - Attending student-related meetings; and
 - Serving as an advisor to a small cohort of students
- Notice of Retirement: A teacher shall provide notice pursuant to Article 7 of the NBEA contract that includes an irrevocable resignation and must be made to the Superintendent of Schools on or before February 1st with payment being made on or before the 1st of September of the same calendar year.

II. PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION SYSTEM

Effective July 1, 2014, Superintendent Durkin will implement the following new performance-based compensation system which contains a career path and which compensates professional employees based on individual effectiveness, professional growth, and student academic growth. This new system replaces the salary schedule in the NBEA Unit A collective bargaining agreement.

Basic principles of the plan:

Provides competitive compensation for teachers

Rewards teachers for excellent performance and effectiveness

Provides a career path for teachers to grow professionally without leaving the classroom

Provides opportunities to reward teachers for their contributions to student growth

The new professional compensation system will be implemented for professional employees in the John Avery Parker Elementary School and will include a teacher career ladder containing five tiers—Novice, Developing, Career, Advanced, and Master—that will compensate teachers commensurate with their development and impact on students. This new system replaces the salary schedule in effect during the 2013-2014 school year. It is envisioned that student outcomes will

improve by creating a professional compensation system that will attract new high-potential teachers and retain our best performers and leaders.

The Commissioner's designee for the John Avery Parker Elementary School may include student performance measures in the evaluation of teacher performance and determination of teacher compensation.

CAREER LADDER

Definitions:

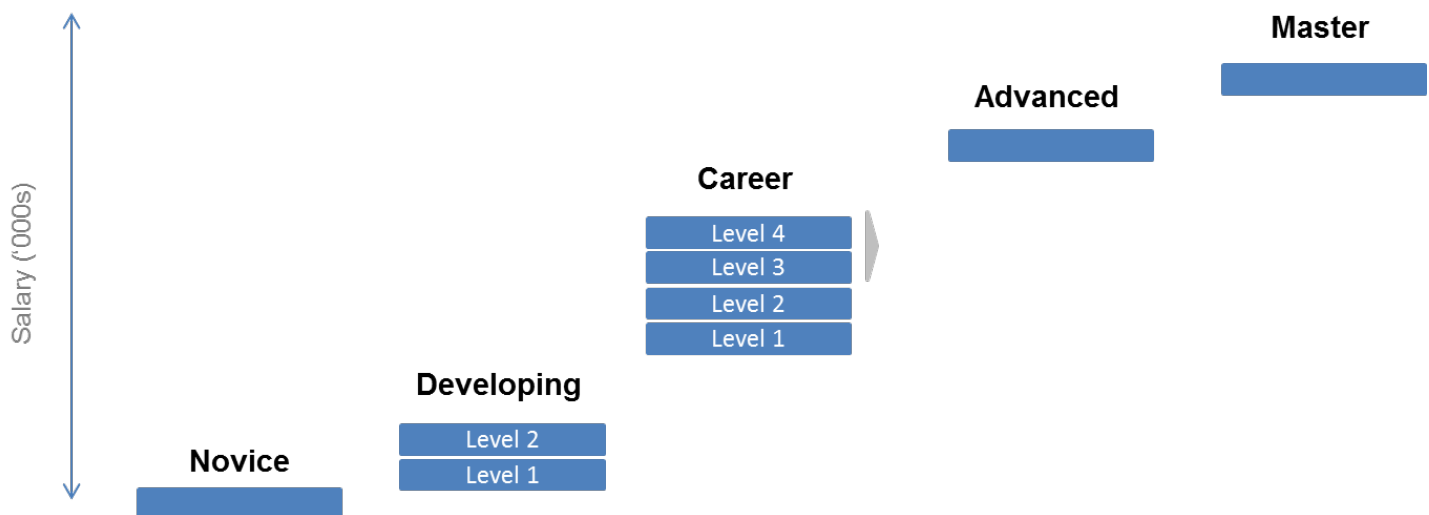
Novice teachers are typically first-year teachers entering teaching directly from college.

Developing teachers are early career educators, typically with one to two years of experience. There are two levels within the Developing tier.

Career teachers have been recognized as excellent educators. Career teachers serve as role models to less-experienced educators, and proactively drive their own professional growth.

Advanced teachers are outstanding educators who serve as school wide models of excellence. Advanced teachers have at least five years of experience and possess deep expertise in their craft.

Master teachers are exceptional educators who serve as school wide and district wide models of excellence. Master teachers have at least five years of experience, possess deep expertise in their craft, and are capable of elevating the practice of already-gifted educators. Master teachers will assume additional roles and responsibilities to support the school's and district's improvement.



Transition to the Career Ladder

Effective July 1, 2014, each New Bedford Public Schools teacher assigned to the John Avery Parker Elementary School will be placed on one of the Levels based on such teacher's performance as determined by the Commissioner's designee. Teachers newly hired and assigned to the John Avery Parker Elementary School will be placed on one of the Levels as determined by the Commissioner's designee:

Career Ladder 2014-15 Salaries

Novice	\$49,000
Developing Level I	\$53,000
Developing Level II	\$56,000
Career Level I	\$63,000
Career Level II	\$66,500
Career Level III	\$70,000
Career Level IV	\$75,000
Career Level IV	* \$75,000+

* Also includes Career Legacy teacher, defined as a teacher whose base salary for the 2013-2014 school year exceeds \$75,000.

The ELT stipend (\$7,000) and longevity payments from the 2013-2014 work year are rolled into the salaries listed above. Commencing with the 2014-2015 work year, the ELT stipend and longevity payments are extinguished.

A Parker School teacher whose 2013-2014 annual base salary exceeds \$75,000 will be identified as a Career Legacy teacher. A Career Legacy teacher's new annual base salary will be the sum of the following components: 1) 2013-2014 annual "step and lane" salary including the \$7,000 ELT stipend, if applicable, 2) 2013-2014 longevity payment, if applicable, and 3) an additional \$1500.

The annual base salary for an "Advanced" teacher will be \$81,500. A teacher designated as an Advanced teacher, whose total compensation exceeds \$81,500, will receive an additional \$1500.

The annual base salary for a "Master" teacher will be \$89,000. Teachers selected for this position will receive a stipend differential based on their annual base salary in order to reach \$89,000. These stipend compensation amounts shall be included in base pay, or otherwise considered as part of the teacher's annualized salary, for retirement purposes.

The salary schedule will be reviewed and may be adjusted periodically by the Commissioner's designee to reflect market conditions.

Advancement on the Career Ladder

A Novice teacher shall advance to Developing I and a Developing I teacher shall advance to Developing II annually provided that the teacher does not receive an end-of-year overall evaluation rating of "unsatisfactory" and provided that such teacher's employment is renewed.

A Developing II teacher shall advance to Career I and all Career level teachers shall advance a level annually provided that an end-of-year overall evaluation rating of "proficient" or "exemplary" is received, with "proficient" or better ratings on all four standards. It is expected that educator evaluation ratings and student performance data will be major components of the teacher's evaluation. A teacher with an end-of-year overall rating of "proficient" who has achieved less than "proficient" ratings in the third and fourth standards may still advance to the next level with the recommendation of the building principal and the approval of the Commissioner's designee.

A teacher may advance on the salary scale more rapidly than described at the discretion of the Commissioner's designee

Novice, Developing, Career, and Advanced teachers who continue in employment at the John Avery Parker Elementary School shall not have their salary reduced based on their performance evaluation.

Consistent with the School Turnaround Plan, based on past experience and performance, a newly-hired teacher may be placed above the Novice level at the discretion of the Commissioner's designee

The categories of Advanced and Master teachers will be established effective July 1, 2014. The roles, expectations, and selection criteria for Advanced and Master teachers will be determined by the Commissioner's designee.

A teacher who has attained the status of Career III or a higher level and received "proficient" or "exemplary" overall end-of-year ratings the previous two years can apply to become an Advanced teacher through a cumulative career portfolio, including demonstrated success in attaining specific student growth benchmarks as determined by the Commissioner's designee.

A teacher who has attained the status of Career III or a higher level and received "exemplary" overall end-of-year ratings the previous two years can apply to become a Master teacher through a cumulative career portfolio with demonstrated success in attaining specific student growth benchmarks as determined by the Commissioner's designee. The portfolio may include 1) student growth data over time; 2) endorsements from peers, parents, students, and administrators; 3) and evidence of effective instruction.

In addition to teacher advancement as outlined above, the Commissioner's designee may provide additional compensation to a bargaining unit member if she determines that such payment is necessary to better serve the needs of the students. Such compensation may include payment to teachers who possess additional certifications not required by their current positions, and/or for performing additional duties, etc.

III. Summary Regarding Bargaining Activity

On January 29, 2014, Commissioner Chester sent letters to the New Bedford School Committee and several unions representing employees who work at the Parker School notifying them that the turnaround plan for the Parker School would require changes to the collective bargaining agreements, and requiring them to bargain with respect to these changes.

An ESE representative met in Executive Session with the Superintendent and the School Committee to review the contents of the working conditions changes and the parameters for the compensation plan.

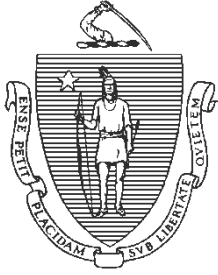
ESE provided the required changes to working conditions at the Parker School to the Superintendent. The district scheduled sessions with the teachers union. The New Bedford Superintendent and key staff members assisted the school department's labor attorney during the negotiations. There were several preparatory meetings and discussions with the Superintendent, the labor attorney, an ESE representative, and school department personnel.

New Bedford Teachers Association

Meetings were held with representatives of the NBEA and the Massachusetts Teachers Association on February 24, 27, and 28, 2014, pursuant to the Commissioner's directive. The NBEA represents both the teachers and the administrators in the district. The bargaining sessions were attended by the Superintendent as well as an ESE representative. The Superintendent provided the NBEA with a Working Conditions Summary Document for the Parker School that outlined various changes to terms and conditions of employment and set forth a model compensation plan which would serve as a basis for compensation changes in the school. The Superintendent and the labor attorney explained the intended changes at the school and answered questions posed by the NBEA and the MTA. The NBEA made counterproposals to the changes. Some agreements were reached on language changes which have been incorporated into the plan. Ultimately, no agreement was reached on the totality of the required changes, including teacher compensation.

Other Unions

The district's Human Resources Director expects to conclude meetings with the two other employee unions by April 11, 2014. The American Federation of Teachers union represents the six paraprofessionals and The American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) represents two custodians and one secretary. The Human Resources Director does not anticipate any issues since the majority of the working conditions changes apply mostly to teachers in the Parker School.



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Re: John A. Parker School

Dear Mayor Mitchell and Ms. Poulos:

As you know, after careful consideration, and pursuant to the authority granted to me in the Achievement Gap Act, G.L. c. 69, § 1J, I announced on October 30, 2013 my determination that the John A. Parker School is chronically underperforming – a Level 5 school under the state accountability system. Having received the recommendations from the Local Stakeholder Group for the Parker school, I am now in the process creating a turnaround plan for the school.

The Achievement Gap Act states that in creating the turnaround plan, I may “limit, suspend or change 1 or more provisions of any contract or collective bargaining agreement, as the contract or agreement applies to the school. . . .” Chapter 69, § 1J(o)(7) The statute also provides that I may require the school committee and any applicable unions to bargain in good faith for 30 days before exercising this authority.

The turnaround plan for the Parker school will require changes in the collective bargaining agreement. The turnaround plan will include a longer school day, a longer school year, a performance based compensation system, and new working conditions. As a result, by this letter, I am requiring that the New Bedford School Committee and the New Bedford Educators Association bargain in good faith for 30 days in connection with these matters.

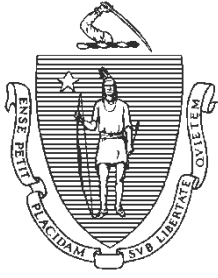
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Louis St. John
President, New Bedford Educators Association
160 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: John A. Parker School

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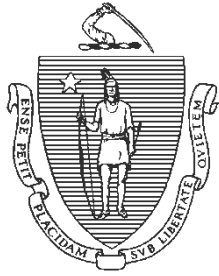
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Appendix B. Measurable Annual Goals

Appendix B: New Bedford - John Avery Parker (02010115) Measurable Annual Goals

Level 5 turnaround plan, submitted April 9, 2014

Student achievement

Notes:

Note that due to the compensatory nature of the state's accountability measures, a group does not necessarily have to meet its fixed CPI or growth targets to be considered "on target" for narrowing proficiency gaps, as long as all groups in the school make the continuous improvement needed to earn a cumulative Progress and Performance Index (PPI) score of 75 or higher by the 2016-17 school year.

Measure	Measurable Annual Goals (MAGs)								
	2011 Baseline	2012 Target	2012 Actual	2013 Target	2013 Actual	2014 Target	2015 Target	2016 Target	2017 Target
MGL Chapter 69, Section 1J(c): (4) student achievement on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System; (5) progress in areas of academic underperformance; (6) progress among subgroups of students, including low-income students as defined by chapter 70, limited English-proficient students and students receiving special education; (7) reduction of achievement gaps among different groups of students									
Narrowing proficiency gaps (ELA) - All students All groups are expected to halve the distance between their level of performance in 2011 and proficiency by the year 2017. The 100-point Composite Performance Index (CPI) measures progress towards this goal of narrowing proficiency gaps. (Source: Pre-populated by ESE from accountability data. A minimum N of 20 for all students and 30 for subgroups are required for MAGs to be set.)	67.7	70.4	68.8	73.1	69.3	75.8	78.5	81.2	83.9
High needs	66.2	69.0	67.8	71.8	68.9	74.7	77.5	80.3	83.1
Low income	66.8	69.6	68.0	72.3	68.8	75.1	77.9	80.6	83.4
ELL and Former ELL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Students w/disabilities	61.4	64.6	49.0	67.8	48.3	71.1	74.3	77.5	80.7
Amer. Ind. or Alaska Nat.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Afr. Amer/Black	63.1	66.2	57.9	69.3	75.0	72.3	75.4	78.5	81.6
Hispanic/Latino	63.6	66.6	68.6	69.7	62.9	72.7	75.7	78.8	81.8
Multi-race, Non-Hisp./Lat.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nat. Haw. or Pacif. Isl.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White	69.9	72.4	71.9	74.9	68.9	77.4	79.9	82.4	85.0

Measure	Measurable Annual Goals (MAGs)								
	2011 Baseline	2012 Target	2012 Actual	2013 Target	2013 Actual	2014 Target	2015 Target	2016 Target	2017 Target
Narrowing proficiency gaps (Math) - All students All groups are expected to halve the distance between their level of performance in 2011 and proficiency by the year 2017. The 100-point Composite Performance Index (CPI) measures progress towards this goal of narrowing proficiency gaps. (Source: Pre-populated by ESE from accountability data. A minimum N of 20 for all students and 30 for subgroups are required for MAGs to be set.)	70.0	72.5	68.8	75.0	75.0	77.5	80.0	82.5	85.0
High needs	67.9	70.6	67.5	73.3	75.2	75.9	78.6	81.3	84.0
Low income	67.8	70.5	67.2	73.2	75.3	75.9	78.5	81.2	83.9
ELL and Former ELL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Students w/disabilities	52.3	56.3	48.0	60.3	54.3	64.2	68.2	72.2	76.2
Amer. Ind. or Alaska Nat.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Afr. Amer/Black	66.7	69.5	56.6	72.3	75.0	75.0	77.8	80.6	83.4
Hispanic/Latino	62.9	66.0	64.7	69.1	71.2	72.2	75.3	78.4	81.5
Multi-race, Non-Hisp./Lat.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nat. Haw. or Pacif. Isl.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White	73.9	76.1	75.6	78.3	76.0	80.4	82.6	84.8	87.0
Narrowing proficiency gaps (Science) - All students All groups are expected to halve the distance between their level of performance in 2011 and proficiency by the year 2017. The 100-point Composite Performance Index (CPI) measures progress towards this goal of narrowing proficiency gaps. (Source: Pre-populated by ESE from accountability data. A minimum N of 20 for all students and 30 for subgroups are required for MAGs to be set.)	58.3	61.8	66.0	65.3	73.0	68.7	72.2	75.7	79.2
High needs	58.7	62.1	64.1	65.6	73.6	69.0	72.5	75.9	79.4
Low income	58.7	62.1	64.1	65.6	75.0	69.0	72.5	75.9	79.4
ELL and Former ELL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Students w/disabilities	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amer. Ind. or Alaska Nat.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Afr. Amer/Black	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic/Latino	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Multi-race, Non-Hisp./Lat.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nat. Haw. or Pacif. Isl.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White	58.7	62.1	71.9	65.6	78.6	69.0	72.5	75.9	79.4

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	2011 Baseline	2012 Target	2012 Actual	2013 Target	2013 Actual	2014 Target	2015 Target	2016 Target	2017 Target
Growth (ELA) - All students All groups (districts, schools, and subgroups) are expected to demonstrate growth in student performance at or near the state median or show high growth each year between 2011 and 2017. Massachusetts uses Student Growth Percentiles (SGP) to measure how a group of students' achievement has grown or changed over time. To be considered "on target", a group's SGP must increase by 10 points or more from the previous year, or a group must achieve or maintain a median SGP at least one point above the state median. In 2013, that figure is 51.	40.0	50.0	52.0	51.0	50.0	51.0	51.0	51.0	51.0
High needs	40.0	50.0	48.5	51.0	51.5	51.0	51.0	51.0	51.0
Low income	40.0	50.0	51.0	51.0	51.0	51.0	51.0	51.0	51.0
ELL and Former ELL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Students w/disabilities	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amer. Ind. or Alaska Nat.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Afr. Amer/Black	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic/Latino	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Multi-race, Non-Hisp./Lat.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nat. Haw. or Pacif. Isl.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White	34.0	44.0	69.5	51.0	34.0	51.0	51.0	51.0	51.0
Growth (Math) - All students All groups (districts, schools, and subgroups) are expected to demonstrate growth in student performance at or near the state median or show high growth each year between 2011 and 2017. Massachusetts uses Student Growth Percentiles (SGP) to measure how a group of students' achievement has grown or changed over time. To be considered "on target", a group's SGP must increase by 10 points or more from the previous year, or a group must achieve or maintain a median SGP at least one point above the state median. In 2013, that figure is 51.	39.0	49.0	58.5	51.0	60.0	51.0	51.0	51.0	51.0
High needs	41.0	51.0	59.0	51.0	61.0	51.0	51.0	51.0	51.0
Low income	40.0	50.0	58.5	51.0	61.5	51.0	51.0	51.0	51.0
ELL and Former ELL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Students w/disabilities	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amer. Ind. or Alaska Nat.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Afr. Amer/Black	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Hispanic/Latino	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Multi-race, Non-Hisp./Lat.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nat. Haw. or Pacif. Isl.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White	40.0	50.0	71.0	51.0	61.0	51.0	51.0	51.0	51.0

Measure	Measurable Annual Goals (MAGs)								
	2011 Baseline	2012 Target	2012 Actual	2013 Target	2013 Actual	2014 Target	2015 Target	2016 Target	2017 Target
Reducing the percentage of students scoring at the Warning/Failing level on MCAS ELA tests - All students Schools are expected to reduce the percentage of students in all groups scoring in the Warning/Failing achievement level by half by 2017.	--	--	--	--	16.5	14.4	12.4	10.3	8.3
High needs	--	--	--	--	17.0	14.9	12.8	10.6	8.5
Low income	--	--	--	--	17.8	15.6	13.4	11.1	8.9
ELL and Former ELL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Students w/disabilities	--	--	--	--	44.8	39.2	33.6	28.0	22.4
Amer. Ind. or Alaska Nat.	--	--	--	--	44.8	39.2	33.6	28.0	22.4
Asian	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Afr. Amer/Black	--	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hispanic/Latino	--	--	--	--	30.3	26.5	22.7	18.9	15.2
Multi-race, Non-Hisp./Lat.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nat. Haw. or Pacif. Isl.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White	--	--	--	--	16.3	14.3	12.2	10.2	8.2
Reducing the percentage of students scoring at the Warning/Failing level on MCAS mathematics tests - All students Schools are expected to reduce the percentage of students in all groups scoring in the Warning/Failing achievement level by half by 2017.	--	--	--	--	11.4	10.0	8.6	7.1	5.7
High needs	--	--	--	--	11.4	10.0	8.6	7.1	5.7
Low income	--	--	--	--	12.0	10.5	9.0	7.5	6.0
ELL and Former ELL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Students w/disabilities	--	--	--	--	31.0	27.1	23.3	19.4	15.5
Amer. Ind. or Alaska Nat.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Afr. Amer/Black	--	--	--	--	9.5	8.3	7.1	5.9	4.8
Hispanic/Latino	--	--	--	--	18.2	15.9	13.7	11.4	9.1
Multi-race, Non-Hisp./Lat.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nat. Haw. or Pacif. Isl.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White	--	--	--	--	8.3	7.3	6.2	5.2	4.2

Measure	Measurable Annual Goals (MAGs)								
	2011 Baseline	2012 Target	2012 Actual	2013 Target	2013 Actual	2014 Target	2015 Target	2016 Target	2017 Target
Reducing the percentage of students scoring at the Warning/Failing level on MCAS science tests - All students Schools are expected to reduce the percentage of students in all groups scoring in the Warning/Failing achievement level by half by 2017.	--	--	--	--	13.2	11.6	9.9	8.3	6.6
High needs	--	--	--	--	11.4	10.0	8.6	7.1	5.7
Low income	--	--	--	--	9.7	8.5	7.3	6.1	4.9
ELL and Former ELL	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Students w/disabilities	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Amer. Ind. or Alaska Nat.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Asian	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
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Hispanic/Latino	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Multi-race, Non-Hisp./Lat.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nat. Haw. or Pacif. Isl.	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
White	--	--	--	--	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Student rates

Notes:

Set MAGs related to student attendance, dismissal, exclusion, and promotion rates in the aggregate. For student attendance and exclusion rates, 2013 is the baseline year for most schools. In the pre-populated cells, a dash (--) means that no data exist for a group for a specific indicator.

(SIMS = Student Information Management System; DPH = Department of Public Health; SDR = School Safety and Discipline Report)

Measure	Measurable Annual Goals (MAGs)						Notes
	2011 Baseline	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2015 Target	2016 Target	2017 Target	
MGL Chapter 69, Section 1J(c): (1) student attendance, dismissal rates, and exclusion rates							
Attendance rate (increase) Total # of days students attended school divided by total # of days students were enrolled during the school year. Set, at a minimum, a goal of 92% or improvement of at least 1% from the prior year if below 92%. (Source: SIMS)	94.5%	95.2%	95.0%	95.7%	96.0%	96.3%	
Percentage of students absent greater than 10% of days in membership (decrease) Determined by the district. (Source: SIMS)	14.8%	11.0%	12.9%	8.6%	6.4%	4.3%	Actual number of days absent dependent on number of days student enrolled in school.
Dismissal rate (decrease) Total # of dismissals from non-routine student-nurse encounters) / (total # of non-routine encounters), or a similar measure. (Source: DPH)	--	--	--				Previous district data not available.
Out-of-school suspension rate (decrease) Percentage of enrolled students who received 1+ out-of-school suspensions. (Source: SIMS)	0.5%	1.9%	1.8%	1.4%	1.2%	0.9%	
In-school suspension rate (decrease) Percentage of enrolled students who received 1+ in-school suspensions. (Source: SIMS)	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.4%	0.2%	0.0%	
MGL Chapter 69, Section 1J(c): (2) student safety and discipline							
Number of drug, weapon, or violence incidents (decrease) # of incidents involving drugs, violence or criminal incident on school property. (Source: SSDR)	1	7	7	5	4	3	

Measure	Measurable Annual Goals (MAGs)						Notes
	2011 Baseline	2012 Actual	2013 Actual	2015 Target	2016 Target	2017 Target	
MGL Chapter 69, Section 1J(c): (3a) student promotion and dropout rates							
Retention rate (decrease) Percentage of enrolled students repeating the grade in which they were enrolled the previous year (as of October 1). (Source: SIMS)	6.0%	5.2%	4.6%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	In a chronically underperforming school, it may be appropriate to retain students who are not yet performing at grade level.
Annual dropout rate - All students Percentage of students in grades 9-12 who dropped out of school between July 1 and June 30 prior to the listed year and who did not return to school by the following October 1 of the following year. All data are lagged by one year. Dropouts are defined as students who leave school prior to graduation for reasons other than transfer to another school. (Source: Pre-populated by ESE from accountability data. A minimum N of 20 for all students and 30 for subgroups are required for MAGs to be set.)	--	--	--	--	--	--	Not applicable for elementary schools.
Dropout recovery rate (Increase) (Source: SIMS)	--	--	--	--	--	--	Not applicable for elementary schools.
MGL Chapter 69, Section 1J(c): (3b) graduation rates							
4-Year cohort graduation rate - All students # of students in a cohort who graduate in 4 years or less divided by the # of first-time grade 9 students, minus transfers out, plus transfers in. All data are lagged by one year. (Source: Pre-populated by ESE from accountability data. A minimum N of 20 for all students and 30 for subgroups are required for MAGs to be set.)	--	--	--	--	--	--	Not applicable for elementary schools.
5-Year cohort graduation rate - All students # of students in a cohort who graduate in 5 years or less divided by the # of first-time grade 9 students, minus transfers out, plus transfers in. All data are lagged by one year. (Source: Pre-populated by ESE from accountability data. A minimum N of 20 for all students and 30 for subgroups are required for MAGs to be set.)	--	--	--	--	--	--	

College readiness and school culture

Instructions and notes:

Set MAGs for each of the following areas: student acquisition and mastery of twenty-first century skills; development of college readiness, including at the elementary and middle school levels; parent and family engagement; building a culture of academic success among students; building a culture of student support and success among school faculty and staff; and developmentally appropriate child assessments from pre-kindergarten through third grade, if applicable. In the last column, indicate the priority area or strategy addressed by the MAG in the turnaround plan.

In addition to the pre-populated measures specified for this category, other potential measures to consider are also provided. Scroll down to view these measures.

Measure	Measurable Annual Goals (MAGs)					Notes
	2012 Baseline	2013 Actual	2015 Target	2016 Target	2017 Target	
MGL Chapter 69, Section 1J(c): (8) student acquisition and mastery of twenty-first century skills						
Narrowing proficiency gaps (Science) - All students All groups are expected to halve the distance between their level of performance in 2011 and proficiency by the year 2017. The 100-point Composite Performance Index (CPI) measures progress towards this goal of narrowing proficiency gaps. (Source: Pre-populated by ESE from accountability data. A minimum N of 20 for all students and 30 for subgroups are required for MAGs to be set.)	61.8	65.3	72.2	75.7	79.2	
Percentage of students who participate in Parker's summer institute	--	10.0%	20.0%	25.0%	30.0%	
MGL Chapter 69, Section 1J(c): (9) development of college readiness, including at the elementary and middle school levels						
Percentage of third graders scoring Proficient or Advanced on the ELA MCAS	31.0%	24.0%	30.0%	33.0%	36.0%	
Percentage of fifth graders scoring Proficient or Advanced on the math MCAS	24.0%	45.0%	51.0%	54.0%	57.0%	
MGL Chapter 69, Section 1J(c): (10) parent and family engagement						
Percentage of core K-5 teachers who communicate at least once per month with at least one family member of each of their students	--	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	
Percentage of families responding to a survey who demonstrate an understanding of Parker Elementary School's vision for turnaround and take regular action to support their student(s)'s academic achievement	--	--	75.0%	80.0%	90.0%	New measure; previous data not available

Measure	Measurable Annual Goals (MAGs)					Notes
	2012 Baseline	2013 Actual	2015 Target	2016 Target	2017 Target	
MGL Chapter 69, Section 1J(c): (11) building a culture of academic success among students						
Teacher attendance rate	--	96.6%	97.4%	98.8%	98.2%	
Distribution of teachers by performance level on district’s teacher evaluation system: Teachers in Proficient and Exemplary	76.2%	60.0%	70.0%	80.0%	90.0%	
Percentage of students who report feeling challenged and supported by adults on a student survey	--	--	60.0%	70.0%	80.0%	New measure; previous data not available
MGL Chapter 69, Section 1J(c): (12) building a culture of student support and success among school faculty and staff						
Percentage of core K-5 teachers who are observed effectively implementing an evidence-based practice discussed in professional development in their classroom instruction during a classroom observation, or who present other evidence of having used such practice(s) to their principal, within 2 weeks of every professional development session	--	--	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	New measure; previous data not available
Percentage of core K-5 teachers who participate in at least one Saturday Academy Program	--	--	60.0%	70.0%	80.0%	New measure; previous data not available
MGL Chapter 69, Section 1J(c): (13) developmentally appropriate child assessments from pre-kindergarten through third grade, if applicable						
Percentage of students in second grade who end the year at or above grade-level as measured by the end-of-year Galileo assessment	--	--	60.0%	70.0%	80.0%	New measure; previous data not available

Appendix C. Financial Plan for the School

John Avery Parker Elementary School Financial Plan

The Commissioner and the Superintendent are fully committed to the most effective use of the Parker Elementary School's resources in order to achieve the rapid, dramatic improvement of the school. The effective use of resources to maximize student achievement is the principle on which all of the school's strategies will be based. All resources allocated to Parker Elementary School – including time, funds, human capital, operational supports and other resources – will be aligned in support of student learning.

Given that salaries and employee benefits are the largest and most significant portion of a school's budget, the Commissioner and the Superintendent will ensure that those investments are allocated in a manner most likely to promote increased student learning. In addition, the Commissioner and the Superintendent will ensure the provision of sufficient time for student instruction and staff development, and that the use of that time maximizes student achievement. At the same time, they will curtail expenditures that fail to demonstrate a positive relationship to student learning.

Projected Funding Available for Parker Elementary School in Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Pursuant to the Achievement Gap Act, a district is required to provide funding to a Level 5 school that is at least equal to the average per pupil funds received by other schools in the district for students of the same classification and grade level.¹ The Act also authorizes the Commissioner to reallocate the use of those funds within a Level 5 school. If the Commissioner determines that a district has not provided the required level of funding to a Level 5 school, the Commissioner is authorized by the statute to provide additional funds to the school from the budget of the district. The Commissioner reserves the right to exercise this authority, following further review of the total funding provided by the district to Parker Elementary School. If the Commissioner decides to provide additional funds to Parker Elementary School from the district budget, the Commissioner will notify the school committee and the superintendent in writing of the amount and the rationale for the additional funds.

¹ G.L. c. 69, § 1J(o).

The information provided below includes projected funds to be available for operating the Parker Elementary School in School Year 2014-15, including district, state, and federal funding sources.

Funding Source	FY15 Estimated Amount*	Inclusions and Exclusions
School-based local appropriation	\$2,008,097	This includes staff and general school-based expenses for grades Pre-K to 5. It does not include transportation, food services, payroll services, benefits and/or similar district services which will be provided to the Level 5 school on the same basis as other schools. Includes approximately \$100,000 for gas, oil, and electricity for the school.
District supports to school from local appropriation	\$393,152	This will include support for district-based positions and services such as special education, school nurse, and attendance specialist, assigned to schools including the Level 5 school based on student and program needs. This amount will be determined when the budget is final and student enrollment is known.
Federal grants	\$167,117	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Title I: Funds to improve education for children with low academic achievement - School allocation, including additional allocation for low-performing schools To be determined: Title I – Additional allocation for other centrally-budgeted supports to schools Title IIA: Funds to improve educator quality Title III: Funds to improve education for English language learners Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA): Funds to improve education for children with disabilities Other federal grants
State grants	\$150,000	This funding will support the transitional services needed to support the school's turnaround efforts.

*As of April 9, 2014, before final FY15 budget has been approved by the school committee and before FY15 grant amounts are known.

Within the broad budgetary framework identified above, and consistent with the statutory requirement of equity in per pupil funding, the Commissioner will use his discretion to determine whether and to what extent the per-pupil funding formula will include provision of “in-kind” services. For example, it is anticipated that the district will provide certain services to the Parker Elementary School (including but not limited to: transportation, employee benefits, facilities, payroll, safety, food service, and other central office services) as “in-kind” support. It is also anticipated that the Superintendent will provide certain services to the Parker Elementary School that the district provides to other non Level 5 schools. The funding formula may recognize the provision of services from the district. Where the Superintendent is providing services that the district provides to other non Level 5 schools, the district will provide commensurate funding to the Parker Elementary School. The district, Superintendent and ESE will enter into a Memorandum of Agreement regarding the provision of these services and will work together to ensure that the appropriate resources are available for the school's daily operations.

Compensation and Student Achievement

Good teaching matters and is a key to addressing proficiency gaps. Some teachers routinely secure a year-and-a-half of gain in achievement while others with similar students consistently produce only one-half a year gain. As a result, two students who begin the year with the same general level of achievement may

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know vastly different amounts one year later – simply because one had a weak teacher and the other a strong teacher. Further, no other attribute of schools comes close to having the magnitude of influence on student achievement that teacher effectiveness provides.² Research on school leadership underscores the importance of effective leaders in attracting, retaining, and supporting effective teachers and creating organizational structures and environments where powerful teaching and learning is the norm.

The impact of teachers is cumulative. Having effective teachers for successive years accelerates student growth while having ineffective teachers for successive years dampens the rate of student learning. Research in the Dallas school district and the State of Tennessee suggests that having a strong teacher for three years in a row can effectively eliminate the racial/ethnic and income achievement gap.³

No other expenditure comes close to that which is devoted to personnel: often as much as 85 percent of the budget is dedicated to educator salaries and benefits.⁴ In a typical school district, compensation has little nexus to performance. Drawing from the example above, given identical length of service and continuing education credits, the teacher who consistently is highly effective would be paid the same as the teacher who routinely underperforms. Further, it is likely that both teachers have identical responsibilities and opportunities for leadership, despite the vast difference in accomplishment.

The development of a performance-based compensation system is an essential strategy for maximizing the rapid academic achievement of students at Parker Elementary School.

Effective in school year 2014-15, a new performance-based compensation system will be employed to compensate employees based on responsibilities and leadership roles, individual effectiveness, professional growth, and student academic growth. The Superintendent will restructure compensation to ensure that the district's investment in the school promotes, supports, and values effective performance. The new compensation system will help to improve student learning by attracting new high potential teachers and allowing the school to retain its most effective leaders and teachers.

The evidence demonstrating that the primary compensation factors – longevity and credit accumulation – have little relationship to educator performance continues to accumulate. For example:

- Generally, teachers with master's degrees have little or no additional positive effect on student achievement compared to teachers who do not have an advanced degree.⁵ The exception to this statement is in a few specific content areas--math and science--where researchers found student achievement to be slightly higher for high school students whose math and science teachers held advanced degrees.⁶
- Approximately 90 percent of the master's degrees held by teachers are degrees attained from education programs that tend to be unrelated to or unconcerned with instructional impact.⁷
- "Although teachers with master's degrees generally earn additional salary or stipends--the so-called 'master's bump' – they are no more effective, on average, than their counterparts without master's degrees."⁸
- The traditional structure is built on the assumption that teachers get better with experience. While it is true that novice teachers, particularly in their first year, experience a steep learning curve, teacher performance tends to plateau after 6 to 10 years.⁹

² Hanushek, E. (2010), "The Economic Value of Higher Teacher Quality." National Bureau of Economic Research.

³ Carey, K. "The Real Value of Teachers: Using Information about Teacher Effectiveness to Close the Achievement Gap," *Thinking K-16*, Vol. 8, Issue 1, Winter 2004.

⁴ <http://cepa.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/stateRole.pdf>

⁵ Raegen Miller and Marguerite Roza, 2012. "The sheepskin effect and student achievement: De-emphasizing the role of master's degrees in teacher compensation." Washington, DC: Center for American Progress. Available:

http://www.americanprogress.org/wp-content/uploads/issues/2012/07/pdf/miller_masters.pdf

⁶ Dan Goldhaber and Dominic Brewer, 1998. "When should we reward degrees for teachers?" *The Phi Delta Kappan* 80(2): 134-138.

⁷ National Center for Education Statistics, "2003-2004 Schools and Staffing Survey" as cited by Miller and Roza, 2012.

⁸ Miller and Roza, 2012, p.1.

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In order to direct school fiscal resources to most directly promote rapid improvement of student achievement, the performance-based compensation plan at Parker Elementary School will include the following basic principles: 1) provide competitive compensation for teachers; 2) reward teachers for excellent performance and effectiveness; 3) provide a career path for teachers to grow professionally without leaving the classroom; and 4) reward teachers for their contribution to student growth. Restructuring compensation in this way ensures that the Parker Elementary School's investment in educators promotes and values effective performance.

⁹ Eric A Hanushek, John F. Kain and Stephen G. Rivkin, "Teachers, Schools and Academic Achievement." Working Paper 6691 (National Bureau of Economic Research, 1998).

Appendix D. Local Stakeholder Group Recommendations

Parker Elementary School Local Stakeholder Group Recommendations to the Commissioner Submitted January 6, 2014

John Avery Parker Elementary School was designated by Commissioner Chester as chronically underperforming (“Level 5”) on October 30, 2013. Massachusetts law indicates that within 30 days of a school being designated as chronically underperforming, the Commissioner shall convene a local stakeholder group to solicit the group’s recommendations for the Commissioner’s Level 5 School Turnaround Plan.

The Parker Elementary School Local Stakeholder Group was convened on Thursday, November 21, 2013. The statute allowed 45 days for the local stakeholder group to complete its work. The Local Stakeholder Group met four times during this period, on the following dates and times:

Meeting #1: Thursday, November 21st, 5:00-7:00 pm
Meeting #2: Tuesday, December 3rd, 5:00-7:00 pm
Meeting #3: Wednesday, December 11th, 5:00-7:00 pm
Meeting #4: Wednesday, December 18th, 5:00-7:00 pm

All of the meetings were held at the school. All of the meetings were open to the public. All meetings were facilitated by an ESE staff member or a consultant hired for this purpose. All meetings were also observed by at least one ESE staff member.

The membership of the Parker Elementary School Local Stakeholder Group is listed below. The committee’s membership meets the requirements of the statute as outlined in M.G.L. Chapter 69, Section 1J, subsection m.

Position, per statute	Designee
The superintendent or designee	Pia Durkin
School committee chair or designee	Jack Livramento
Local teachers’ union president or designee	Marcia Guy
Administrator from the school, who may be the principal, chosen by the superintendent	Deb Letendre
Teacher from the school, chosen by the faculty of the school	Michael Irving
Parent from the school, chosen by the local parent organization. (Note: If school or district doesn’t have a parent organization, the Commissioner shall select a volunteer parent of a student at the school.)	Kerri De Pina
Representatives of applicable state and local social service, health and child welfare agencies, chosen by the Commissioner	Jenny DiBlasi, Vice President of Community, Child and Family Services; SMILES (South Coast Mentoring Initiative for Learning, Education and Service)
Representatives of applicable state and local social service, health and child welfare agencies, chosen by the Commissioner	Darlene Spencer, Executive Director, New Bedford Community Connection Coalition
As appropriate, representatives of state and local workforce development agencies, chosen by the Commissioner	Helena Hughes, Executive Director, New Bedford Immigrants Assistance Center
For elementary schools, a representative of an early education and care provider, chosen by the Commissioner of the Department of Early Education and Care	Martha Kay
Community member, chosen by the chief executive of	Chris Cotter

the city or town	
Total number of members allowed by statute: Not more than 13 individuals	Total number of members on the Local Stakeholder Group: 11

The Parker Elementary School Local Stakeholder Group worked diligently to execute its charge to provide recommendations to the Commissioner as he creates his turnaround plan for the school; these recommendations are designed to maximize the rapid academic achievement of students.

The Local Stakeholder Group offers the following recommendations for the Commissioner's consideration.

A. Recommendations: Data and Use of Data

Except where noted, LSG members unanimously wanted to forward the recommendations in this section.

- 1) Build in more teacher teaming and planning time (four times per week), in order to provide more time to review student data (e.g., extend the day longer, have a half-day early release day per month). Hold weekly data team meetings.
- 2) Identify a strong student data “dashboard” system that can provide a better, more streamlined view of a student’s profile, and generate bi-weekly reports with targeted data.
- 3) Use “Student Success Plan” or portfolio tool to track student goals, progress, academic and non-academic needs, trends and support strategies. Some LSG members felt the ideal tool should be something that could also be used with families and students.
- 4) Identify better, more targeted diagnostic tools:
 - a) Academic: for groups of students not making progress (not sure if current tools such as Galileo can do this)
 - b) Non-academic: better methods for assessing and understanding students and possible barriers to learning (learning readiness, non-academic barriers)

B. Recommendations: Supporting All Students to Learn at the Highest Levels

Except where noted, LSG members unanimously wanted to forward the recommendations in this section.

- 1) Continue to use an extended school model. Most LSG members recommend extending Parker’s day by an additional 60 minutes beyond the current schedule, for a total of 90 minutes. (Parker is one of two schools in the district that already extends the day by 30 minutes). LSG members felt that further extending the day would provide several key benefits:
 - Additional academic learning through a richer variety of methods including integration with arts, music, etc.
 - Time for tutoring and other remediation and acceleration support
 - Additional time for teachers to use data and plan more targeted instructional support
 - Additional time to understand and address student needs (student success plans)
- 2) Review afterschool programs and how programming can better support both student learning and Parker improvement priorities (currently delivered by three providers: New Bedford Parks, Recreation & Beaches Department; YWCA; and New Bedford Art Museum).
- 3) Create summer learning experiences/summer academies that help:
 - a) Incoming pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students (3-5 year olds) prepare to come to Parker

- b) Current students access high quality summer learning opportunities
- 4) Expand Parker's preschool program: Parker currently runs a small program focused on students with disabilities. LSG members feel that more could be done to support learning and build relationships with families and younger siblings earlier - and that, in particular - could help address the literacy development lags seen with many incoming Parker students.
- 5) Develop a stronger student support strategy:
 - a) Possibly reactivate Parker's "Family & Children Learning Together" (FACT) team: this multidisciplinary team of community agency and school staff representatives, facilitated by Parker's student adjustment counselor, could serve as a mechanism for aligning school and community support with student and family needs (intervention and wraparound support). LSG members recommended reviewing the purpose and role of the team, as well as the role of parents on the team.
 - b) Develop school wide use of a consistent, coherent set of practices to support positive behavior and mitigate non-academic barriers, e.g., trauma-sensitive practices, positive behavior systems/PBIS.
- 6) Continue implementation of the Reading Street program in Grades 3-5 (new reading program rolled out by the district in summer/fall 2013). While still early in the process, LSG members feel implementation of the new program is going well and that staff and parents are seeing positive signs, e.g., more engaging instruction, wider variety of assignments that better engage students. Several LSG members also recommended continuing the Empowering Writers program, which they view as a strong complement to Reading Street.
- 7) Identify a strong early grades literacy acceleration strategy:
 - a) Start implementation of Reading Street at lower grades.
 - b) Look at WIDA (ELL/language development) as an approach that could benefit all students as a literacy accelerator.¹⁰
 - c) Consider starting a literacy volunteers training program similar to an initiative currently being launched at another district school (parents are trained to read aloud to classrooms, provide reading help).
- 8) Add an Assistant Principal position that would focus more on behavior and behavioral interventions. This role could also include management of family and community engagement initiatives. Several LSG members underscored the demands of turnaround on leadership, the need to balance the load on the principal, and the importance of the instructional leadership role teachers need the principal to play.
- 9) Special Education
 - a) Consider an integrated co-teaching model, with one SPED teacher at each grade level serving as co-teacher.
 - b) Review process of identifying and referring students to substantially separate classrooms; strengthen referral process.
- 10) Math
 - a) The district's math lead is currently evaluating math programs (district math curriculum decision). The LSG recommends that Parker use the program selected by the district and be in the first wave of schools to begin implementation (following the same strategy used with the district's Reading Street implementation process).
- 11) Science

¹⁰One member noted that this approach would require professional development to ensure that all staff is appropriately trained.
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- a) Identify and implement a consistent science curriculum, with materials that are fully aligned with grade level learning standards (current materials are not well aligned).
 - b) Designate a room as a science center or lab.
 - c) Provide more professional development to help teachers maximize science kits.
- 12) Upgrade Parker's technology infrastructure (smart boards; hardware and internet access). Hardware in classrooms and in the school's computer lab is out-of-date and internet access is unreliable.

C. Use Talents and Assets of Partners to Improve Students' Learning

LSG members unanimously wanted to forward the recommendations in this section.

- 1) Identify a person who can coordinate partner involvement.

Currently the principal and other staff (student adjustment counselor) work to maintain relationships, field requests, and develop new partnership and support opportunities. LSG members feel this work merits a more structured staffing model given the role partners and assets could play in supporting Parker turnaround priorities, particularly related to family engagement, support for non-academic barriers, and summer, extended day and afterschool learning activities. LSG members outlined several possible staffing options:

- Having a dedicated school staff position
 - Folding responsibility for family and community engagement into a new assistant principal position
 - Partnering with a community agency who could provide onsite partnership development support
 - Activating the "Community Resource Specialist" position recommended by the Child & Youth Readiness Cabinet
- 2) Partner with a community-based multiservice agency or organization that could operate from the school and provide multiple forms of support (wraparound services and referrals, afterschool programming, parent engagement support, e.g., home visits, adult workforce development).
 - 3) Partner with organization(s) that can provide literacy support, e.g., mentoring, readers, training for parents as volunteers, home literacy development support, interpretation and translation support.
 - 4) Partner with an organization that can help build strong connections with parents/families who do not speak English, and those from the New Bedford immigrant community. LSG members feel an important factor that may be contributing to low parent engagement is the number of families for whom English is not a first language (school data shows that the percentage of FLNE families has increased from 14% to 20% since 2011). LSG members recommend that Parker staff learn more from these families in order to target parent engagement and student support efforts.

LSG members also provided the following information about **current and potential** partnerships and community resources that could be leveraged to support turnaround:

Current Parker partners

- UMass Dartmouth: three work study students onsite certain days/hours to coordinate volunteers
- Child and Family Services: school-based counseling, Caring Network starting in January (groups and afterschool support)
- Gifts to Give: new initiative focused on parent read-aloud, training for in-school classroom reading support

- New Bedford Community Connections Coalition Family Resource and Development Center: family support worker at the school 2 hours/week (2nd year of this) who currently supports 10-12 families (wraparound referrals, some parent activities); offered parent survey
- Police Resource Support: resource officer based at Keith Middle School also provides some support at Parker
- St. Mary's Church (Dartmouth): food and gift support around the holidays
- PTO
- FACT committee: meet every other month, district wide model, support for at-risk students, wraparound support (see B.5)

Other possible community assets not currently partnering with Parker

- AMIGOS Project: language support, support connecting parents to the school
- Sea Lab: summer program
- Buzzard's Bay Coalition: environmental program
- Lloyd Center for the Environment
- Whaling Museum
- Ocean Exploratorium
- Free Fun Fridays (Highland Street Foundation)
- Parker had a robotics program but teacher who ran it is no longer at the school

D. Maximize Engagement & Support of Family and Community Members

Except where noted, LSG members unanimously wanted to forward the recommendations in this section.

LSG members recommend a multifaceted strategy to engage parents including:

- 1) Continue the current shift in making Parker feel more welcoming to parents. LSG members attribute the current shift to several factors including:
 - Hiring choices (hiring staff who want to be at Parker; the addition of bilingual and bicultural staff – including interns and mentors from area colleges -- might be more welcoming to parents)
 - Principal and staff practices related to visibility, communication, and access -- aided by the work both veteran and new-to-Parker teachers are doing as part of the new Massachusetts educator evaluation system, particularly on two MEES components: making the school more welcoming and two-way parent/teacher communication
- 2) Start home visits: LSG members unanimously recommend that Parker initiate a home visit program modeled after the "Parent Teacher Home Visit Project" (<http://www.pthvp.org/>), a national model which is currently being implemented at Carney Elementary in New Bedford, and also in Springfield.

Program features recommended by LSG members:

- The program should be voluntary for both teachers and families (families would not be targeted based on perceived need, etc.)
- Visits can take place where families are most comfortable (may not always be in the home).
- Teachers should receive stipends for their involvement.

- Some LSG members also felt it might be beneficial to have an initial focus for the program; for example, pre-K/K students and their families who would benefit from establishing a strong parent-school relationship in their first years at the school that would carry forward through Grade 5.
- 3) Parent learning opportunities: LSG members recommend offering parent workshops (or a parent academy) with initial instructional support and “parents as partners” focal points but that could expand later to include other parent education and capacity building opportunities, including parent leadership development, adult learning/workforce development opportunities. LSG members highlighted examples of similar approaches in Springfield and Boston.
 - 4) Create a parent center at the school: LSG members recommend creating a physical space at the school that would serve as a welcome center and hub for coordinating family and community engagement activities (e.g., home visits, parent workshops/parent academy, etc.). Members also recommended having a bilingual/bicultural staff person to coordinate activities (see also recommendations B.8 and C.1. related to staff support for family and community engagement)
A majority of LSG members felt that creating the parent center should be the first of the parent engagement recommendations implemented – it represents a physical sign of the school’s priority on parent engagement and a natural starting point for organizing a robust parent engagement effort.
 - 5) Involve community partners who can help facilitate connections with parents and provide parent support (see also recommendations C.1-4, D.3-4 on areas where LSG members feel partners could be leveraged to support turnaround).

E. Other Recommendations

- 1) Playground: LSG members strongly and unanimously recommended that a playground be built for the school. Currently the school has a paved lot and sand area (no play structures, equipment, etc.)
- 2) Leadership Continuity: A majority of LSG members recommended keeping the current principal. They highlighted the current progress and the importance of leadership continuity as Parker moves forward and begins to implement the Level 5 turnaround plan. LSG members feel that Parker’s students and families have experienced a large amount of staff turnover and change. Several group members also highlighted the investment in staff training, in particular with the new Reading Street program, and the positive shift in teacher-parent relationships.
- 3) Professional Development: LSG members recommend a strong program of professional development so that staff has the appropriate training and coaching support to implement turnaround plan strategies. As part of this support, LSG members recommend adding a math instructional specialist/coach at the school. Currently Parker has a .40 FTE Reading Specialist focused on Grades 3-5 Reading Street implementation.
- 4) One LSG member suggested the need for a Turnaround Manager to assist the principal.

Purpose, Intended Outcomes, and Discussion Topics for Parker LSG Meetings

Upon designation as a Level 5 school, state law requires that the Commissioner develop a Turnaround Plan for accelerated improvement and outlines a timeline and process accordingly. The first step in this process is for the Commissioner to convene a local stakeholder group. The guidance below is designed to help Local Stakeholder Group members understand that process.

Purpose of the Level 5 School LSG

- To engage in an evidence-based conversation regarding the core issues and challenges facing John Avery Parker Elementary School and identify what the school community believes are the key challenges creating barriers to its students' academic progress.
- To make recommendations to the Commissioner about the key components of his turnaround plan for Parker, "in order to maximize the rapid academic achievement of students."

The Commissioner has chosen to increase the intensity to a Level 5 intervention for Parker because he believes that despite the efforts taken during the first three years of turnaround, a different mix of interventions and practices are required to put the conditions in place for an educational experience that prepares all of Parker's students to succeed. He looks forward to the LSG's ideas for how to create substantial change at the school – change that will secure rapid improvement in the academic achievement of students.

Intended Outcomes

Through the LSG's discussion and exploration of the data, to generate a set of rigorous, evidence-based recommendations that will provide the Commissioner with input directly from the Parker community and advise him as he creates his Level 5 Turnaround Plan.

The Local Stakeholder Group will consider

- The key **issues and challenges** facing the school, and the district's support of the school;
- The impact and sufficiency of the **strategies and supports** employed by the school to date – what has worked, what has not worked;
- The **school's and district's capacity**—including its systems, policies, and use of resources—to fully implement proposed strategies; and
- The **interventions and practices** that are most likely to promote rapid improvement of student achievement.

Within 45 days of its initial meeting, the stakeholder group shall make its recommendations to the Commissioner. Meetings of the local stakeholder group shall be open to the public and the recommendations submitted to the Commissioner shall be publicly available upon submission.

Meeting focus areas and discussion questions are described below.

Meeting #1: What does the evidence tell us about the key issues and challenges facing Parker?

Data will be presented regarding the school and its performance.

Questions for discussion:

- What do the data tell us about where the school is now? What do we know about changes to the data over the past three years?
- What do the data tell us about the school's core assets and strengths?
- What do the data tell us about the school's core challenge areas?

- How is Parker using data now to inform instruction? How does the school select the most relevant data to use? What are Parker's greatest strengths in using data? Greatest challenges?
- What data tools, skills would the school need to push the school to the next level?
- What does the LSG recommend to the Commissioner about how the school can better use data tools, skills, and resources to improve instruction?

Meeting #2: How can Parker support all students to learn at the highest levels?

Information will be presented regarding the school's existing structures and supports that facilitate all students' learning.

Questions for discussion:

- What do LSG members believe to be the most significant academic challenges at the school?
- What strategies has the school already tried to overcome these academic challenges? What worked? What didn't work?
- What strategies can the school try to improve literacy in the early grades (grade 3 and below)?
- What specific supports has the school tried to facilitate English language learners' (ELLs') learning? Are they working? How do you know?
- What specific supports has the school tried to facilitate the learning of students with disabilities? Are they working? How do you know?
- Is the school currently challenging all students to work to their highest potential? If not, what specific actions can be taken to increase the level of rigor in Parker's instruction?
- What does the LSG recommend to the Commissioner about how the school can support all students to learn at the highest levels?

Meeting #3: How can Parker maximize the assets and talents of partners to improve students' learning?

Information will be presented regarding existing partnerships with the school.

Questions for discussion:

- What partners currently work at the school? In what academic and non-academic areas do they provide support?
- What areas do you believe need partner support?
- What structures are in place to align partner efforts with school goals?
- What structures are in place to coordinate efforts between partners?
- If you had to pick just three of the school's current partner initiatives to continue, which would you select? Why? Is there evidence to show how these partners are being effective in the school?
- Does the school have an unaddressed (or under-addressed) challenge area that you believe could benefit by a partner's support? Which one, and why?
- What does the LSG recommend to the Commissioner about how the school can maximize the assets and talents of partners to improve students' learning?

Meeting #4: How can Parker maximize the engagement and support of family and community members for students' learning?

Information will be presented regarding existing family (family members of students at the school) and community (other community members or organizations unrelated to students at the school) engagement efforts at the school.

Questions for discussion:

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- While engagement varies by individual, how would you rate the overall level of family member engagement at the school (low/medium/high)? What evidence supports this rating?
- While engagement varies by individual, how would you rate the overall level of community engagement at the school (low/medium/high)? What evidence supports this rating?
- What structures are in place to encourage family member and community engagement at the school? (e.g., regular, frequent schedule of calls to students' families; annual community open house, etc.) Are they working? How do you know?

Note: Please identify school wide efforts, not unique efforts by individual teachers or staff members.

- How do school leaders and/or the school's partners bolster the school's structures to encourage family member and community engagement? What has worked? What else could school leadership and/or partners do to facilitate engagement?
- How can family and community members' talents be incorporated into the strategy to improve the school's academic performance?
- What does the LSG recommend to the Commissioner about how the school can maximize family and community members' support to maximize students' learning?

Note: A portion of this meeting will be used to finalize the recommendations made across all meetings.

ATTACHMENT B

Ch. 69, §1J
Underperforming & Chronically Underperforming Schools

<u>Topic by Section</u>	<u>Statutory Text</u> [Effective January 19, 2010]
<p>(a) Authority of Comm’r to designate underperforming (Level 4) or chronically underperforming (Level 5) schools</p> <p>Board to adopt regs establishing standards for such designation</p> <p>Statutory eligibility for designation</p> <p>Regs must use multiple indicators of school quality</p>	<p>(a) The commissioner of elementary and secondary education may, on the basis of student performance data collected pursuant to section 11, a school or district review performed under section 55A of chapter 15, or regulations adopted by the board of elementary and secondary education, designate 1 or more schools in a school district other than a Horace Mann charter school as underperforming or chronically underperforming. The board shall adopt regulations establishing standards for the commissioner to make such designations on the basis of data collected pursuant to section 11 or information from a school or district review performed under section 55A of chapter 15. Upon the release of the proposed regulations, the board shall file a copy there with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate who shall forward the regulations to the joint committee on education. Within 30 days of the filing, the committee may hold a public hearing and issue a report on the regulations and file the report with the board. The board, pursuant to applicable law, may adopt final regulations making revisions to the proposed regulations as it deems appropriate after consideration of the report and shall forthwith file a copy of the regulations with the chairpersons of the joint committee on education and, not earlier than 30 days of the filing, the board shall file the final regulations with the state secretary. Schools that score in the lowest 20 per cent statewide among schools serving common grade levels on a single measure developed by the department that takes into account student performance data and, beginning on July 1, 2011, improvement in student academic performance, shall be deemed eligible for designation as underperforming or chronically underperforming. Not more than 4 per cent of the total number of public schools may be designated as underperforming or chronically underperforming at any given time.</p> <p>In adopting regulations allowing the commissioner to designate a school as underperforming or chronically underperforming, the board shall ensure that such regulations take into account multiple indicators of school quality in making determinations regarding underperformance or chronic underperformance, such as student attendance, dismissal rates and exclusion rates, promotion rates, graduation rates or the lack of demonstrated significant improvement for 2 or more consecutive years in core academic subjects, either in the aggregate or among subgroups of students, including designations</p>

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	<p>based special education, low income, English language proficiency and racial classifications.</p> <p>Before a school is designated chronically underperforming by the commissioner, a school must be designated underperforming and fail to improve.</p> <p>An underperforming or chronically underperforming school described in the following subsections shall operate in accordance with laws regulating other public schools, except as such provisions may conflict with this section or any turnaround plans created thereunder. A student who is enrolled in a school at the time it is designated as underperforming or chronically underperforming shall retain the ability to remain enrolled in the school while remaining a resident of the district if the student chooses to do so.</p>
<p>(m) Level 5 – Turnaround Plan (“TP”) created by Comm’r</p> <p>Comm’r convenes Local Stakeholder Group (“LSG”) to make recommendations on TP, which shall be given due consideration</p>	<p>(m) Upon the designation of a school as a chronically underperforming school in accordance with the regulations developed under this section, the commissioner shall create a turnaround plan for the school under this subsection and subsections (n) to (p), inclusive.</p> <p>Before creating the turnaround plan required in this subsection, the commissioner shall convene a local stakeholder group of not more than 13 individuals for the purpose of soliciting recommendations on the content of such plan in order to maximize the rapid academic achievement of students. The commissioner shall provide due consideration to the recommendations of the stakeholder group. The group shall include: (1) the superintendent, or a designee; (2) the chair of the school committee, or a designee; (3) the president of the local teacher's union, or a designee; (4) an administrator from the school, who may be the principal, chosen by the superintendent; (5) a teacher from the school chosen by the faculty of the school; (6) a parent from the school chosen by the local parent organization; (7) representatives of applicable state and local social service, health and child welfare agencies, chosen by the commissioner; (8) as appropriate, representatives of state and local workforce development agencies, chosen by the commissioner; (9) for elementary schools, a representative of an early education and care provider chosen by the commissioner of the department of early education and care and, for middle schools or high schools, a representative of the higher education community selected by the secretary of education; and (10) a member of the community appointed by the chief executive of the city or town. If the school or district does not have a parent organization or if the organization does not select a parent, the</p>

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	<p>commissioner shall select a volunteer parent of a student from the school. The commissioner shall convene the group within 30 days of the designation of a school as chronically underperforming and the group shall make its recommendations to the commissioner within 45 days of its initial meeting. Meetings of the local stakeholder group shall be open to the public and the recommendations submitted to the commissioner under this subsection shall be publicly available immediately upon their submission.</p>
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<p>(n) Goal = maximize rapid academic achievement of students</p> <p>TP based on multiple measures of student outcome data:</p> <p>TP must include:</p> <p>Public officials coordinate w/ and reasonably support implementation of TP, subject to appropriation</p> <p>TP must include</p>	<p>(n) In creating the turnaround plan required in subsection (m), the commissioner shall include, after considering the recommendations of the local stakeholder group, provisions intended to maximize the rapid academic achievement of students at the school and shall, to the extent practicable, base the plan on student outcome data, including, but not limited to: (1) data collected under section 11 or information from a school or district review performed under section 55A of chapter 15; (2) student achievement on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System; (3) other measures of student achievement, approved by the commissioner, as appropriate; (4) student promotion and graduation rates; (5) achievement data for different subgroups of students, including low income students as defined by chapter 70, limited English proficient students and students receiving special education; and (6) student attendance, dismissal rates and exclusion rates.</p> <p>The commissioner shall include in the creation of the turnaround plan, after considering the recommendations of the local stakeholder group, the following: (1) steps to address social service and health needs of students at the school, and their families, in order to help students arrive and remain at school ready to learn; provided, however, that this may include mental health and substance abuse screening; (2) steps to improve or expand child welfare services and, as appropriate, law enforcement services in the school community, in order to promote a safe and secure learning environment; (3) steps to improve workforce development services provided to students at the school, and their families, in order to provide students and families with meaningful employment skills and opportunities; (4) steps to address achievement gaps for limited English proficient, special education and low income students; (5) alternative English language learning programs for limited English proficient students, notwithstanding chapter 71A; and (6) a financial plan for the school, including any additional funds to be provided by the district, commonwealth, federal government or other sources.</p> <p>The secretaries of health and human services, labor and workforce development, public safety and other applicable state and local social service, health and child welfare officials shall coordinate with the secretary of education and the commissioner regarding the implementation of strategies under clauses (1) to (3), inclusive, of the second paragraph that are included in a final turnaround plan and shall, subject to appropriation, reasonably support the implementation consistent with the requirements of state and federal</p>
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<p>measurable annual goals (“MAGS”)</p>	<p>law applicable to the relevant programs that each official is responsible for administering.</p> <p>In order to assess the school across multiple measures of school performance and student success, the turnaround plan shall include measurable annual goals including, but not limited to, the following: (1) student attendance ,dismissal rates and exclusion rates; (2) student safety and discipline; (3) student promotion and graduation and dropout rates; (4) student achievement on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System; (5) progress in areas of academic underperformance; (6) progress among subgroups of students, including low income students as defined by chapter 70, limited English proficient students and students receiving special education; (7) reduction of achievement gaps among different groups of students; (8) student acquisition and mastery of 21st-century skills; (9) development of college readiness, including at the elementary and middle school levels; (10) parent and family engagement; (11) building a culture of academic success among students; (12) building a culture of student support and success among school faculty and staff; and (13) developmentally appropriate child assessments from pre kindergarten through third grade, if applicable.</p>
<p>(o) Comm’r authorities under Level 5:</p> <p>Bargaining changes to</p>	<p>(o) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in creating the turnaround plan required in subsection (m), the commissioner may, after considering the recommendations of the group of stakeholders: (1) expand, alter or replace the curriculum and program offerings of the school, including the implementation of research based early literacy programs, early interventions for struggling readers and the teaching of advanced placement courses or other rigorous nationally or internationally recognized courses, if the school does not already have such programs or courses; (2) reallocate the uses of the existing budget of the school; (3) provide additional funds to the school from the budget of the district, if the school does not already receive funding from the district at least equal to the average per pupil funding received for students of the same classification and grade level in the district; (4) provide funds, subject to appropriation, to increase the salary of an administrator ,or teacher in the school, in order to attract or retain highly qualified administrators or teachers or to reward administrators,. or teachers who work in chronically underperforming schools that achieve the annual goals set forth in the turnaround plan; (5) expand the school day or school year or both of the school; (6) for an elementary school, add pre kindergarten and full day kindergarten classes, if the school</p>

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collective bargaining agreement Cannot reduce compensation of staff	<p>does not already have such classes; (7) limit, suspend, or change 1 or more provisions of any contract or collective bargaining agreement, as the contract or agreement applies to the school; provided, however, that the commissioner shall not reduce the compensation of an administrator, teacher or staff member unless the hours of the person are proportionately reduced; and provided further, that the commissioner may require the school committee and any applicable unions to bargain in good faith for 30 days before exercising authority pursuant to this clause; (8) following consultation with applicable local unions, require the principal and all administrators, teachers and staff to reapply for their positions in the school, with full discretion vested in the superintendent regarding his consideration of and decisions on rehiring based on the reapplications; (9) limit, suspend or change 1 or more school district policies or practices, as such policies or practices relate to the school; (10) include a provision of job embedded professional development for teachers at the school, with an emphasis on strategies that involve teacher input and feedback; (11) provide for increased opportunities for teacher planning time and collaboration focused on improving student instruction; (12) establish a plan for professional development for administrators at the school, with an emphasis on strategies that develop leadership skills and use the principles of distributive leadership; (13) establish steps to assure a continuum of high expertise teachers by aligning the following processes with the common core of professional knowledge and skill: hiring, induction, teacher evaluation, professional development, teacher advancement, school culture and organizational structure; (14) develop a strategy to search for and study best practices in areas of demonstrated deficiency in the school; (15) establish strategies to address mobility and transiency among the student population of the school; and (16) include additional components, at the discretion of the commissioner, based on the reasons the school was designated as chronically underperforming and the recommendations of the local stakeholder group in subsection (m).</p>
PTS teachers may be dismissed for good cause w/	<p>If the commissioner does not approve a reapplication submitted by an employee pursuant to clause (7) for a position in the school or if an employee does not submit a reapplication for a position in the school, the employee shall retain such rights as may be provided under law or any applicable collective bargaining agreement, in relation to the employee's ability to fill another position in the district; provided, however, that the employee shall not have the right to displace any teacher with professional teacher status in any other school during a school year.</p>

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expedited statutory review procedures	<p>A teacher with professional teacher status in a school declared underperforming or chronically underperforming may be dismissed for good cause; provided, however, that the teacher receives 5 days written notice of the decision to terminate which shall include without limitation an explanation of the reason why the commissioner or superintendent is not retaining the teacher in the school; provided, further, that the teacher may seek review of a termination decision within 5 days after receiving notice of the teacher's termination by filing a petition for expedited arbitration with the commissioner; provided further, that except as otherwise provided herein section 42 of chapter 71 shall apply to a petition filed pursuant to this section; provided further, that the commissioner shall cause an arbitrator to be selected pursuant to the procedures in section 42 of chapter 71 within 3 days of receipt of petition and shall ' conduct and complete a hearing within 10 days of receipt of the petition; provided, further, that in reviewing dismissal decisions, the arbitrator shall consider the components of the turnaround plan and shall also consider any personnel evaluations conducted that are consistent with the guidelines established pursuant to section 1B; and provided, further, that the arbitrator's decision shall be issued within 10 days from the completion of the hearing.</p> <p>For a school with limited English proficient students, the professional development and planning time for teachers and administrators identified in clauses (10) to (12), inclusive, shall include specific strategies and content designed to maximize the rapid academic achievement of the limited English proficient students.</p> <p>If the commissioner proposes to reallocate funds to the school from the budget of the district under clause (3), the commissioner shall notify the school committee, in writing, of the amount of and rationale for the reallocation.</p>
(p) Preliminary TP w/in 30 days of LSG recommendations, Comm'r issues to LSG, school comm., superintendent,	<p>(p) Within 30 days of the local stakeholder group making recommendations under subsection (m), the commissioner shall submit a turnaround plan to the local stakeholder group, the superintendent and the school committee, all of whom may propose modifications to the plan. The commissioner shall make the plan immediately available to the public upon submission. The stakeholder group, the superintendent and the school committee shall submit any proposed modifications to the commissioner within 30 days after the date of submission of the turnaround plan and the proposed</p>

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<p>who may propose modifications w/in 30 days</p> <p>Comm’r shall consider and incorporate modifications if promote the rapid academic achievement of students</p>	<p>modifications shall be made public immediately upon their submission to the commissioner. The commissioner shall consider and incorporate the modifications into the plan if the commissioner determines that inclusion of the modifications would further promote the rapid academic achievement of students at the applicable school. The commissioner may alter or reject modifications submitted pursuant to this subsection. Within 30 days of receiving any proposed modifications, the commissioner shall issue a final turnaround plan for the school and the plan shall be made publicly available.</p>
<p>(q) Union, school comm., or superintendent may appeal to Board</p> <p>Majority of Bd. may vote to modify TP plan if:</p> <p>Board decision final</p>	<p>(q) Within 30 days of the issuance of a final turnaround plan under subsection (p), a superintendent, school committee or local union may appeal to the board of elementary and secondary education regarding 1 or more components of the plan, including the absence of 1 or more modifications proposed under subsection (p). A majority of the board, may vote to modify the plan if the board determines that: (1) such modifications would further promote the rapid academic achievement of students in the applicable school; (2) a component of the plan was included, or a modification was excluded, on the basis of demonstrably false information or evidence; or (3) the commissioner failed to meet the requirements of subsections (m) to (p), inclusive. The decision of the board regarding an appeal under this subsection shall be made within 30 days and shall be final.</p>
<p>(r)</p>	<p>(r) In the case of a chronically underperforming school, the commissioner may, under the circumstances described in this subsection, send a targeted assistance team to the school to assist the superintendent with the implementation of the turnaround plan, require the superintendent to implement the turnaround plan, or select an external receiver to operate the school and implement the turnaround plan. The commissioner may appoint such receiver if the commissioner determines that: (1) the superintendent is unlikely to implement the plan successfully; or (2) conditions exist in the district that are likely to negatively affect the ability of the superintendent to implement such plan successfully. A receiver shall be a nonprofit entity or an individual with a demonstrated record of success in improving low performing schools or the academic performance of disadvantaged students. A receiver shall be subject to section 11M of chapter 30A and chapter 66. A receiver who is an individual shall also be subject to chapter 268A.</p>

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	<p>The commissioner may select the external receiver upon the designation of a school as chronically underperforming. The external receiver may serve as the commissioner's designee for the purpose of creating a school's turnaround plan under subsections (m) to (p), inclusive.</p>
<p>(s) Level 5 receiver has managerial and operational control per TP but SC remains employer of record</p>	<p>(s) An external receiver selected by the commissioner to operate a chronically underperforming school shall have full managerial and operational control over the school as provided in the turnaround plan. For all other purposes, the school district in which the school is located shall remain the employer of record.</p>
<p>(t) TP period up to 3 years</p>	<p>(t) Each turnaround plan shall be authorized for a period of not more than 3 years, subject to subsection (v). The superintendent or external receiver, as applicable, may develop additional components of the plan and shall develop annual goals for each component of the plan in a manner consistent with subsection (n), all of which must be approved by the commissioner. The superintendent or external receiver, as applicable, shall be responsible for meeting the goals of the turnaround plan.</p>
<p>(u) Comm'r or receiver provides quarterly reports to school comm.</p>	<p>(u) The commissioner or external receiver, as applicable, shall provide a written report to the school committee on a quarterly basis to provide specific information about the progress being made on the implementation of the school's turnaround plan. One of the quarterly reports shall be the annual evaluation under subsection (v).</p>
<p>(v) Comm'r to conduct annual review, submitted to Superintendent and school comm.</p> <p>Annual review outcomes:</p>	<p>(v) The commissioner shall evaluate each chronically underperforming school at least annually. The purpose of the evaluation shall be to determine whether the school has met the annual goals in its turnaround plan and assess the implementation of the plan at the school. The review shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the superintendent and the school committee not later than July 1 for the preceding school year. The review shall be submitted in a format determined by the department of elementary and secondary education.</p> <p>If the commissioner determines that the school has met the annual performance goals stated in the turnaround plan, the review shall be considered sufficient and the implementation of the turnaround plan</p>

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	<p>shall continue. If the commissioner determines that the school has not met 1 or more goals in the plan, the commissioner may modify the plan in a manner consistent with subsection (n).</p> <p>If the commissioner determines that the school has substantially failed to meet multiple goals in the plan, the commissioner may: (1) if the school is operated by a superintendent, appoint an external receiver, as defined in subsection (r), to operate the school; or (2) if the school is operated by an external receiver terminate the contract of the external receiver; provided, however, that the commissioner shall not terminate the receiver before the completion of the first full school year of the operation of the ,chronically underperforming school.</p>
(w) Expiration of TP	<p>(w) Upon the expiration of a turnaround plan for a chronically underperforming school, the commissioner shall conduct a review of the school to determine whether the school has improved sufficiently, requires further improvement or has failed to improve. On the basis of such review, the commissioner may: (1) on the basis of a superintendent's or external receiver's success in meeting the terms of the plan, renew the plan with the superintendent or external receiver for an additional period of not more than 3 years; (2) if a school that is operated by a superintendent and remains chronically underperforming, appoint an external receiver, as defined in subsection (r), to operate the school; (3) if a chronically underperforming school that is operated by an external receiver and remains chronically underperforming, transfer the operation of the school from the receiver to the applicable superintendent or to another external receiver; or (4) determine that the school has improved sufficiently for the designation of chronically underperforming to be removed. The commissioner shall: (1) in the case of a renewal of an turnaround plan, jointly determine subsequent annual goals for each component of the plan with the superintendent or external receiver, as applicable; or (2) create a new or modified turnaround plan as necessary, consistent with the requirements of this section.</p>
(y) Board to adopt regs determining when leave Level 4 or 5 status Regs to allow for	<p>(y) The board of elementary and secondary education shall adopt regulations regarding: (1) the conditions under which an underperforming or chronically underperforming school shall no longer be designated as an underperforming or chronically underperforming school; and (2) the transfer of the operation of an underperforming or a chronically underperforming school from a superintendent or an external receiver, as applicable, to the school</p>

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transition period	committee. The regulations shall include provisions to allow a school to retain measures adopted in an turnaround plan for a transitional period if, in the judgment of the commissioner, the measures would contribute to the continued improvement of the school. Such regulations shall also include provisions that clearly identify the conditions under which such a transitional period shall end and the powers granted to the commissioner and board under this section shall cease to apply to a district previously designated as chronically underperforming.
(z) Comm'r annual reports	(z) The commissioner shall report annually to the joint committee on education, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the speaker of the house of representatives and the senate president on the implementation and fiscal impact of this section and section 1K. The report shall include, but not be limited to, a list of all schools currently designated as underperforming or chronically underperforming, a list of all districts currently designated as chronically underperforming, the plans and timetable for returning the schools and districts to the local school committee and strategies used in each of the schools and districts to maximize the rapid academic achievement of students.

ATTACHMENT C

Accountability Data:

PPI: 83

PPI High Needs: 80

Met Both PPI Targets: Yes

School Percentile: 15

Level: Level 5

Student Profile - 2013-14

	School	District
First Language Not English %	16.4	22.4
Limited English Proficient %	0.0	5.5
Special Education %	27.4	22.5
Low Income %	88.0	75.6
Free Lunch %	84.2	69.7
Reduced Lunch %	3.8	5.9
African-American	14.4	11.7
Asian	0.0	0.8
Hispanic	38.0	32.8
White	40.1	47.7
Native American	0.0	0.5
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	0.0	0.4
Multi-race, Non-Hispanic	7.5	6.1
Total Enrollment	292	12,744

Student Indicators - 2012-123

	School	District
Attendance %	95.0	93.9
Unexcused Absences >9 %	0.0	0.0
In-school Susp %	0.8	8.1
Out-of-school Susp %	1.8	6.3
Retention %	4.6	5.9
Graduated %-		
Four-year Rate		59.0
Dropped Out %-		
Four-year Cohort Rate		23.5

Student Mobility - 2012-13

	School	District
Churn %	30.3	18.3
Intake %	20.6	10.5
Stability %	83.0	89.7
Attrition %	16.8	9.0

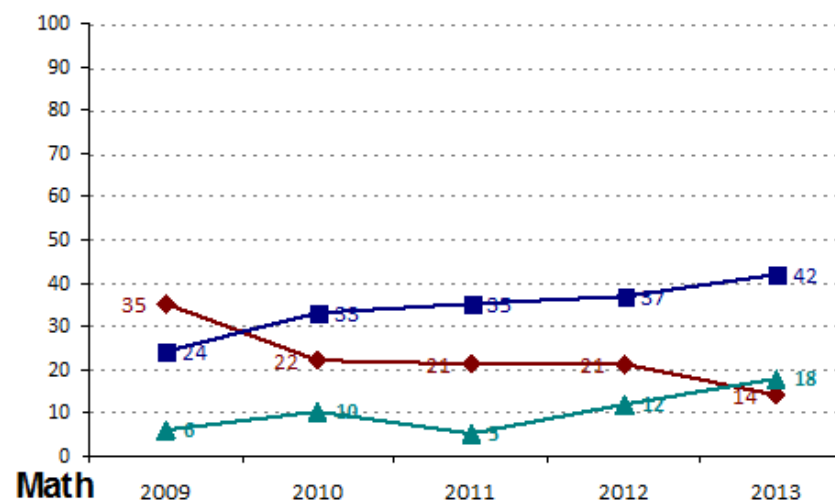
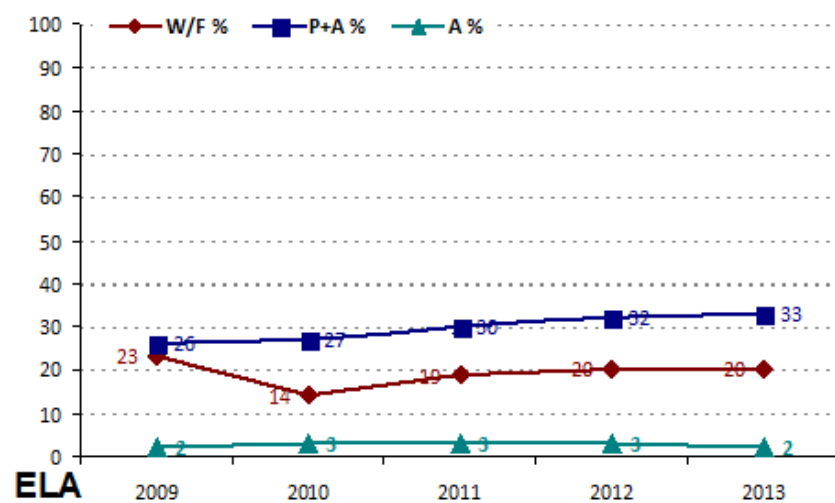
School Staff Turnover %

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
	28.6	30.4	25.0	15.0	19.0

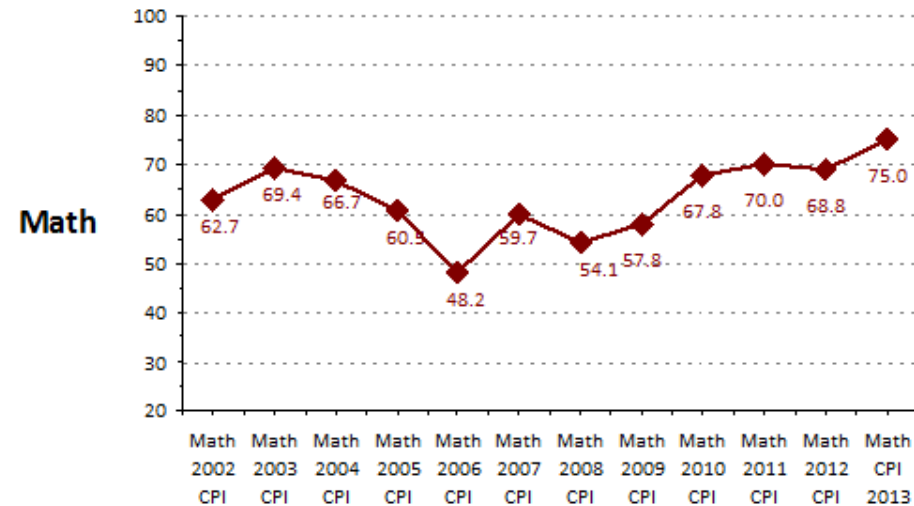
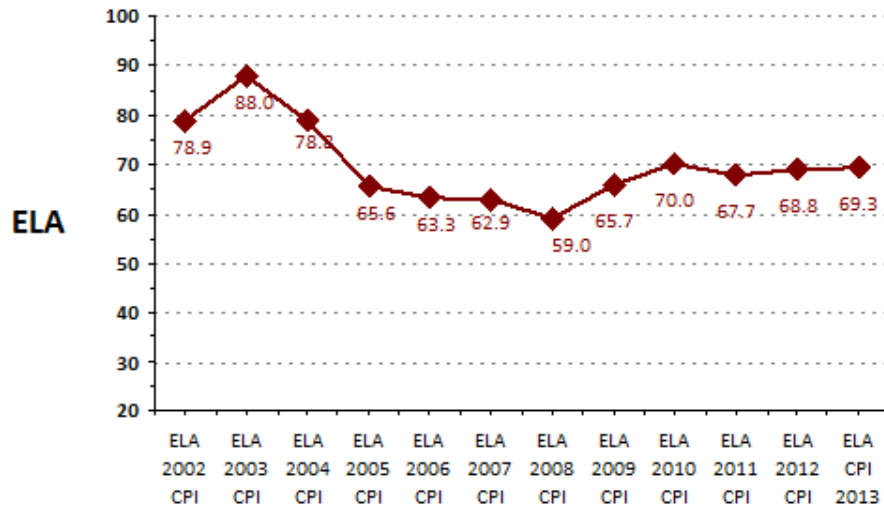
Glossary:

Churn %	% of students who transfer into or out of a public school throughout the course of a school year
Intake %	% of students who enroll in school after the beginning of the school year
Stability %	% of students who remain in a school throughout the school year.
Attrition %	% of students who do not return from the end of one school year to the beginning of the next.
High Needs	Students designated as either low income, or ELL, or former ELL, or a student with disabilities.
PPI	Cumulative PPI combines information about narrowing proficiency gaps, growth, graduation and dropout rates over the most recent four-year period into a single number between 0 and 100
School Percentile	A ranking from 1-99 that compares a school's performance on up to seven indicators (performance, growth and graduation rate) to that of other schools with a similar grade range.

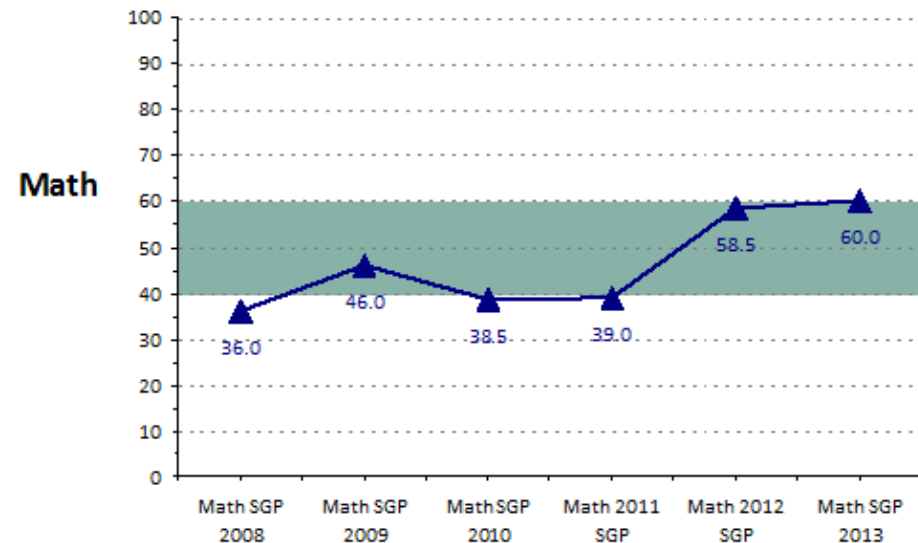
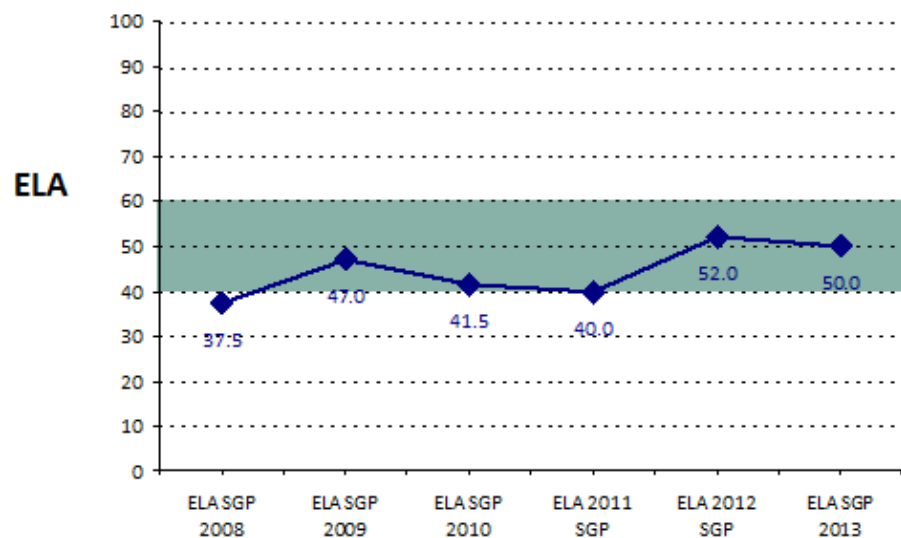
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CPI The Composite Proficiency Index assigns 100, 75, 50, 25, or 0 points to each student participating in MCAS tests based how close they came to scoring Proficient or Advanced.



SGP Student Growth Percentile measures how students' MCAS scores have changed over time compared to students whose previous scores are similar.



Typical SGP scores fall between 40 and 60 (shaded area).

ATTACHMENT D

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Total number of responses collected: 17

1. My school has adopted the following school improvement strategy as part of the turnaround plan (Please select one.):

(Respondents could only choose a **single** response)

Response	%	Count
Transformation	0.0%	0
Turnaround	70.6%	12
Restart	0.0%	0
I am not sure.	29.4%	5

2. As a Level 4 school, my school developed a turnaround plan.

(Respondents could only choose a **single** response for each topic)

	Yes	No	I Don't Know
I'm aware of what the plan contains.	82.4%	11.8%	5.9%
The plan addresses the major challenges facing my students.	58.8%	17.6%	23.5%
The plan addresses the major challenges facing me as an educator.	29.4%	41.2%	29.4%
I played a role in developing the plan.	11.8%	88.2%	0.0%
I was asked to provide feedback on the plan.	23.5%	76.5%	0.0%
I voted on the plan.	11.8%	88.2%	0.0%
I have taken a survey or surveys evaluating the plan.	17.6%	76.5%	5.9%
I have been part of discussions evaluating the plan.	23.5%	76.5%	0.0%

3. How would you describe the leadership model at your school regarding teaching and learning? (Please select one.)

(Respondents could only choose a **single** response)

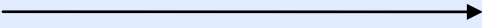
Response	%	Count
Principal makes most decisions about teaching and learning.	50.0%	8

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Leadership team makes most decisions about teaching and learning.	25.0%	4
Teachers make most decisions about teaching and learning.	18.8%	3
I am not sure who makes the decisions.	6.3%	1
Not Answered		1

4. Please rank the following challenges you have encountered in your school/classroom during the last three years, with the most significant being six (6) and least significant being one (1). Respondents were asked to **rank** their choice(s).

	Least Significant  Most Significant					
	1	2	3	4	5	6
Quality of Curriculum	29.4%	41.2%	0.0%	11.8%	5.9%	11.8%
Availability of Instructional Materials	0.0%	11.8%	41.2%	35.3%	11.8%	0.0%
Quality of Instructional Materials	5.9%	11.8%	11.8%	41.2%	29.4%	0.0%
Student-readiness (special education issues/English language issues/student preparedness/students do not have grade-level skills)	5.9%	5.9%	29.4%	0.0%	35.3%	23.5%
Social, Emotional and Behavioral Issues	5.9%	11.8%	5.9%	11.8%	11.8%	52.9%
Quality of Instructional Leadership	52.9%	17.6%	11.8%	0.0%	5.9%	11.8%

5. Curriculum poses a significant challenge for me. (Please check one.)
(Respondents could only choose a **single** response)

Response	%	Count
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I'm not sure what to teach; I have only books, no curriculum.	0.0%	0
I know what to teach, but I think the curriculum is too challenging for my students.	29.4%	5
I know what to teach, but I think the curriculum is not challenging enough for my students.	0.0%	0
N/A. I don't consider this to be an issue.	70.6%	12

6. Instructional materials pose a significant challenge for me. (Please check all that apply.)

(Respondents were allowed to choose **multiple** responses)

Response	%	Count
I do not have sufficient materials for all of my students.	35.3%	6
I do not have appropriate materials for use with my students.	41.2%	7
I do not have access to library, media, or technology materials.	35.3%	6
N/A. I don't consider this to be an issue.	17.6%	3

7. I face significant challenges related to student readiness. (Please check all that apply.)

(Respondents were allowed to choose **multiple** responses)

Response	%	Count
My students present with a variety of special needs and I lack the support to work with each of them effectively.	35.3%	6
My students are at various levels of English language usage and I am not familiar enough with Sheltered English Immersion strategies to be as effective as I would like.	5.9%	1
My students do not have the precursor skills and prior knowledge needed to learn what I am required to teach.	88.2%	15
N/A. I don't consider this to be an issue.	11.8%	2

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8. Social, emotional and behavioral issues pose a significant challenge to me. (Please check all that apply.)

(Respondents were allowed to choose **multiple** responses)

Response	%	Count
My students are frequently late or absent from school.	35.3%	6
My students often come to school hungry or tired.	35.3%	6
My students often lack self-policing strategies.	88.2%	15
N/A. I don't consider this to be an issue.	5.9%	1

9. Issues related to instructional leadership pose a significant challenge to me. (Please check all that apply.)

(Respondents were allowed to choose **multiple** responses)

Response	%	Count
Insufficient time to consult with colleagues.	52.9%	9
Lack of leadership or a leadership vacuum. It is unclear who the instructional leaders are at my school.	23.5%	4
I need guidance on instructional leadership. I do not know who to consult if I have a question about curriculum, instruction or assessment issues.	5.9%	1
Decisions are based on data, but I'm not informed. I do not get information about my students' academic performance that would help me to adjust my	11.8%	2
N/A. I don't consider this to be an issue.	23.5%	4

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10. I have been provided with the following curriculum-related documents. (Please check all that apply.)

(Respondents were allowed to choose **multiple** responses)

Response	%	Count
Curriculum guide aligned to the Massachusetts state standards	70.6%	12
Scope and sequence/curriculum map	76.5%	13
Scripted curriculum	70.6%	12
Pacing guide	58.8%	10
I have not received any curriculum-related documents.	11.8%	2

11. Please indicate with a yes or no whether you have received professional development in each of the following areas during your time at this Level 4 school. For each topic that you checked yes, please indicate whether these trainings helped you to be more effective in your current role.

(Respondents could only choose a single response for each topic)

	Yes	No	Count	I found this PD helpful.	Not helpful	Not sure	Count
Sheltered English Immersion	11.8%	88.2%	2	2	0	0	2
SPED inclusion strategies	11.8%	88.2%	2	2	2	0	4
Differentiated/tiered instruction	58.8%	41.2%	10	9	3	0	12
Managing student behavior	41.2%	58.8%	7	6	3	0	9
Family engagement	5.9%	94.1%	1	1	2	2	5
Developing standards-based units	29.4%	70.6%	5	4	0	2	6
Instructional leadership skills	5.9%	94.1%	1	0	0	2	2
Using data to inform decision-making	64.7%	35.3%	11	9	0	1	10
Educator evaluation	76.5%	23.5%	13	10	2	0	12

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Total number of responses collected: 17

Developing student assessments	18.8%	81.3%	3	5	0	1	6
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Avery Parker School – New Bedford

Total number of responses collected: 17

- 12. If you were in charge, what would you say has been the single most important priority for your school during the last three years? (Please select one.)**

(Respondents could only choose a **single** response)

Response	%	Count
Curriculum and Instruction	37.5%	6
School Climate and Safety	6.3%	1
Instructional Leadership	0.0%	0
Professional Development	6.3%	1
School Management	0.0%	0
Social, Emotional and Behavioral Issues (wraparound services)	18.8%	3
Using Data	18.8%	3
Parent/Family Engagement	12.5%	2
Not Answered		1

- 13. During the time this school had a Level 4 designation, I have interacted with DESE staff regarding the plan or the school improvement efforts in the school. Interactions can include meetings, surveys, discussions and classroom visits.**

(Respondents could only choose a **single** response)

Response	%	Count
Yes	50.0%	8
No	31.3%	5
I'm not sure.	18.8%	3
Not Answered		1

- 14. What are your future plans regarding your employment at this school? (Please select one.)**

(Respondents could only choose a **single** response)

Response	%	Count
I plan to remain working at this school.	47.1%	8

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Total number of responses collected: 17

I'm planning to move to a different school in the district.	5.9%	1
I'm planning to move to a different district.	11.8%	2
I'd like to change careers.	5.9%	1
I'm not sure.	29.4%	5

15. To what extent have your experiences at this school impacted your future plans?

(Respondents could only choose a **single** response)

Response	%	Count
Not at all	11.8%	2
Somewhat	35.3%	6
A great deal	41.2%	7
I'm not sure	11.8%	2

16. My primary role:

(Respondents could only choose a **single** response)

Response	Frequency	Count
Classroom teacher	76.5%	13
Specialist teacher	11.8%	2
Administrator	0.0%	0
Paraprofessional/Education Support Professional	0.0%	0
Other	11.8%	2

17. I have been employed in the district for:

(Respondents could only choose a **single** response)

Response	Frequency	Count
1-3 years	37.5%	6
4-9 years	18.8%	3
10 years or more	43.8%	7

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Total number of responses collected: 17

Not Answered		1
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18. I have been employed at this school for:

(Respondents could only choose a **single** response)

Response	Frequency	Count
1-3 years	75.0%	12
4-9 years	6.3%	1
10 years or more	18.8%	3
Not Answered		1

19. The status of my educator license for the role I currently hold.

(Respondents could only choose a **single** response)

Response	%	Count
Licensed	100.0%	17
On a waiver	0.0%	0
I'm not sure	0.0%	0

ATTACHMENT E



APPENDIX A

John Avery Parker Elementary School Turnaround Plan

Focused Planning to Accelerate Student Learning

May 2011

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Section 1: John Avery Parker Elementary School Turnaround Plan: Summary of Key Issues and Strategic Objectives

In this section summarize the key issues arising from the School Needs Assessment/Review and any other available quantitative and qualitative evidence. Identify the Strategic Objectives that the Turnaround Plan will focus on, and why they are important. Conclude with a Theory of Action.

The John Avery Parker Elementary School has an enrollment of 262 students in grades K-5th. It also houses two self contained special education classes. The ethnic composition of the school is approximately 43% White, 21% Hispanic, 20% Black and 17% other. Nearly 15% of students are classified as special needs and 90% of the students come from low-income families. The average daily attendance is 94.1% with a number of students who are absent more frequently than other students. The school does not have enough LEP students to create a subgroup. The school has been designated as a Level 4 school. The school's previous principal was removed and a new principal took over in September. The staff, parents and students have acknowledged that there is a noticeable difference in the school culture. The new principal has been successful in starting to build a collaborative culture among the staff.

This year we have had a District Review, undertaken by the State, and most recently an independent consulting group conducted a Comprehensive Needs Assessment. The Comprehensive Needs Assessment is based on research by the Her Majesty's Inspectors of Schools, United Kingdom, the Office for Standards in Education, UK, The Scottish Department of Education and the National Foundation for Educational Research (NFER). The results of the two reviews have yielded similar outcomes. Both the District Review and Comprehensive Needs Assessment documents include the need for strengthening instruction, developing curriculum aligned to State standards and fostering a professional community that promotes a positive and collaborative school culture. In addition, they both call for more regular communication and engagement with the families of the students and with community organizations that can partner with the Parker School in order to support and provide additional services related to emotional and social needs of the students and families.

During the past few months, the School Redesign Team has met on a regular basis to review those recommendations, conduct self assessments using the states Essential Conditions for School Effectiveness rubric and agree on four main strategic objectives to focus on for the Level 4 District Plan. We acknowledge that the school has a number additional areas for improvement based on the District Review and Comprehensive Needs Assessments. Nonetheless, here are the four Strategic Objectives:

Strategic Objective 1: Establish a school culture of staff ownership, collaboration, and accountability and student achievement.

Strategic Objective 2: Establish a systemic process that strengthens the quality of the teaching and the use of data to better inform instruction.

Strategic Objective 3: Establish a high quality and rigorous professional development program that optimizes the use of the extended year/day.

Strategic Objective 4: Establish a partnership with families and external partners to develop a systemic way to communicate with families and help them connect with external service providers that offer additional social and emotional support to the students and their families.

The strategic initiatives and action plans included in the next few sections of this document provide a clear process that will get the school back on track and improve student outcomes. These strategic objectives are aligned to the 11 Essential Conditions for School Effectiveness (see Appendix G). In addition a key feature of our re-design plan for the school is that many of these essential conditions, for example effective school leadership, professional development, structures for collaboration, strategic use of resources and adequate budget authority, are embedded into each of the four strategic objectives, as opposed to being treated as additional items. Although there are many other areas where the school could have included in this plan, it is our belief that less is more. The fewer areas for us to focus on, the more time and thinking can be devoted in assuring that these four objectives are implemented effectively for maximum impact.

The MCAS data shows mixed results for our school

While we demonstrated improvements in some areas we have not done so in other.

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

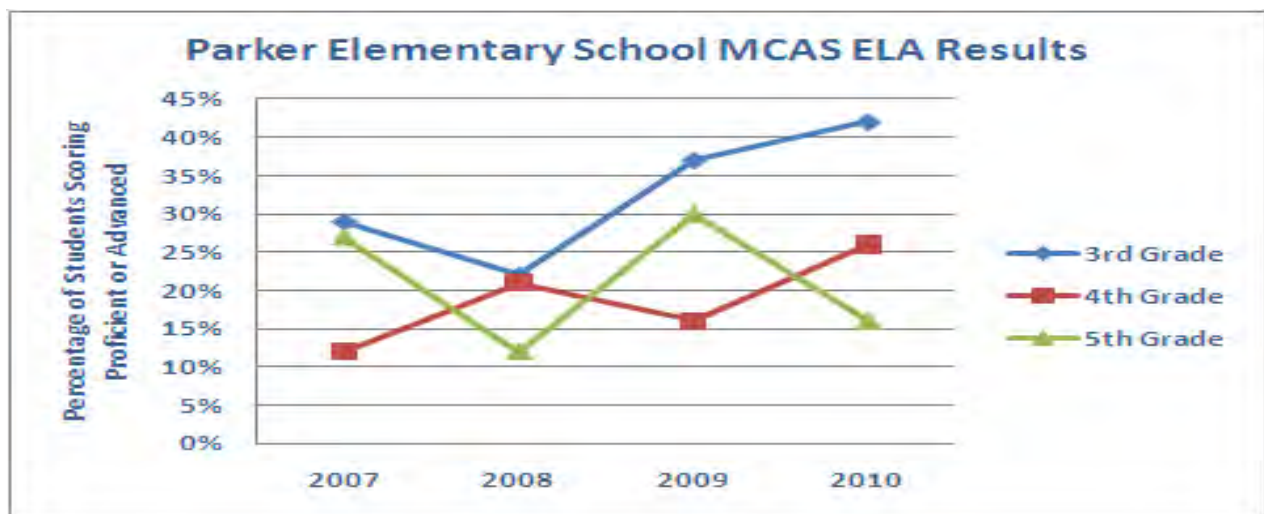
- The Parker School met AYP in English Language Arts and Mathematics in the aggregate and subgroups through 2004 and as such had No Status under NCLB.
- In English Language Arts, the Parker School did not meet AYP in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 in the aggregate and subgroups.
- In Mathematics, the Parker School did not meet AYP in 2005 and 2006 in the aggregate and subgroups.
- In English Language Arts, the Parker School has an NCLB status of Restructuring. The school met AYP in ELA in 2009 in the aggregate and subgroups and met AYP in the subgroups only in 2010.
- In Mathematics, the Parker School has an NCLB status of Corrective Action- Subgroups. The school met AYP in the aggregate in 2007, 2009, and 2010.

MCAS: English Language Arts

Over a four year period (2007-2010) Grade 5 Performance Levels have not shown improvement. The percentage of students scoring Proficient and Advanced decreased from 30% in 2009 to 16% in 2010. In Grade 4, the percentage of students scoring Proficient increased from 16% in 2009 to 26% in 2010 while the percentage of students scoring in Warning decreased from 33% to 10%. Grade 3 Performance Levels have shown an increase in the percentage of students scoring Proficient and Above Proficient. Students scoring Proficient and Above Proficient have increased from 22% in 2008, to 37% in 2009, and 42% in 2010. The percentage of students scoring in the Warning Performance Level has decreased from 32% in 2008, to 16% in 2009, to 6% in 2010.

John Avery Parker Elementary School MCAS ELA Results
Percentage of Students Scoring Proficient or Advanced

	2007	2008	2009	2010
3rd Grade	29%	22%	37%	42%
4th Grade	12%	21%	16%	26%
5th Grade	27%	12%	30%	16%

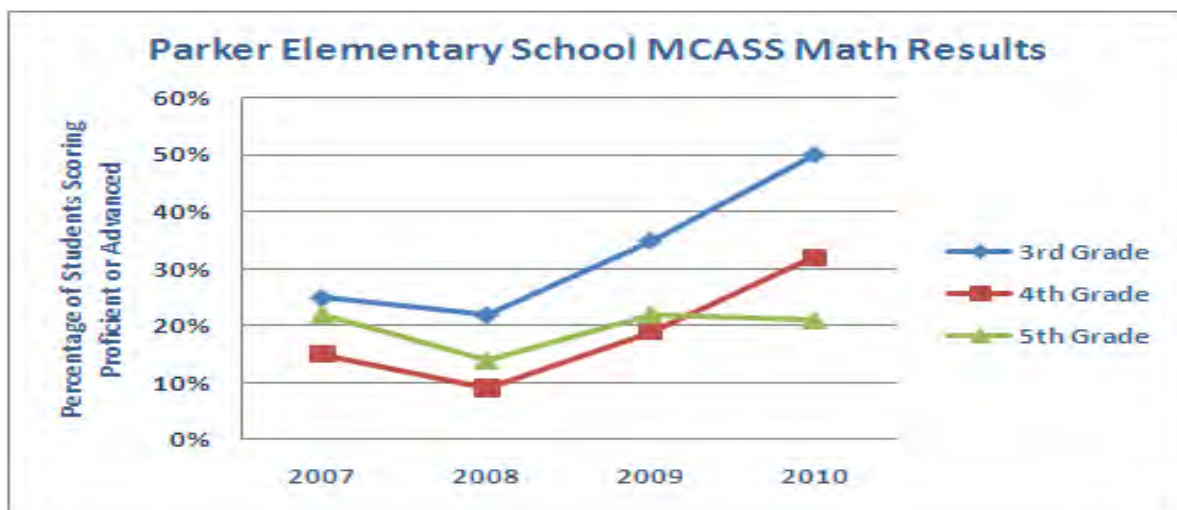


MCAS: Mathematics

Over a four year period (2007-2010) Grade 5 Performance Levels have not shown significant improvement. The percentage of students scoring Proficient and Advanced has not increased over this four year period. The percentage of students scoring Warning decreased by 7% in 2010. Performance Levels in Grade 4 and Grade 3 have shown significant improvement over a four year period. In Grade 4, the percentage of students scoring Proficient and Above Proficient has increased from 9% in 2008, to 19% in 2009, to 32% in 2010. Students scoring Warning has decreased from 31% in 2008, to 25% in 2009, to 6% in 2010. In Grade 3, Performance Levels have shown an increase in the percentage of students scoring Proficient and Above Proficient. The percentage of students scoring Proficient and Above Proficient has increased from 22% in 2008, to 37% in 2009, to 42% in 2010. The percentage of students scoring in the Warning Performance Level has decreased substantially from 32% in 2008, to 16% in 2009, to 6% in 2010.

John Avery Parker Elementary School MCAS Mathematics Results
Percentage of Students Scoring Proficient or Advanced

	2007	2008	2009	2010
3rd Grade	25%	22%	35%	50%
4th Grade	15%	9%	19%	32%
5th Grade	22%	14%	22%	21%



Student Progress

- The median ELA SGP for grade 4 in 2008 was 50.0, 43.0 in 2009, and 47.5 in 2010.
- The median ELA SGP for grade 5 in 2008 was 28.0, 60.5 in 2009, and 40.0 in 2010.
- The median Math SGP for grade 4 in 2008 was 37.0, 50.0 in 2009, and 69.0 in 2010.
- The median Math SGP for grade 5 in 2008 was 36.0, 36.5 in 2009, and 29.0 in 2010.

English Language Arts Assessments

All students were assessed in ELA in Kindergarten through Grade 5 at the Parker School using the Group Reading Assessment and Diagnostic Evaluation (GRADE) and the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS). Reports by grade level with assessment results reporting the percentage of students scoring at different levels were generated and distributed to teachers. These reports however, lacked specific information that would identify specific students and areas of weakness. As in 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years these assessment results were not effectively used to drive classroom instruction or as a way of identifying students that were in need of interventions.

Mathematics Assessment

- Students in Kindergarten through Grade 2 were assessed using the core mathematics program assessment and teacher created assessments.
- Students in Grades 3-5 were assessed using the District Galileo Benchmark Assessments, core mathematics program assessment and teacher created assessments. Assessment results in Kindergarten through grade 5 however, were not effectively used to drive classroom instruction or as a means of identifying struggling students.

As in 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 school years these assessment results were not effectively used to drive classroom instruction or as a way of identifying students that were in need of interventions. During the current year the school administration has started to look at the students' data in cohorts.

They have flagged two areas of concern. These are the 5th grade math instruction and the 4th grade ELA instruction and interventions. See table below:

	2007		2008		2009		2010	
	CPI	F/W	CPI	F/W	CPI	F/W	CPI	F/W
Grade 3								
ELA	67.2	24	60.3	32	69.6	16	78.5	6
Math	62.0	33	57.8	39	64.9	30	79.9	8
Grade 4								
ELA	54.1	27	63	24	57.4	33	68.5	10
Math	56.1	23	57.9	31	60.3	25	71	6
Grade 5								
ELA	70	13	53.4	38	73.5	16	64.2	23
Math	62.1	23	45.7	48	49.5	50	55.7	43
Average								
ELA	62.9	21	59	31	65.7	23	70	14
Math	59.7	26	54.1	39	57.8	35	67.8	22

Student Data and Accountability

Student enrollment in 2009-2010 consisted of 276 students in grades K-5. Selected student populations included 86.7% Low Income, 32.2% Hispanic, 17% Special Education, and 0% Limited English Proficient. The 2010 John A. Parker School Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) report revealed that the school did not meet AYP in the aggregate in English Language Arts (improved below target) and met AYP in mathematics in the aggregate and sub-groups. The school's performance rating in ELA is moderate, while in mathematics it is low.

Upon further review of the AYP report and MCAS data disaggregated by student category did not reveal significant differences within or across sub-groups in English Language Arts (ELA) or mathematics with one exception. Low Income students tested in grades 3, 4, and 5 made up 90.1% of the student population and outperformed the aggregate in both ELA and mathematics. Special Education and Hispanic students included in the AYP report consisted of fewer than 40 students in each sub-group. In ELA, Hispanic students (31) outperformed the aggregate by 2.6 points while in mathematics they scored 12.3 points below the aggregate. Although this is troubling, the school's overall performance in mathematics is a concern and will be addressed across grade levels and student sub-groups.

Our theory of action is that if we effectively implement the action plans that address the four strategic objectives, then we will be able to improve the level of instruction, build a collaborative team that is empowered and engaged in the decision making process. By engaging the staff in making decisions about policy, empower them to make recommendations as to how to improve the school, then we will have a staff that proactively evaluates the structures and systems in place in order to improve the professional culture and student learning, which then improves student outcomes.

We believe that if we invest the time in building capacity of every staff member at the school, then we will develop a professional learning community that is focused on student learning, improving instruction, analyzing and using data to inform instruction. Using the extended day and extended year agreement with the union, we will be able to provide a high quality professional development program that will address the student learning, instruction in all subject areas, student management and use of assessments.

In conclusion, we believe that if we enhance the quality and frequency of the communication with families, then we will increase the number and level of involvement of parents in their children's education and in other school events. In addition, if we proactively seek the partnership of community based organizations and other providers, then we will be able to increase the opportunities of support we can provide our families.

Parker School Vision Statement:

The students of the Parker School will leave the 5th grade with the skills developed from and the understanding of the concepts embedded in the learning standards prescribed in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks for grades K-5. They will be able and ready to start middle school work without any major academic deficiencies.

The students' readiness for middle school will be measured by the record of growth rates and current achievement levels specified in their state assessment (MCAS) scores as well as other indicators such as their latest district benchmark tests and 5th year project completion.

School Strategy:

- Focus all our curriculum, instruction, assessment and student/family support service planning and execution on the attainment of the objective in our Vision.
- Create a school-wide culture of team collaboration, ownership, accountability and recognition of achievement toward the objective in our Vision.
- Build and maintaining the competence and consistency of instructional practices school-wide necessary to reach our objective.
- Ensure the ongoing assessment of individual student needs, providing the corresponding instructional interventions, and monitoring progress until learning goals are met.
- Engage students in their learning through a variety of instructional and assessment techniques that demand focus and participation, and individual thinking and group problem solving.
- Develop the school as a community center connecting students and families to community agencies, institutions and organizations that provide services and programs to support and enrich student and family life.

Section 2: John Avery Parker Elementary School Plan Summary

Strategic Objective 1: Establish a school culture of staff ownership, collaboration, and accountability and student achievement.		
Strategic Initiatives	Early Evidence of Change, Short-term Outcomes, and Final Outcomes	Interdependencies
1.1 The principal acts strategically and purposefully in pursuit of a clear educational mission to accelerate student achievement, while empowering others to do the same.	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school has a single plan which is focused explicitly on instructional improvement and student learning; the plan drives school-level processes and practice. <p>Short-term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The principal and other leaders clearly communicate to staff schoolwide expectations for performance with measureable student achievement indicators. A clear process is used to evaluate staff, offer feedback, develop professional improvement goals, and provide support in meeting those goals. The school's process for evaluation, feedback, PD, and support is in accordance with district tools, systems, and processes related to staffing and support. Staff performance is tied, to the extent possible, to student outcomes. <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Staff can articulate the school's mission, understand the school's improvement goals, and demonstrate a sense of ownership for both. Staff generally agrees that decisions are made transparently and fairly, and that the school culture is collaborative, open to dialogue, and based on trust. Staff surveys clearly indicate that all members of staff feel accountable for results to students, school leadership, colleagues, families, and the community Student achievement and student growth targets are met or exceeded in every subject area and at every grade level. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration between the principal the District and all external partners is vital in establishing clear roles and responsibilities of all constituencies. The district must ensure that the principal has sufficient powers of delegated authority, especially on all staffing and budgetary issues <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school re-design plan is effectively and efficiently implemented. Supervision and evaluation are tied to results and promote the growth and development of all staff, including the principal
1.2. Establish a School Leadership Team (SLT), which includes the principal, members of the faculty, parents and local community members	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Driven by the Principal, the School Redesign Team (SRT) will have clear expectations and will understands its' role is in developing policies and making recommendations that promote school-wide routines, processes and physical environments that enable/facilitate staff collaboration and ownership that is focused on student learning and achievement. <p>Short-term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The SRT is established The SRT ensures that the school redesign plan is a 'live document' which 1) aligns with the district improvement plan, 2) reflects input from all staff, 3) is based on data, 4) accurately reflects the academic, social, and emotional needs of students, and 5) sets actionable and measurable goals that target school improvement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaboration between District, school administration and school staff and School Redesign Team is vital in establishing clear roles and responsibilities of all constituencies. <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The more efficient use of the School Redesign Team time, the more time they will be able to devote to developing a more collaborative community that is focused on improving student achievement.

	<p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SRT (School Redesign Team) will transition to a School Leadership Team which will continue to include the principal, members of the faculty, parents and local community members • The SLT uses the re-design plan to guide how time, personnel, funds, and other resources will be used to achieve the school's mission. • The SLT regularly analyze evidence of instructional practice along with student achievement, PD, and other data; analysis guides next steps for improvement, including supports for instructional staff. 	
1.3. Strategically recruit and build a group of qualified staff members that are committed to developing a collaborative and coherent school-wide team	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principal will be proactive in leading the capacity building of the teachers. • An agreement is negotiated with NBEA an agreement that empowers the principal to make staffing decisions. <p>The Short Term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principal utilizes the district's process for posting jobs and screening candidates to assemble an effective school team. • The expectation is that the principal, along with the district facilitators, will successfully recruit qualified candidates for all new open teaching positions. • The principal is enabled to interview all candidates for open positions. <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100% of all recruits are Highly Qualified Teachers • The principal assigns (and revises) roles, responsibilities, and duties in a way that best supports the school improvement plan and meets student needs. • All staff is placed in roles for which they have skills, qualifications, and licensure. • All HQT are retained, except for any who retire, or gain promotion or an leadership position • The proportion of teaching that is judged to be proficient or exemplary will be 75% by July 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NBEA contract negotiations regarding principal hiring authority and teacher evaluation. • Principal must provide strategic leadership and work collaboratively with the staff to ensure that key members of the school staff to buy-in to the idea that the staff is expected to work collaboratively. <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This interdependency will play a critical part in the ability of the school to hire highly qualified staff. • This is essential to the developing of the collaborative and coherent school-wide team. • This will increase the probability of the school to develop a positive, collaborative and coherent team and to produce a school climate and culture which proactively promotes learning and student academic success. •
1.4. Establish a staff culture where staff members are empowered and responsible for participating in the school decision making process.	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The staff feedback and retention rate of teachers that have bought-in to developing a collaborative school wide team. • Commitment of The School Redesign Team to continue to develop a collaborative school team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School administration working closely with staff to empower staff through shared voice, participation and vesting in decision-making process.

	<p>Short Term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 1 hour per week is built into the school schedule for staff collaboration, with collaboration serving as PD in which all teacher participate • Development of a staff handbook that is collaboratively created by the staff and focuses on expectations of instruction, assessment, curriculum, student support and achievement, collection of data and the use of data to drive instruction, intervention strategies collaboration, parent feedback and communication procedures <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agendas and minutes from meetings indicate that collaborative time is focused on taking instruction / learning to the next level of development, and addressing the needs of the whole child. • Staff survey indicate that at least 85% of the staff report that the school has developed a professional and collaborative community of learners where all teachers share their practices and proactively seek feedback and support from others in the school community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff members accept responsibility and accountability for decisions made as articulated in a new staff handbook • Collaboration between the District, the NBEA, the teachers at the school and the school administration <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These interdependencies are essential in allowing for the establishment of a positive school culture for all constituencies.
1.5 Implement a School Instructional Leadership Team (SILT), which has representatives of the school's grades and subject areas, as a committee of the School Leadership Team	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school establishes an SILT • The SILT has representatives from each grade and content area • The SILT has clear expectations and understands its' role in ensuring that there is a clear focus on learning • The SILT receives training and support from external partner <p>Short-term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SILT meets regularly to address topics of instruction and learning and it has sufficient authority to make decisions and engages all staff through effective communication. • The SILT designs a coordinated PD plan that aligns with state standards for school performance and student achievement as well as district and school priorities • The SILT evaluates the quality and impact of PD and collaborative time to ensure that they result in strengthen practice and student success. • The SILT reports on a monthly basis to the School Leadership Team <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a school-wide, results-oriented focus on teaching, learning, and student success. • All students are able to track and articulate their own personal learning goals and are making good progress towards their own goals. • Classroom observations indicate that in at least 70% of lessons the quality of teaching is satisfactory or better • There is a 20% increase in mastery as evidence on both interim benchmark exams and end of course assessments at every grade level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration between District, school administration and school staff and Instructional Leadership Team is vital in establishing clear roles and responsibilities of all constituencies <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SILT will need to be a fully functioning and effective committee to the SLT. It has sufficient authority to make decisions and engages all staff through effective communication. • The interdependencies will play a key role in ensuring that all members of the SILT are able to undertake effective lesson observations and that all teachers will be able to establish meaningful learning objectives for all students in every lesson learning

Strategic Objective 2: Establish a systemic process that strengthens the quality of the teaching and learning and the use of data to better inform instruction		
Strategic Initiatives	Early Evidence of Change, Short-term Outcomes, and Final Outcomes	Interdependencies
2.1. Provide staff with opportunities and exposure to effective assessment and instructional practices.	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish common planning times provided by the extended day agreement to schedule regular meetings by: grade and subject areas; data analysis and data use; instruction; and classroom management, as needed. Working with the District Facilitators, the principal will develop a schedule that provides teachers and school staff the opportunity to visit other demographically similar and successful New Bedford school. Ideally, each teacher would do two school visits for the year. <p>Short Term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with the District Facilitators, the principal will develop a schedule that provides teachers and school staff the opportunity to visit other demographically similar and successful New Bedford school. Ideally, each teacher would do two school visits for the year. Teachers begin to use relevant data to inform student progress in IEP, IST and other parent and administrative meetings. Lessons will reflect consistency in prescribed standards-based curriculum. Observable classroom application of strategies covered during previous professional development meetings. Continued and refined teacher use of relevant assessment data in student progress meeting and reports. Observable and documentable use of teacher analysis and translation of assessment data into instructional focus. Professional development opportunities will also provide a safe place for the teachers to receive feedback and support. The principal and District facilitators develop a method for monitoring school visits and the impact they have in the teacher's learning. <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All teachers participate in reflective feedback after all lesson observations which actively empowers effective teachers Instructional staff provides students with lessons that are appropriate to the their proficiency levels, engage them with content and address academic and social- emotional needs and promote higher-order thinking. Effective implementation of research based interventions that result in positive measurable goals which are noted in the Level 4 Measurable Annual Goals (MAGs) document Student progress goals meet or exceed the DESE student growth rates and achievement improvement minimums as outlined in the MAGs document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school District commitment to assign an ELA and a math facilitator for 1 1/2 days a week to provide professional development and support. The District commitment to working with RBT to assist in the development of the instructional team. Effective use of extended day and common planning times to support teacher growth and student achievement. Coordination and cooperation with local successful elementary schools in the district. <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These interdependencies are essential in providing teachers with quality planning, training and opportunities to visit schools that provide additional experiences that will lead to improved instruction in the classroom and therefore improved student outcomes.

<p>2.2. Establish clear expectations and common practices for delivery of the prescribed curriculum, instruction and assessments, across all classrooms.</p>	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All staff have a shared understanding of effective teaching and learning • A better understanding and awareness of the use of Open Court as school's foundation literacy program. • Implementation of new district literacy curriculum maps as requirements/guides for each grade level. • A better understanding and awareness of the use of the mathematics curriculum framework • The district/school provides pacing guides that are utilized by teachers. <p>Short Term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development over the summer and in the first few weeks of school will focus on developing clear expectation of the curriculum, the delivery of the curriculum and the use of formative assessments. • Working with the District facilitators and the RBT group, and guidance from the SILT, the principal develops a year-long plan for professional development. Analysis of lesson plans, by the principal and SILT clearly indicates that all instructional staff access and unpack standard so that they have a working knowledge of what all students need to know and be able to do in order to be proficient. <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson observations indicate an observable common teacher use of prescribed curriculum, data collection and use, and varied instructional techniques for literacy and math across all grades and classrooms. • Lesson observations indicate that all staff routinely use appropriate classroom approaches to ensure that all students understand what skills, knowledge, understanding they will be evaluated on during the lesson • Student surveys and lesson observations indicate that all instructional staff engage in regular discussions of student learning expectations with students • All teacher use of data from common assessments for reporting progress to students, parents, facilitators and administration. • Interim student achievement data supports the implementation of the prescribed curriculum • Instructional staff can describe how the content they teach builds on or relates to content in other subject / grades 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District reviews and updates all pacing guides to ensure that they are fully aligned with state requirements for all grade levels and all subject areas • Ongoing administrative focus on quality and consistency of literacy and math instruction and assessment. • Collaboration with the district ELA and math facilitators to deliver high quality professional development and clear expectations for the implementation of the assessments, instruction and use of data. • Successful tailoring of RBT's skillful teaching and collaborative inquiry courses for the Parker staff <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to deliver a high quality professional development program, the Principal and district facilitators must coordinate efforts and develop a year-long plan.
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<p>2.3. Identify and schedule additional instructional resources for tiered interventions for underperforming students.</p>	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial identification of specific, data-based interventions for each student by teachers. • Identify underperforming students and allocate time to provide additional support in literacy and math, even if the students do not have an IEP. <p>Short Team Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructional staff analyzes assessment data to identify promising practices, determine enrichment and remediation needs, and assess needs for systems change. • Underperforming students will be grouped by level and provided additional 'focus' time to receive extra tiered intervention support. <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson observations indicate that the school provides high-quality, challenging core instruction for all students • All lessons integrate instructional practices so that 80-90% of students learn key concepts through core instruction and without the need for tiered support • Tiered intervention support data will be tracked to show an increase in student achievement for students receiving interventions • All special education students and underperforming students without an IEP will make progress consistent with the goals outlined in the MAGs document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordination of special education teacher schedule and the classroom teacher schedule to ensure the most effective use of the time. <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This initiative is tied to initiative 2.2 to ensure that the strategies are aligned to each other and so that students experiences are similar from one classroom to the next.
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<p>2.4. Monitor student progress by using relevant assessments to track specific needs and use data to form/change instructional focus.</p>	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent use of early grade assessment DIBELS and GRADE to measure skills development • Use of DRA-2 assessment data, from the previous June results, to set reading comprehension benchmarks for students in grades k-5 and use running record to monitor student progress. • Use of assessment data to demonstrate student progress to parents during IEP and IST meetings. • Development and use of common rubrics to assess student work and monitor progress. • Use of Galileo system to set benchmarks for grades 3-5. <p>Short Term Outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All members of the SILT and all faculty are trained in how to use data to inform instruction • Leaders and instructional staff use data for individual and organizational learning, not just external compliance. • Instructional staff works in teams to delve into the implications of data and to make changes to instructional practice. • Assessment data are used to place students, monitor progress, and drive timely interventions as part of a system of tiered instruction. Students receive constructive feedback based on data analysis, as well as guidance on how to improve. • Students are taught how to assess themselves and plan for improvement. • Students use rubrics that provide clear expectations for completing assignments. • District facilitators and principal develop methods for teachers to monitor the progress of all students • Leaders use assessment data to target PD activities. • Use of DIBELS for benchmarking reading skills for grades K-2. • Use of Galileo system to use benchmark data to generate interventions for grades 3-5. • Use of data from the common assessments to inform classroom instruction <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All teachers become knowledgeable with data analysis and data used to inform instruction and their effective use of the data will lead to improved student outcomes as noted in the MAGs document. • There will be an established method for teachers to monitor the students' progress. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administrative focus on school-wide use of assessment data to identify underperforming students' needs and form interventions. • Funding of DRA-2 assessment purchase and training. • Align professional development to ensure that the use and implementation of assessments is part of the extended year and extended day schedule. <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These interdependencies are vital to the plan of action of the school in order to ensure that assessments are used and that the staff understands how to analyze and then use the results of the data analysis in order to inform their teaching.
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<p>2.5. Introduce technology-based and project-based learning environments.</p>	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff attends an overview training of ExtraLearning web-based platform. The training includes methods for varied instruction, assessment, intervention and curriculum supplement. <p>Short Term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principal assures that all teachers are regularly scheduled to bring their classes to the computer lab. • All teachers participate in professional development on project based learning. • Teachers use their classroom computers, projectors and Internet access to engage student in differentiated instruction and expose them to relevant and engaging learning material and tools. • Instructional staff uses multi-modal pedagogical techniques, as well as a range of instructional tools, technologies, and supplemental materials, to meet the needs of all learners. • Instruction aligns with student learning needs that have been identified through the use formative assessment. • Teacher and students starting to use technology-mediated instruction (TMI) as differentiation tool to adapt to their skill level or progress in literacy and math - for remediation or enrichment. • Students that participate in after school and vacation school programs will design, build and demonstrate their own projects. <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students become more familiar in the use of technology. • All upper grades students (grades 3-5) work on at least one short project aligned to grade level expectations that offers increasing choices of subject, skill level, and learning style, using a rubric to provide clear expectations. • All teachers use the students' projects as another assessment indicator that provides a better understanding of what each student knows. • Students participate in the Naval Undersea Warfare Center competition 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocating more of given school budget and finding additional funding for instructional technology equipment. • Allocating professional development time for training teachers on the use of technology and project based learning. <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is essential that the district support the school with funding for technology as well technical support.
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Strategic Objective 3: Establish a high quality and rigorous professional development program that optimizes the use of the extended year/day.

Strategic Initiatives	Early Evidence of Change, Short-term Outcomes, and Final Outcomes	Interdependencies
<p>3.1. Extend the school year to provide additional teacher training and collaborative planning time.</p>	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The teachers' union has agreed to extend the school year by 8 days. Clear expectations and schedule of professional development days. <p>Short Term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a training and professional development schedule for the 8 extra days of the school year. Agenda items/topics for the 8 days include ELA and Math curriculum maps training; assessment implementation and data analysis; the foundations of teaching reading, classroom management; and instructional strategies. Establishment of a set routine for extended school day. For example, set specific dates and times for collaborative grade level meetings, collaborative subject area meetings, teacher planning and collaborative school wide meetings. <p>Final Outcome:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff will have attended 90% of all trainings and professional development Focused classroom observations will provide evidence of strategies covered in PD sessions across all grade classrooms. The training and professional growth of the teachers along with the implementation of evidence based strategies will lead to improved student learning which in turn increase student outcomes as noted in the MAGs document (See Appendix C). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NBEA contract changes necessary to extend school year. Parker teachers' agreement to participate in extra days. Agreement among school administration, teachers and district regarding use of additional days. Availability of qualified school, district and outside personnel to organize and facilitate relevant professional development sessions. District funding for additional days. RBT will observe and support teaching strategies <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is essential that there is collaboration between all of the stakeholders in order to develop an effective and high quality professional development program for the year. District funding must support the extended school year and extended school time.
<p>3.2. Use of extend school day time for teacher training, collaborative planning and professional development.</p>	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Union agreement for extend school year by 8 days, which includes a four day week and a work day of 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. has been negotiated; school Redesign Team (RDT) and district agreement for use of additional time four days/week. Negotiated agreement; the school day has been extended day by 60 minutes. The additional tie will be used for teacher training, professional development and teacher planning time. <p>Short Term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only teachers that have agreed to participate in the extended day will work at the Parker School. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NBEA contract changes necessary to extend school day. Parker teachers' agreement to participate in extended day model. Agreement among school administration, teachers and district regarding use of additional time. Availability of qualified school, district and outside personnel to organize and facilitate on-going relevant professional development sessions. District funding for extended days.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All teachers will begin to introduce strategies and techniques covered during training and professional development time into their classes. For example, teachers will use common rubrics to evaluate student work. <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom observations will demonstrate an increase in the quality of the instruction which in turn will improve student learning. Classroom observations will show that all teachers will have implemented strategies and techniques covered during the extended day PD. For example, teachers will have developed common routines and use of common evaluation rubrics to set clear expectations for students. 	<p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Without the additional funding and agreement by staff to participate in the extended day activities, the school will not have the time to devote to improving the quality of instruction.
3.3. Use extended time to provide PD for staff on the effective screening of students, conducting of IEP, IST and general staff/parent meetings	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most IEP and IST meetings are held before or after the school day. <p>Short Term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A progress-monitoring system is in place, and data from this system drive instructional decisions throughout the tiered process. Leaders and instructional staff regularly monitor students' progress in relation to interventions that have been applied. The system of interventions allows students to move along a continuum of services and change placements according to identified progress or needs. Set specific times and dates for IEP and IST meetings to maximize teaching time during the school day, without pulling teachers out of scheduled class time to conduct these meetings whenever possible. <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school schedule is flexible and provides adequate time for both core instruction and additional academic and/or behavioral supports as needed. An effective system of communication is in place among staff, families, and community partners and ensures coordination of services in support of learning. Increasing levels of student support match instructional approaches/intensity to the specifics and severity of need: 5-10% of students receive Tier II interventions, while 1-5% receives intensive Tier III interventions. The school provides opportunities for academic and other support outside school hours; barriers to participation are minimized. 80% of the IEP and IST meetings will take place during specific times and dates that do not interfere with the teaching time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreement of teachers to spend additional paid time in school meetings. Willingness of parents to come to meetings before or after school day. Parent and teacher clarity on procedures and expectations in meetings <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is important to communicate expectations to parents early and often to gain their support.

<p>3.4. Analyze current use of time in school day to optimize classroom transitions, morning meeting time and administrative interruption.</p>	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The principal will lead the RDT in use the MASS 2020 Time Analysis tool to identify the current time usage in classrooms, transitions, non-academic requirements and administrative interruptions. <p>Short Term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher will track time usage and begin to analyze the effectiveness of allotted time for instruction. <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Classroom observations will demonstrate a more effective use of instructional time which will lead to increased student learning and improved student outcomes as noted in the MAGs document 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requirements for Universal Breakfast program, specifically breakfast during official school day. • Contractual times for teacher start time, lunch and breaks. • Teachers' willingness to objectively evaluate the use of instructional time. <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instructional time cannot be maximized without an analysis of the current use of instructional time
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Strategic Objective 4: Establish a partnership with families and external partners to develop a systemic way to communicate with families and help them connect with external service providers that offer additional social and emotional support to the students and their families.

Strategic Initiatives	Early Evidence of Change, Short-term Outcomes, and Final Outcomes	Interdependencies
<p>4.1. Increase parental communication, participation, and accountability in the school life of their children.</p>	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in attendance at school meetings, and family events. • Implementation of a process for early identification of chronic attendance and tardy cases. • Develop a communication plan. • Discuss the concept of developing a school council to promotes the active involvement of all stakeholders in the life of the school <p>Short Term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of a school communication plan, which will include a revised school news letter that provides a update of the school happening and events and is disseminated monthly via backpacks as well as periodic reminders about events and assessments • Immediate contact with families when student is late or absent. • Immediate increase in family attendance at school meetings and events as evidenced by parent/guardian sign in sheets • Show a .1% increase in school-wide student attendance during the first few months of school A community display board will be located in the mail entranceway with information about community resources and information for parents <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A school council that includes staff, parent and community representation is established • Using a range of measures, including parent's surveys, leaders evaluate the school's efforts to communicate with and engage families and community partners, and adjustments are made as necessary. • Parent and community surveys show that concerns, requests, and needs of families and community partners are addressed by the school in a timely and professional manner. • Average more than 50% family attendance at school meetings and events • Show a .5% increase in the year end student attendance as outlined in the MAGs document (See Appendix C). • Decrease in number of chronic family issues not addressed and serviced by school/agency initiatives. • 50% of families using the services provided by the school resource center. • School adjustment counselors monitor, coordinate and evaluate the resource 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family-based awareness, motivation, action. • Court/truancy system prosecution protocols for attendance issues. • Local medical offices awareness of, cooperation students that have chronic absences. • District policies, supports for attendance issues. • Information flow between practitioners, agencies and school. <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The communication between the different agencies the families and the school will need to be consistent and frequent in order to impact the parental involvement and increase in student attendance.

	center on an on-going basis to assure maximum use and benefits to the families and students of the school.	
4.2. Recruit and engage community based organizations, program, and service providers to identify social and emotional supports and enrichments for students and families.	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proactively recruit and identification existing providers/programs. Schedule meetings to discuss possible collaboration, and initial intent of providers. <p>Short Term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enter into agreements with providers. Allocate school resources and identify the school personnel that will maintain communications and build relations with providers. Family referrals and/or enrollments made; program(s) providing services for families/students and family feedback reviewed annually. Providers attend monthly program meeting with school coordinator, and principal. <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Solid relationships and partnerships established with at least 10 partners that range in a variety of services that can be offered to the students and families. Enroll at least 50% of targeted families in the appropriate service provider program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program/service availability. Provider funding resources for Parker program participation. Parker resources for recruitment, coordination, management. <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The impact of these partnerships would be beneficial to the school and the community.

<p>4.3. Offer and co-facilitate additional student cultural and social and emotional health programs and service access to support/develop the whole child.</p>	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore possible health providers, cultural centers and other services in the school community that may be used by the school. • Set up meetings and program/service discussions with providers. <p>Short Term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement survey to students, and parents to determine needs of services. • Provide additional support in health services, cultural enrichment or other services to students and families based on their needs. • Provide training and support for all staff in the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school in conjunction with community partners offers all families and students with a menu of programs targeted in different social, cultural and health needs of students. • During the course of the year there is a 10% increase in engagement by families and students in these program • Classroom observations indicate that all staff have incorporated social and emotional aspects of learning into their classroom practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program/service availability. • Provider funding resources for Parker program participation. • Parker resources for coordination, management. • Availability of funding for mentoring programs, after-school programs, family health services, mental health programs and family support systems. <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding and external partnerships are essential to the success of this initiative.
<p>4.4. Develop a multimedia center for students, staff and parents at the school</p>	<p>Early Evidence of Change:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate meetings with parents and the school adjustment counselors, principal, and agency personnel to conduct a needs assessment of possible needs. <p>Short Term Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert one of the first floor rooms into a family resource center. • Initial priority is given to the re-establishing the library as updated literacy and multimedia center for students and adults and the establishment of a community meeting room. <p>Final Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A multi-media center is established and is stocked with up to date relevant and appropriate learning materials in print and digital format • The multimedia log shows that all classes use the center on a regular basis - at least bi- weekly as an integral part of their learning • The multimedia log shows that during the first year at least 75% of student access learning materials • A community meeting room is established 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration and cooperation between the families, school adjustment counselors, the principal and the service providers to properly maintain and support the school resource center. <p>Impact of Interdependencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These constituents must work closely together in order to successfully implement this initiative.

Conditions for School Effectiveness Self-Assessment
Section 3: Parker School Plan: Initiative Strategies/Activities

A. Objective 1: Establish a school culture of staff ownership, collaboration, and accountability and student achievement.					B. (Objective) Lead: Principal	
C. Initiative Number and Description: 1.1 The principal acts strategically and purposefully in pursuit of a clear educational mission to accelerate student achievement, while empowering others to do the same.		D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short Term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The principal and other leaders clearly communicate to staff schoolwide expectations for performance with measureable student achievement indicators.A clear process is used to evaluate staff, offer feedback, develop professional improvement goals, and provide support in meeting those goals.The school's process for evaluation, feedback, PD, and support is in accordance with district tools, systems, and processes related to staffing and support.Staff performance is tied, to the extent possible, to student outcomes. Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">All Staff can articulate the school's mission, understand the school's improvement goals, and demonstrate a sense of ownership for both.Staff generally agrees that decisions are made transparently and fairly, and that the school culture is collaborative, open to dialogue, and based on trust.Staff surveys clearly indicate that all members of staff feel accountable for results to students, school leadership, colleagues, families, and the communityStudent achievement and student growth targets are met or exceeded in every subject area and at every grade level.			E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal	
F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Improve communications / strengthen instructional leadership / EC ii Effective school leadership iv Effective Instruction xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority						
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none">The school has a single plan which is focused explicitly on instructional improvement and student learning; the plan drives school-level processes and practice.				H. By when? 08/2011		
I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?		
1.1.1 The Principal shares the school mission with all faculty	Principal	09/2010	08/2011	N/A		
1.1.2 The Principal and the ILT will hold meetings to enable staff to clearly articulate the implications of the mission for their planning	Principal	02/2011	08/2011	N/A		
1.1.3 Student achievement and student growth targets are shared with all faculty, students and parents	Principal	09/2011	Annually	N/A		
1.1.4. Staff surveyed at the end of each year using 06/2010 as baseline	Principal	06/2010	Annually	Covered by district		

Quarterly Progress Rating (QPR) of the Strategic Initiative

Key: P = Process, O = Outcome

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A. Strategic Objective 1: Establish a school culture of staff ownership, collaboration, and accountability and student achievement.				B. (Objective) Lead: Principal
C. Initiative Number and Description: 1.2 Establish a School Leadership Team (SLT), which includes the principal, members of the faculty, parents and local community members	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short-term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The SRT is established• The SRT ensures that the school redesign plan is a 'live document' which 1) aligns with the district improvement plan, 2) reflects input from all staff, 3) is based on data, 4) accurately reflects the academic, social, and emotional needs of students, and 5) sets actionable and measurable goals that target school improvement Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The SRT (School Redesign Team) will transition to a School Leadership Team which will continue to include teachers, as well as external community partners.• The SLT uses the re-design plan to guide how time, personnel, funds, and other resources will be used to achieve the school's mission.• The SLT regularly analyze evidence of instructional practice along with student achievement, PD, and other data; analysis guides next steps for improvement, including supports for instructional staff.• The SLT will transition to a School Leadership Team which will continue to include teachers, as well as external community partners.			E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal, School Leadership Team (SLT)
F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Consolidate the work of the re-design tem / essential conditions / EC ii Effective school leadership iv Effective Instruction vi Principal's staffing authority xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority				
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Driven by the Principal, the School Redesign Team (SRT) will have clear expectations and will understands its' role is in developing policies and making recommendations that promote school-wide routines, processes and physical environments that enable/facilitate staff collaboration and ownership that is focused on student learning and achievement.				H. By when? 03-06/2011
I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?
1.2.1 Recruit school faculty SRT based on classroom observation, staff member attitude about and interest in turnaround process and/or membership on the School Redesign Team	Principal	07/2011	07/2011	N/A
1.2.2 Recruit parents and local community representatives to serve on the School re design team	Principal	07/2011	07/2011	N/A
1.2.3 The school re-design team transitions into the School Leadership team	Principal	09/2011	07/210	N/A
1.2.3 SRT monitor, evaluate, review and revise the turnaround plan each semester to ensure it is fit for purpose	Principal	09/2011	Ongoing	Covered by district supplementary grant funding
1.2.4 SRT / SLT monitors the schools climate surveys to ensure	Principal	09/2011	Ongoing	Covered by district
1.2.4 SLT / SLT monitors student achievement and growth targets at least once every semester	Principal	09/2011	Ongoing	N/A

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A. Objective 1: Establish a school culture of staff ownership, collaboration, and accountability and student achievement.		B. (Objective) Lead: Principal
C. Initiative Number and Description: 1.3. Strategically recruit and build a group of qualified staff members that are committed to developing a collaborative and coherent school-wide team	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: The Short Term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The principal utilizes the district's process for posting jobs and screening candidates to assemble an effective school team. The expectation is that the principal, along with the district facilitators, will successfully recruit qualified candidates for all new open teaching positions. The principal is enabled to interview all candidates for open positions. Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of all recruits are Highly Qualified Teachers The principal assigns (and revises) roles, responsibilities, and duties in a way that best supports the school improvement plan and meets student needs. All staff is placed in roles for which they have skills, qualifications, and licensure. All HQT are retained, except for any who retire, or gain promotion or an leadership position The proportion of teaching that is judged to be proficient or exemplary will be 75% by July 2012 	E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal
F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Recruit and retain and effectively deploy HQT / EC ii Effective school leadership vi Principal's Staffing authority xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority		
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The principal will be proactive in leading the capacity building of the teachers. An agreement is negotiated with NBEA an agreement that empowers the principal to make staffing decisions 		H. By when? 08/2011

I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?
1.3.1 Utilizes the district's process for posting jobs and screening candidate	Principal	05/2011	07/2012	N/A
1.3.2 Interview candidates for all open posts	Principal	07/2011	07/2012	N/A
1.3.3 Assign and revises roles, responsibilities, and duties in a way that best supports the school improvement plan and meets student needs	Principal	07/2011	Ongoing	N/A
1.3.4 Retain all HQT except for any who retire, or gain promotion or a leadership position	Principal	07/2011	08/2012	N/A

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A. Strategic Objective 1: Establish a school culture of staff ownership, collaboration, and accountability and student achievement.		B. (Objective) Lead: Principal
C. Initiative Number and Description: 1.4. Establish a staff culture where staff members are empowered and responsible for participating in the school decision making process	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short Term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 1 hour per week is built into the school schedule for staff collaboration, with collaboration serving as PD in which all teacher participate Development of a staff handbook that is collaboratively created by the staff and focuses on expectations of instruction, assessment, curriculum, student support and achievement, collection of data and the use of data to drive instruction, intervention strategies collaboration, parent feedback and communication procedures Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agendas and minutes from meetings indicate that collaborative time is focused on taking instruction / learning to the next level of development, and addressing the needs of the whole child. Staff survey indicate that at least 85% of the staff report that the school has developed a professional and collaborative community of learners where all teachers share their practices and proactively seek feedback and support from others in the school community. 	E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal

F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Ensure that teachers have regular guaranteed time for collaborative planning. EC ii Effective school leadership iv Effective Instruction vii Professional Development and Structures for Collaboration xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority	
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The staff feedback and retention rate of teachers that have bought-in to developing a collaborative school wide team. Commitment of The School Redesign Team to continue to develop a collaborative school team. 	H. By when? 08/2011

I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?
1.4.1 Revise school schedule to ensure collaborative planning time is protected	Principal	06/2011	08/2012	\$112,000 extended day stipends
1.4.2 Detailed staff handbook is produced in collaboration with SLT	Principal,	06/2011	Annually	Covered by district
1.4.3 Implement school climate survey once a year	Principal, SLT	06/2011	Annually	Covered by district
1.4.4 Monitor and evaluate the school climate surveys and make recommendations for the following year	Principal, SLT	09/2011	Annually	Covered by district

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A. Strategic Objective 1: Establish a school culture of staff ownership, collaboration, and accountability and student achievement.				B. (Objective) Lead: Principal	
C. Initiative Number and Description: 1.5 Implement a School Instructional Leadership Team (SILT), which has representatives of the school's grades and subject areas, as a committee of the School Leadership Team.	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short-term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The SILT meets regularly to address topics of instruction and learning and it has sufficient authority to make decisions and engages all staff through effective communication.• The SILT designs a coordinated PD plan that aligns with state standards for school performance and student achievement as well as district and school priorities• The SILT evaluates the quality and impact of PD and collaborative time to ensure that they result in strengthen practice and student success.• The SILT reports on a monthly basis to the School Leadership Team Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There is a school-wide, results-oriented focus on teaching, learning, and student success.• All students are able to track and articulate their own personal learning goals and are making good progress towards their own goals.• Classroom observations indicate that in at least 70% of lessons the quality of teaching is satisfactory or better• There is a 20% increase in mastery as evidence on both interim benchmark exams and end of course assessments at every grade level			E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal, Instructional Leadership Team (SLT)	
	F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Strengthen Instructional Leadership EC ii Effective school leadership iii Aligned curriculum iv Effective Instruction xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority				
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The school establishes an SILT• The SILT has representatives from each grade and content area• The SILT has clear expectations and understands its' role in ensuring that there is a clear focus on learning• The SILT receives training and support from external partner				H. By when? 03-06/2011	
I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?	
1.5.1 Monthly schedule for SILT meetings established	Principal,	09/2011	Ongoing	None	
1.5.2 The SILT receives training and support from external partner to enable its members to fulfill their roles and responsibilities	External Partner	09/2011	07/2012	PD	
1.5.3 SILT will conduct semi-annual review of ELA and Math data	Principal, District Facilitators	09/2011	Ongoing	N/A	

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A. Strategic Objective 2: Establish a systemic process that strengthens the quality of the teaching and the use of data to better inform instruction				B. (Objective) Lead: Principal	
C. Initiative Number and Description: 2.1. Provide staff with opportunities and exposure to effective assessment and instructional practices.	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short Term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Working with the District Facilitators, the principal will develop a schedule that provides teachers and school staff the opportunity to visit other demographically similar and successful New Bedford school. Ideally, each teacher would do two school visits for the year.Teachers begin to use relevant data to inform student progress in IEP, IST and other parent and administrative meetings.Lessons will reflect consistency in prescribed standards-based curriculum.Observable classroom application of strategies covered during previous professional development meetings.Continued and refined teacher use of relevant assessment data in student progress meeting and reports.Observable and documentable use of teacher analysis and translation of assessment data into instructional focus.Professional development opportunities will also provide a safe place for the teachers to receive feedback and support.The principal and District facilitators develop a method for monitoring school visits and the impact they have in the teacher’s learning. Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">All teachers participate in reflective feedback after all lesson observations which actively empowers effective teachersInstructional staff provides students with lessons that are appropriate to their proficiency levels, engage them with content and address academic and social-emotional needs and promote higher-order thinking.Effective implementation of research based interventions that result in positive measurable goals which are noted in the Level 4 Measurable Annual Goals (MAGs) documentStudent progress goals meet or exceed the DESE student growth rates and achievement improvement minimums as outlined in the MAGs document			E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal, District facilitator	
F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Improve the quality of teaching and learning iv Effective Instruction v student assessment vii Professional Development and Structures for Collaboration xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority					
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Establish common planning times provided by the extended day agreement to schedule regular meetings by: grade and subject areas; data analysis and data use; instruction.Working with the District Facilitators, the principal will develop a schedule that provides teachers and school staff the opportunity to visit other demographically similar and successful New Bedford school. Ideally, each teacher would do two school visits for the year.				H. By when? 06/2011	
I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative		J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?
2.1.1 Professional development that is focused on tiered, effective literacy and math assessment and instruction. Initial sessions during and after school in assessment instruments and data (data analysis from Galileo benchmarks; MCAS data and learning standards; DRA-2 instrument and assessing) Embedded PD sessions throughout year during extended school day time		Principal, district facilitators	01/2011	Ongoing	District facilitators time \$38,700
2.1.2 Provide “extended year” PD sessions covering: foundations of reading instruction; literacy intervention profiles and strategies; guided reading instruction and grouping; newly adopted structured writing		District facilitators	06/2011	08/2011	Stipends for teachers \$19,040

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program (Being a Writer); power of questioning and engaging students; foundations of mathematics instruction; using data to change math instruction; instructional technology use; behavioral profiles and interventions.				consultants- Covered under district RBT contract
2.1.3 Ongoing coaching through classroom observation and modeling, and in-school meetings with individual and team teachers.	District facilitators	02/2011	Ongoing	Facilitators' time \$38,700
2.1.4 Additional monthly PD sessions after school hours. Topics from above.	District facilitators	10/2011	Ongoing	Teacher stipends \$15,552
2.1.5 Observe and share practices with other similar but successful NB schools.	Principal, district facilitators	04/2011	Ongoing	Substitute fees \$3,200

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A. Strategic Objective 2: Establish a systemic process that strengthens the quality of the teaching and the use of data to better inform instruction				B. (Objective) Lead: Principal
C. Initiative Number and Description: 2.2. Establish clear expectations and common practices for delivery of the prescribed curriculum, instruction and assessments, across all classrooms.	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short Term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Professional development over the summer and in the first few weeks of school will focus on developing clear expectation of the curriculum, the delivery of the curriculum and the use of formative assessments.Working with the District facilitators and the RBT group, and guidance from the SILT, the principal develops a year-long plan for professional development.Analysis of lesson plans, by the principal and SILT clearly indicates that all instructional staff access and unpack standard so that they have a working knowledge of what all students need to know and be able to do in order to be proficient. Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lesson observations indicate an observable common teacher use of prescribed curriculum, data collection and use, and varied instructional techniques for literacy and math across all grades and classrooms.Lesson observations indicate that all staff routinely use appropriate classroom approaches to ensure that all students understand what skills, knowledge, understanding they will be evaluated on during the lessonStudent surveys and lesson observations indicate that all instructional staff engage in regular discussions of student learning expectations with studentsAll teacher use of data from common assessments for reporting progress to students, parents, facilitators and administration.Interim student achievement data supports the implementation of the prescribed curriculumInstructional staff can describe how the content they teach builds on or relates to content in other subject / grades			E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal, District facilitator
F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Improve the quality of teaching and learning iii Aligned curriculum iv Effective Instruction v student assessment vii Professional Development and Structures for Collaboration xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority				
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none">All staff have a shared understanding of effective teaching and learningA better understanding and awareness of the use of Open Court as school's foundation literacy program.Implementation of new district literacy curriculum maps as requirements/guides for each grade level.A better understanding and awareness of the use of the mathematics curriculum frameworkThe district/school provides pacing guides that are utilized by teachers				H. By when? 01/2011
I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?
2.2.1 Develop and monitor specific annual goals for grade-level and vertical teaching and support teams. Schedule monthly student assessment and instructional goals reviews with each teacher.	Principal, district facilitator	09/2011	Ongoing	Facilitators' time \$38,700
2.2.2 Develop a grade team review and instructional and progress monitoring plan for every underperforming student.	District facilitator	10/2011	Ongoing	None
2.2.3 Pilot new district literacy curriculum maps as requirements/guides for each grade level.	District ELA director,	09/2011	Ongoing	Training by Director -district staff cost
2.2.4 Require teachers to use data from prescribed assessments as evidence in presenting student progress reports – in meetings and reports.	Principal	02/2011	Ongoing	Training in all required assessments \$6,000
2.2.5 Provide periodic administrative feedback after daily/weekly classroom observations.	Principal	09/2001	Ongoing	None

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A. Strategic Objective 2: Establish a systemic process that strengthens the quality of the teaching and the use of data to better inform instruction					B. (Objective) Lead: Principal
C. Initiative Number and Description: 2.3. Identify and schedule additional instructional resources for tiered interventions for underperforming students.	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short Team Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Instructional staff analyzes assessment data to identify promising practices, determine enrichment and remediation needs, and assess needs for systems change.Underperforming students will be grouped by level and provided additional ‘focus’ time to receive extra tiered intervention support. Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lesson observations indicate that the school provides high-quality, challenging core instruction for all studentsAll lessons integrate differentiated instruction so that 80-90% of students learnt key concepts through core instruction and without the need for tiered supportTiered intervention support data will be tracked to show an increase in student achievement for students receiving interventionsAll special education students and underperforming students without an IEP will make progress consistent with the goals outlined in the MAGs document				E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal, District facilitator
F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Improve the quality of teaching and learning iii Aligned curriculum iv Effective Instruction v student assessment vii Professional Development and Structures for Collaboration xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority					
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? Early Evidence of Change: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial identification of specific, data-based interventions for each student by teachers.Identify underperforming students and allocate time to provide additional support in literacy and math, even if the students do not have an IEP.Rescheduling support teachers to service more students in Tier 2 supportsDistrict allocation of some literacy facilitator resource for teacher supportPilot vacation school using project based academic program				H. By when? 04/2011	
I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?	
2.3.1 Continue to develop more effective classroom supports (Tiers I and II) using facilitators and peer-peer modeling.	District facilitators	09/2011	06/2013	Facilitators’ time, classroom tech tools \$38,700	
2.3.2 Identify and schedule school- or district-based interventionists to facilitate Tiers II and II literacy and math intervention and monitoring plans with teachers for underperforming students.	District facilitators	09/2011	06/2013	facilitators’ time, classroom tech tools \$38,700	
2.3.3 Organize “vacation school” for February and April breaks, embedding learning standards in project-based and tech-based work for student remediation and enrichment.	Principal, district facilitators	04/2011	04/2013	Teacher, facilitators stipends \$18,040 paid by grant funding	
2.3.4 Allocate “Focus” workshop period as time within literacy block wherein students are grouped by achievement level (multi-graded) and may travel to another teacher for focused literacy instruction and intervention.	Principal, district facilitators	09/2011	Ongoing	Some initial facilitators time \$18,500	
2.3.5 Specify additional remediation time every other day for few students needing Tier-III intervention in reading and math.	District facilitators	09/2011	Ongoing	Additional teacher(s) \$30,000	

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A. Strategic Objective 2: Establish a systemic process that strengthens the quality of the teaching and the use of data to better inform instruction				B. (Objective) Lead: Principal	
C. Initiative Number and Description: 2.4. . Monitor student progress by using relevant assessments to track specific needs and use data to form/change instructional focus	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short Term Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All members of the SILT and all faculty are trained in how to use data to inform instruction• Leaders and instructional staff use data for individual and organizational learning, not just external compliance.• Instructional staff works in teams to delve into the implications of data and to make changes to instructional practice.• Assessment data are used to place students, monitor progress, and drive timely interventions as part of a system of tiered instruction. Students receive constructive feedback based on data analysis, as well as guidance on how to improve.• Students are taught how to assess themselves and plan for improvement.• Students use rubrics that provide clear expectations for completing assignments.• District facilitators and principal develop methods for teachers to monitor the progress of all students• Leaders use assessment data to target PD activities.• Use of DIBELS for benchmarking reading skills for grades K-2.• Use of Galileo system to use benchmark data to generate interventions.• Use of data from the common assessments to inform classroom instruction Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All teachers become knowledgeable with data analysis and data use to inform instruction and their effective use of the data will lead to improved student outcomes as noted in the MAGs document.• There will be an established method for teachers to monitor the students' progress.			E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal, District facilitator	
	F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Improve the quality of teaching and learning iii Aligned curriculum iv Effective Instruction v student assessment vii Professional Development and Structures for Collaboration xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority				
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consistent use of early grade assessment DIBELS and GRADE to measure skills development• Use of DRA-2 assessment data, from the previous June results, to set reading comprehension benchmarks for students in grades k-5 and use running record to monitor student progress.• Use of assessment data to demonstrate student progress to parents during IEP and SLT meetings.• Teachers presenting student data at meetings to plan student intervention• PD days focused on individual student data, interventions and monitoring plans• Embedded PD by district facilitators in data analysis for MCAS and benchmark results			H. By when? 04/2011		
I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?	
2.4.1 Provide high quality PD and ongoing support on assessment for learning and the use of data to inform instruction for all faculty	PD consultant	07/2011	07/2012	PD budget District funding	
2.4.2 Continue to use multiple data measures (DIBELS, Galileo (district) benchmarks, DRA-2) in addition to MCAS to develop team and individual student and group intervention plans.	Principal, district facilitators	09/2010	Ongoing	Trainings and monitoring by facilitators District funding	
2.4.3 Require teachers to use data from prescribed assessments as evidence in presenting student progress reports – in parent and staff meetings and student reports.	Principal	02/2011	Ongoing	Training in all required assessments District funding	

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A. Strategic Objective 2: Establish a systemic process that strengthens the quality of the teaching and the use of data to better inform instruction				B. (Objective) Lead: Principal
C. Initiative Number and Description: 2.5. Introduce technology-based and project-based learning environments.	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short Term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">The principal assures that all teachers are regularly scheduled to bring their classes to the computer lab.All teachers participate in professional development on project based learning.Teachers use their classroom computers, projectors and Internet access to engage student in differentiated instruction and expose them to relevant and engaging learning material and tools.Instructional staff uses multi-modal pedagogical techniques, as well as a range of instructional tools, technologies, and supplemental materials, to meet the needs of all learners.Instruction aligns with student learning needs that have been identified through the use of formative assessment.Teacher and students starting to use technology-mediated instruction (TMI) as differentiation tool to adapt to their skill level or progress in literacy and math - for remediation or enrichment.Students that participate in after school and vacation school programs will design, build and demonstrate their own projects. Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">All students become more familiar in the use of technology.All upper grades students (grades 3-5) work on at least one short project aligned to grade level expectations that offers increasing choices of subject, skill level, and learning style, using a rubric to provide clear expectations.All teachers use the students' projects as another assessment indicator that provides a better understanding of what each student knows.Students participate in the Naval Undersea Warfare competition			E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal, District TMI Specialist
F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Improve the quality of teaching and learning iii Aligned curriculum iv Effective Instruction v student assessment vii Professional Development and Structures for Collaboration xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority				
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Staff attends an overview training of ExtraLearning web-based platform. The training includes methods for varied instruction, assessment, intervention and curriculum supplement.Purchase of classroom instructional technology setups				H. By when? 06/2011
I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?
2.5.1 Upgrade classroom and computer lab tech resources such that teachers are able and required to use minimum tech resources (Laptop, projector, document camera, Internet access) in classroom instruction.	Principal, district PD director	09/2011	06/2012	New computers, projectors, cameras; Director, tech support time \$6,000
2.5.2 Identify staff member to be school technology-mediated-instruction specialist to support teachers in use of TMI. Require each teacher to use one additional facet of TMI each year for instructional, curriculum or assessment resource.	District and Staff TMI Spec.	09/2011	06/2013	TMI specialist time/stipend \$1,728 district grant funding
2.5.3 Require at least one major project per year per student, embedding cross-disciplinary learning standards and assessed based on project research, organization, content and presentation rubrics.	Principal, SLT	09/2012	Ongoing	Consult w/ a project based school; teacher visits and meetings \$5,000

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A. Strategic Objective 3: Establish a high quality and rigorous professional development program that optimizes the use of the extended year/day.				B. (Objective) Lead: Principal
C. Initiative Number and Description: 3.1. Extend the school year to provide additional teacher training and collaborative planning time.	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short Term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Develop a training and professional development schedule for the 8 extra days of the school year. Agenda items/topics for the 8 days include ELA and Math curriculum maps training; assessment implementation and data analysis; the foundations of teaching reading, classroom management; and instructional strategies.Establishment of a set routine for extended school day. For example, set specific dates and times for collaborative grade level meetings, collaborative subject area meetings, teacher planning and collaborative school wide meetings. Final Outcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Staff will have attended 90% of all trainings and professionalFocused classroom observations will provide evidence of strategies covered in PD sessions across all grade classrooms.The training and professional growth of the teachers along with the implementation of evidence based strategies will lead to improved student learning which in turn increase student outcomes as noted in the MAGs document (See Appendix C).			E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal, SLT, Superintendent
F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Improve the quality of teaching and learning iv Effective Instruction vii Professional Development and Structures for Collaboration viii Tiered Instruction and Adequate Learning Time xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority				
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none">The teachers' union has agreed to extend the school year by 8 days.Clear expectations and schedule of professional development days.Number of parents meetings significantly increasing				H. By when? 06/2011
I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?
3.1.1 Provide extended year (8 days; 4 hour/day) for additional staff professional development and planning time.	Superintendent, Principal	07/2011	07/2011	Contract negotiation between NBPS and NBEA.

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A. Strategic Objective 3: Establish a high quality and rigorous professional development program that optimizes the use of the extended year/day.				B. (Objective) Lead: Principal
C. Initiative Number and Description: 3.2. Use of extend school day time for teacher training, collaborative planning and professional development.	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short Term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Only teachers that have agreed to participate in the extended day will work at the Parker School.All teachers will begin to introduce strategies and techniques covered during training and professional development time into their classes. For example, teachers will use common rubrics to evaluate student work. Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Classroom observations will demonstrate an increase in the quality of the instruction which in turn will improve student learning.Classroom observations will show that all teachers will have implemented strategies and techniques covered during the extended day PD. For example, teachers will have developed common routines and use of common evaluation rubrics to set clear expectations for students..			E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal, Superintendent
F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Improve the quality of teaching and learning iv Effective Instruction vii Professional Development and Structures for Collaboration viii Tiered Instruction and Adequate Learning Time xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority				
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none">Union agreement for extend school year by 8 days, which includes a four day schedule and a work day of 9:00 to 1:00 has been negotiated; school Redesign Team (RDT) and district agreement for use of additional time four days/week.Negotiated agreement; the school day has been extended day by 60 minutes. The additional tie will be used for teacher training, professional development and teacher planning time.				H. By when? 06/2011
I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?
3.2.1 School work day extended for all faculty	Principal	06/2011	Ongoing	Funds for additional staff time. District funding
3.2. 2 All faculty participate in collaborative planning, by grade, primary/elementary, and school levels	Principal	06/2011	06/2012	Recorded data
3.2.3 Use all of extended day time for staff planning and development	Principal SLT	07/2011	Ongoing	Staff release time District funding

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A. Strategic Objective 3: Establish a high quality and rigorous professional development program that optimizes the use of the extended year/day.				B. (Objective) Lead: Principal	
C. Initiative Number and Description: 3.3. Use extended time to provide PD for staff on the effective screening of students conducting of IEP, IST and general staff/parent meetings.	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short Term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A progress-monitoring system is in place, and data from this system drive instructional decisions throughout the tiered process.• Leaders and instructional staff regularly monitor students' progress in relation to interventions that have been applied.• The system of interventions allows students to move along a continuum of services and change placements according to identified progress or needs.• Set specific times and dates for IEP and IST meetings to maximize teaching time during the school day, without pulling teachers out of scheduled class time to conduct these meetings whenever possible. Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The school schedule is flexible and provides adequate time for both core instruction and additional academic and/or behavioral supports as needed.• An effective system of communication is in place among staff, families, and community partners and ensures coordination of services in support of learning.• Increasing levels of student support match instructional approaches/intensity to the specifics and severity of need: 5-10% of students receive Tier II interventions, while 1-5% receives intensive Tier III interventions.• The school provides opportunities for academic and other support outside school hours; barriers to participation are minimized.• 80% of the IEP and IST meetings will take place during specific times and dates that do not interfere with the teaching time.			E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal, School Leadership Team (SLT)	
	F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Improve the quality of teaching and learning iv Effective Instruction vii Professional Development and Structures for Collaboration viii Tiered Instruction and Adequate Learning Time xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority				
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most IEP and IST meetings are held before or after the school day.				H. By when? 10/2011	
I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?	
3.3.1 Schedule parent meeting time (IEP, IST) outside regular school hours to maintain integrity of instruction and planning time.	Principal	12/2010	Ongoing	Funds for additional staff time District funding	
3.3.2 Review and compare attendance rates and rescheduled meetings before and after change	Principal	06/2012	06/2012	Recorded data	

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A. Strategic Objective 3: Establish a high quality and rigorous professional development program that optimizes the use of the extended year/day.		B. (Objective) Lead: Principal
C. Initiative Number and Description: 3.4. Analyze current use of time in school day to optimize classroom transitions, morning meeting time and administrative interruption.	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short Term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher will track time usage and begin to analyze the effectiveness of allotted time for instruction. Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classroom observations will demonstrate a more effective use of instructional time which will lead to increased student learning and improved student outcomes as noted in the MAGs document 	E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal, School Leadership Team (SLT)

F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Improve the quality of teaching and learning iv Effective Instruction vii Professional Development and Structures for Collaboration viii Tiered Instruction and Adequate Learning Time xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority	
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The principal will lead the SLT in use the MASS 2020 Time Analysis tool to identify the current time usage in classrooms, transitions, non-academic requirements and administrative interruptions. 	H. By when? 10/2011

I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?
3.4.1 Use Mass 2020 time analysis tools to develop suggestions for more efficient use of school time.	SLT	09/2011	06/2012	SLT time
3.4.2 Reorganize schedule, transition and classroom practices based on analysis and SLT recommendations.	SLT	01/2012	Ongoing	None
3.4.3 Undertake classroom observations to review the impact of the changes on teaching and learning	SLT	01/2012	Ongoing	SLT time

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A. Strategic Objective 4: Establish a partnership with families and external partners to develop a systemic way to communicate with families and help them connect with external service providers that offer additional social and emotional support to the students and their families.				B. (Objective) Lead: Principal
C. Initiative Number and Description: 4.1. Increase parental communication, participation, and accountability in the school life of their children.	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short Term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation of a school communication plan, which will include a revised school news letter that provides a update of the school happening and events and is disseminated monthly via backpacks as well as periodic reminders about events and assessments.• Immediate contact with families when student is late or absent.• Immediate increase in family attendance at school meetings and events as evidenced by parent/guardian sign in sheets.• Show a .1% increase in school-wide student attendance during the first few months of school• A community display board will be located in the mail entranceway with information about community resources and information for parents Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A school council that includes staff, parent and community representation is established.• Using a range of measures, including parent's surveys, leaders evaluate the school's efforts to communicate with and engage families and community partners, and adjustments are made as necessary.• Parent and community surveys show that concerns, requests, and needs of families and community partners are addressed by the school in a timely and professional manner.• Average more than 50% family attendance at school meetings and events• Show a .5% increase in the year end student attendance as outlined in the MAGs document (See Appendix C).			E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal, school adjustment counselors (SACs)
F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Improve communications with parents x Family-School Engagement xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority				
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase in attendance at school meetings, and family events.• Implementation of a process for early identification of chronic attendance and tardy cases.• Monthly newsletter published with range of school information• Parents run event without major school assistance• Increased number of family meetings				H. By when? 04/2011
I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?
4.1.1 Publish monthly school and classroom newsletters to inform parents of school policies, programs, events	Principal Teachers	09/2010 09/2011	Ongoing Ongoing	None Office support
4.1.2 Enlist parent volunteers to organize events such as family movie nights, fun nights.	Principal, PTO	02/2011	Ongoing	Office, custodial support
4.1.3 Involve truancy officer, courts and medical providers in increasing attendance rates.	Principal, SACs	02/2011	Ongoing	Agency time
4.1.4 Require parents to attend meetings for any academic, social/behavioral, health issues arising in their students' school lives. Provide respectful, supportive, but resolute environment for resolving student issues.	Principal, SACs	09/2010	Ongoing	None
4.1.5 Use home visits when necessary to encourage or investigate student/family issues affecting school.	Principal, SACs	02/2011	Ongoing	None

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A. Strategic Objective 4: Establish a partnership with families and external partners to develop a systemic way to communicate with families and help them connect with external service providers that offer additional social and emotional support to the students and their families.				B. (Objective) Lead: Principal
C. Initiative Number and Description: 4.2. Recruit and engage community based organizations, program, and service providers to identify social and emotional supports and enrichments for students and families.	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short Term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enter into agreements with providers.• Allocate school resources and identify the school personnel that will maintain communications and build relations with providers.• Family referrals and/or enrollments made; program(s) providing services for families/students and family feedback reviewed annually.• Providers attend monthly program meeting with school coordinator, and principal. Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Solid relationships and partnerships established with at least 10 partners that range in a variety of services that can be offered to the students and families.• Enroll at least 50% of targeted families in the appropriate service provider program.• Decrease in number of chronic family issues not addressed and serviced by school/agency initiatives.• School adjustment counselors monitor, coordinate and evaluate the resource center on an on-going basis to assure maximum use and benefits to the families and students of the school.			E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal, SACs
F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Improve communications with parents x Family-School Engagement xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority				
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? Early Evidence of Change: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Family fun and information events planned/completed• Meetings with all local support agencies and agreement for referral protocols• Monthly case review meeting expanded to include agencies participation• Initial agency information meetings for families held at school				H. By when? 06/2011
I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?
4.2.1 Organize family “Fun and Fit Fridays” with NB Public Health Dept and other service providers to explore themes of wellness routines and health information. Provide dental screening, sealant treatment and dentist referrals to students.	School Nurse	04/2011 05/2011	06/2012 Ongoing	Provider time, materials contributions Grant funding
4.2.2 Work with other service providers to sponsor family support events.	Principal, SACs, Nurse	06/2011	Ongoing	Provider time, materials contributions
4.2.3 Convene monthly FACTS meetings, including members of all local social service agencies (DCF, CFS, DMH, FRC, NBPD) to discuss specific cases previously identified. Develop cross-agency action plan for each case.	Principal, SACs	05/2011	Ongoing	None
4.2.4 Formalize referral system between DMH, FRC and CSA agencies and Parker School.	Principal, SACs	01/2011	06/2011	None
4.2.5 Share practices with other school support teams.	SACs	04/2011	06/2012	None

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A. Strategic Objective 4: Establish a partnership with families and external partners to develop a systemic way to communicate with families and help them connect with external service providers that offer additional social and emotional support to the students and their families.		B. (Objective) Lead: Principal
C. Initiative Number and Description: 4.3. Offer and co-facilitate additional student cultural and social and emotional health programs and service access to support/develop the whole child.	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short Term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and implement survey to students, and parents to determine needs of services. Provide additional support in health services, cultural enrichment or other services to students and families based on their needs. Provide training and support for all staff in the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The school in conjunction with community partners offers all families and students with a menu of programs targeted in different social, cultural and health needs of students. During the course of the year there is a 10% increase in engagement by families and students in these program Classroom observations indicate that all staff have incorporated social and emotional aspects of learning into their classroom practices 	E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal, School Leadership Team (SLT)

F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Improve communications with parents ix Students' Social , Emotional, and Health Needs x Family-School Engagement xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority	
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible health providers explored, cultural centers and other services in the school community that may be used by the school. Set up meetings and program/service discussions with providers. 	H. By when? 03/2011

I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?
4.3.1 Integrate Learning by Design program in collaboration with Boston Society of Architects into the Parker math curriculum. Co-teaching model with classroom teachers.	Principal, BSA	09/2011	Ongoing	Funding provided by grant.
4.3.2 Establish connections to NB Art Museum and ArtSmart after school programs and possible program integration into social studies classes	Principal, NBAM and AS coordinators	09/2011	Ongoing	None
4.3.3 Pre-engineering Sea-Perch program sponsored and run by Naval Underwater Warfare Center at middle and high school levels, piloting elementary level program at Parker.	Principal, 5 th grade teacher	01/2011	Ongoing	None
4.3.4 Enhance relationship with Mayor's Office of Community Services and support programs offered for elementary students such as Saturday Program.	Principal, Director of MOCS	09/2010	Ongoing	None
4.3.5 External partner to provide PD and ongoing support for all staff on the Social and Emotional aspects of learning	External Partner	09/2011	07/2012	PD

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C. Initiative Number and Description: 4.4. Develop a multimedia center for students, staff and parents at the school	D. Short term and Final Outcomes from the Initiative: Short Term Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convert one of the first floor rooms into a family resource center. Initial priority is given to the re-establishing the library as updated literacy and multimedia center for students and adults and the establishment of a community meeting room. Final Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A multi-media center is established and is stocked with up to date relevant and appropriate learning materials in print and digital format The multimedia log shows that all classes use the center on a regular basis - at least bi- weekly as an integral part of their learning The multimedia log shows that during the first year at least 75% of student access learning materials A community meeting room is established 	E. (Initiative) Lead: Principal, SACs

F. Which recommendations from the School Needs Assessment/Review or other evidence does this initiative address? Improve communications with parents x Family-School Engagement xi Strategic Use of Resources and Adequate Budget Authority	
G. What are the key indicators for this initiative to show early evidence of change? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least two agencies meeting with small group of families to provide services information Initial referrals made to agencies through newly established school connections 	H. By when? 04/2011

I. Activities to Achieve the Outcomes for the Initiative	J. Who will Lead?	K. When will it Start?	L. When will it be Complete?	M. What Resources are Needed?
4.4.1 Notification of events, including initial small-group meetings with program providers to explain services.	Principal, SACs	02/2011	Ongoing	None
4.4.2 Follow up with targeted families, school and agencies, including from action plans from monthly case meetings to city-sponsored programs for students and families.	Principal, SACs	02/2011	Ongoing	None
4.4.3 Annual initiative of awareness of families of early childhood literacy and development programs in NB (PACE, NBELC).	Principal, SACs	06/2011	Ongoing	None
4.4.4 The library is reestablished as a multimedia center and community meeting room	Principal	05/2011	Ongoing	None
4.4.5 The use of multimedia center and community meeting room are monitored and evaluated	Principal	09/2012	Ongoing	None

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Section 4: Running Notes of Progress

Date	Running Notes of Progress and/or Barriers to Achieve the Outcomes	Initial

Essential Condition		Strategic Objective Strategy	Early Implementation	Year 1
i	Effective district systems for school support and intervention	1-4	The school has a single plan which is focused explicitly on instructional improvement and student learning; the plan drives school-level processes and practice. The school plan is fully aligned with the school plan The district plan clearly identifies systems and budgets for school support and intervention	Student achievement and student growth targets are met or exceeded in every subject area and at every grade level.
ii	Effective school leadership	1.1 – 1.5	Driven by the Principal, the School Redesign Team (SRT) will have clear expectations and will understands its' role is in developing policies and making recommendations that promote school-wide routines, processes and physical environments that enable/facilitate staff collaboration and ownership that is focused on student learning and achievement	Student achievement and student growth targets are met or exceeded in every subject area and at every grade level.
iii	Aligned curriculum	1.1/ 1.5 /2.2	The school establishes a School Instructional Leadership Team (SILT) The SILT has representatives from each grade and content area The SILT has clear expectations and understands its' role in ensuring that there is a clear focus on learning	There is a school-wide, results-oriented focus on teaching, learning, and student success. All students are able to track and articulate their own personal learning goals and are making good progress towards their own goals.
iv	Effective instruction	1.1 /1.5 / 2.1-2.5	The school establishes a School Instructional Leadership Team (SILT) The SILT has representatives from each grade and content area The SILT has clear expectations and understands its' role in ensuring that there is a clear focus on learning	There is a school-wide, results-oriented focus on teaching, learning, and student success. All students are able to track and articulate their own personal learning goals and are making good progress towards their own goals.
v	Student assessment	2.1-2.5	Teachers begin to use relevant data to inform student progress in IEP, IST and other parent and administrative meetings.	All teacher use of data from common assessments for reporting progress to students, parents, facilitators and administration. Interim student achievement data supports the implementation of the prescribed curriculum Instructional staff can describe how the content they teach builds on or relates to content in other subject / grades
vi	Principal's staffing authority	1.1 / 1.2	The principal will be proactive in leading the capacity building of the teachers. An agreement is negotiated with NBEA an agreement that empowers the principal to make staffing decisions.	All HQT are retained, except for any who retire, or gain promotion or an leadership position The proportion of teaching that is judged to be proficient or exemplary will be 75% by July 2012

vii	Professional development and structures for collaboration	1.1-1.5 / 3.1/ 3.2	<p>A training and professional development schedule is developed for the 8 extra days of the school year. Agenda items/topics for the 8 days include ELA and Math curriculum maps training; assessment implementation and data analysis; the foundations of teaching reading, classroom management; and instructional strategies.</p> <p>A set routine is established for extended school day. For example, set specific dates and times for collaborative grade level meetings, collaborative subject area meetings, teacher planning and collaborative school wide meetings.</p>	<p>Staff will have attended 90% of all trainings and professional development</p> <p>Focused classroom observations will provide evidence of strategies covered in PD sessions across all grade classrooms.</p> <p>The training and professional growth of the teachers along with the implementation of evidence based strategies will lead to improved student learning which in turn increase student outcomes as noted in the MAGs document (See Appendix C).</p>
viii	Tiered Instruction and adequate learning time	2.1-2.5/ 3.3	<p>Leaders and instructional staff regularly monitor students' progress in relation to interventions that have been applied.</p> <p>The system of interventions allows students to move along a continuum of services and change placements according to identified progress or needs.</p>	<p>Increasing levels of student support match instructional approaches/intensity to the specifics and severity of need: 5-10% of students receive Tier II interventions, while 1-5% receives intensive Tier III interventions.</p> <p>The school provides opportunities for academic and other support outside school hours; barriers to participation are minimized.</p>
ix	Students' social, emotional, and health needs	4.3	<p>Possible health providers explored, cultural centers and other services in the school community that may be used by the school.</p> <p>Set up meetings and program/service discussions with providers.</p>	<p>The school in conjunction with community partners offers all families and students with a menu of programs targeted in different social, cultural and health needs of students.</p> <p>During the course of the year there is a 10% increase in engagement by families and students in these program</p> <p>Classroom observations indicate that all staff have incorporated social and emotional aspects of learning into their classroom practices</p>
x	Family-school relationships	4.1-4.5	<p>Increase in attendance at school meetings, and family events.</p> <p>Implementation of a process for early identification of chronic attendance and tardy cases.</p> <p>Monthly newsletter published with range of school information</p> <p>Parents run event without major school assistance</p> <p>Increased number of family meetings</p>	<p>A school council that includes staff, parent and community representation is established</p> <p>Parent and community surveys show that concerns, requests, and needs of families and community partners are addressed by the school in a timely and professional manner.</p> <p>Average more than 50% family attendance at school meetings and events</p> <p>Show a .5% increase in the year end student attendance as outlined in the MAGs document (See Appendix C).</p>
xi	Strategic use of resources and adequate budget authority	1-4	<p>The school and district plans are full aligned and clearly identify systems and budgets for school support and intervention</p>	<p>The school Leadership Team is empowered and exercises appropriate delegated powers to ensure the implementation of the redesign plan</p>

This is additional detail to the Initiative 4.3. It also appears in the District Support Plan.

The introduction of Social Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) Program.

The district recognizes that the social/emotional and physical well-being of every student is the responsibility of all staff. Therefore, to address this it will hire an outside provider which can provide Professional Development in a SEAL program which builds social and emotional competencies for all students. It is intended that John Avery Parker Elementary School will pilot the SEAL program within the district. In addition John Avery Parker Elementary School will develop a Code of Conduct (COC) that focuses on promoting positive expectations, rewards, and incentives. It will also take into account best practice from Positive Behavior in Schools PBIS programs which are designed to positively affect not only student behavior, but student quality of life.

Recognizing the demonstrated success of a Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning model in addressing, social, emotional and physical well being, the John Avery Parker Elementary School program will establish an out of school time or afterschool program based on the district's successful MA 21st Century Community Learning centers model in place at Roosevelt and Carlos Pacheco schools. Key partners in planning this OST Learning center are New Bedford Mass in Motion, Yoga Kids, the City Wellness Director and the Naval Undersea Warfare Center's STEM education division. The district's F.A.C.T.S coordinator (Family & Children Acting Together for Success) and City of New Bedford office of Human services have commenced implementation in school year 2011. In school year 2011-2012, these partners will work with the both school adjustment counselors and teaching staff to ensure programming is linked with the regular school day. For 2011-2012, key focus areas of the Learning Community Center program will include: prevention programs teaching skills in self-esteem, decision- making; problem-solving and other cognitive and inter-personal skills; community based Service

Learning projects led by school day staff; STEM infused project based learning linked with school day instruction; health promotion activities for students and their families. The core of the project's design emphasizes a Three-Tier Model with student success and social and emotional learning being the shared responsibility of counselors, administrators, teachers, parent/guardians, and our local service agencies. This tiered approach and inclusive focus matches the MA ESE's Behavioral Health and Public Schools Framework. Our goal is that 100% of the students to be exposed to the positive reinforcement strategies in the SEAL/PBIS programs. In addition, Grade 4 and 5 teaching staff ensure CSL curriculum extends from afterschool to regular school day programming. We also expect to see an increase of 25% in family participation of our health and wellness pilot implemented this current school year. This initiative is aligned to all parts of Essential Conditions 10 and 11.

In order enhance our capacity to successfully implement the above strategies the District will support the school by providing central office staff, assisting the school to maximize the involvement of local community groups, local agencies and by funding support from a number of external partners including Research for Better Teaching (RBT) professional development.