

## LEA Comprehensive Support and Improvement Competitive Grants Application

<b>LEA Name:</b>	<b>Albuquerque Public Schools</b>
<b>Submitting on Behalf of (name of school):</b>	<b>Wilson Middle School</b>
<b>Number of Students Served:</b>	<b>465</b>
<b>Number of Certified Licensed Staff:</b>	<b>47</b>

### I. LEA Organizational Culture

#### A. LEA Overview

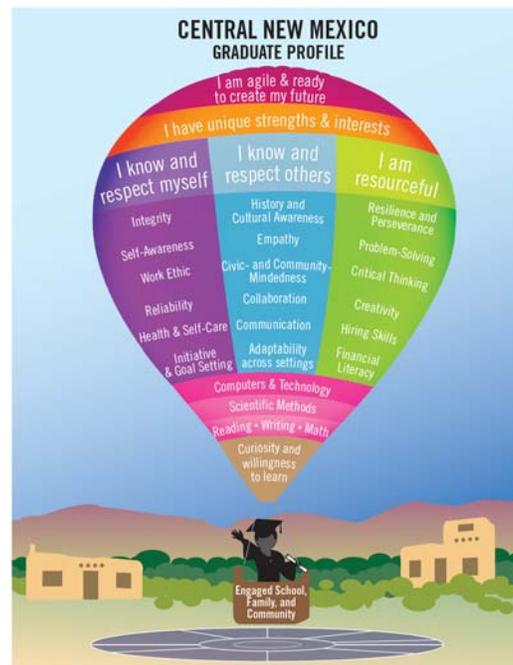
Describe the comprehensive needs assessment process that was used to identify needs and performance challenges in the district, to determine root causes, and set priorities for future action.

#### The APS Academic Master Plan

When Superintendent Reedy took the reins of the Albuquerque Public Schools (APS) in 2015, one of her first acts was to appoint a steering committee of district leaders to develop a comprehensive Academic Master Plan. With input from practitioners, families and the public, the Academic Master Plan Steering Committee crafted a list of shared principles and values upon which the Academic Master Plan is based:

- Safe schools
- Whole child development
- Quality teaching
- Healthy, supportive relationships
- Equitable access for all
- Student voice, feedback and involvement
- Innovative learning
- Developmentally appropriate curriculum
- Community and culturally responsive curriculum
- Social and emotional growth
- Authentic assessments
- Open communication with parents and community

As a part of the academic master plan process, the district also worked with stakeholders, including business owners and community leaders, to create a graduate profile outlining the skills, attitudes and characteristics APS graduates need in order to be successful members of our community. This process was facilitated by Mission: Graduate. The Albuquerque Public Schools Graduate Profile is included here.



Working backwards from the graduate profile, and keeping the shared principles and values in mind, the APS Academic Master Plan Committee defined three key goals for the district: Early Learning, College and Career Readiness and Developing the Whole Child. These goals are further defined as described below:

**Goal 1. Early Learning:** Early learning begins at home, is nurtured in supportive classrooms as children develop language and number skills, and grows as students become adept at using these skills in a variety of ways.

**Goal 2: College and Career Readiness:** All students will graduate – without the need for remediation – having the skills, attitudes and characteristics to prepare them for post-secondary education, careers and life in an ever-evolving global community.

**Goal 3: Developing the Whole Child:** Students develop physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and intellectually in safe and welcoming environments that remove barriers to learning, embrace individuality and connect to their community.

The process of developing the APS Academic Master Plan also led the district to think deeply about how it could best support schools in achieving the ambitious vision defined in the plan. Rather than organizing schools into grade levels, the district recognized that schools only exist embedded into communities and that each school represents a network of relationships between students, families, teachers, and community members. So that district leadership and support could be more responsive to community needs and more embedded within community relationships, the district created four zones and named an Associate Superintendent of Leadership and Learning for each zone at the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

With this vision of success in mind, Albuquerque Public Schools has defined two processes to identify needs and performance challenges, to determine root causes of educational struggles, and to set priorities for future action, both for the district and for individual schools. These two continuous improvement processes are the APS Academic Master Plan Performance Framework and the NM DASH 90-Day Plan process.

### **The APS Academic Master Plan Performance Framework**

Using the APS Academic Master Plan Performance Framework, schools are measured by an APS defined and developed Performance Framework for articulating holistic school performance in four categories, which are measured quantitatively from several data sources:

#### **1. School Culture and Climate:**

- Parent Survey
- Teacher Survey
- Student Survey
- Teacher Retention

#### **2. Growth and Achievement**

- Percentage of students improving on PARCC ELA

- Percentage of students improving on PARCC Math
- Percentage of 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at Reading benchmark
- Percentage of non-benchmark 2<sup>nd</sup> graders at Reading benchmark by 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- Percentage of students improving on iReady
- Percentage of students taking and passing Advanced Placement or Dual Credit classes
- Four-year cohort graduation rate
- Percentage of students in a cohort meeting College & Career Readiness standards

### **3. Student Engagement**

- Attendance
- Truancy
- NM TEACH Domain 3 Scores
- Student Survey

### **4. Parents and Community Engagement**

- Quality of Education Survey Results
- Quality of Education Survey Return Rate

The APS Academic Master Plan Steering Committee developed these categories after consulting with practitioners and community members and identifying key themes from these stakeholder dialogues. Each piece of feedback was read, categorized and labeled. Then, the Office of Accountability and Reporting (OAR) determined which data sources to use in Performance Framework calculations. Principals provided input into the desired weight of each indicator within each category: School Culture & Climate, Growth & Achievement, Student Engagement and Parent & Community Engagement. For each indicator in each category, schools are identified as green, yellow or red as a visual cue. After reviewing the results of the Performance Framework and the needs of each school, district leadership created a tiered system of support for schools with multiple entry points, depending on school needs and areas of concern indicated by the Performance Framework.

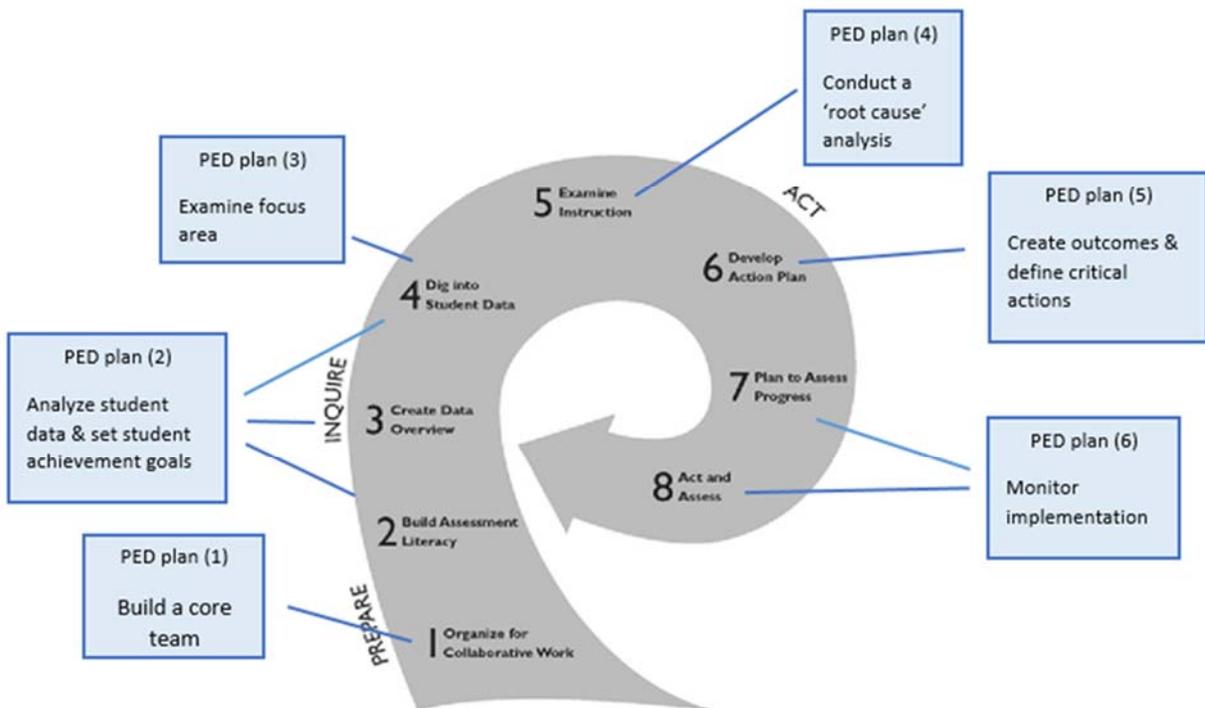
### **NM DASH 90-Day Plan**

The APS Academic Master Plan Performance Framework complements the New Mexico Public Education Department's NM DASH 90-Day Plan process. Based on the information from the APS Performance Framework, APS required underperforming schools to start the NM DASH 90-Day plan in the spring of 2017. The remaining APS schools will complete their 90-Day Plans in the spring of 2018. Thus, all APS schools are using the 90-Day Plan process, which identifies needs and performance challenges, determines root causes, and sets priorities for future action.

Albuquerque Public Schools believes schools are the unit of change and has invested significantly in the district's capacity to assist schools in using the NM DASH 90-Day Plan to drive the school improvement process. To specifically address school growth and achievement within the NM DASH 90-Day Plan process, APS established a School Accountability Support (SAS) Department. SAS is the premier data-coaching team in the district. SAS applies research-based practices in their work with APS schools. Specifically,

SAS introduces processes and protocols from *Data Wise* (Parker Boudette, City, & Murnane, 2008) to enhance the 90-Day Plan process. APS annotated the Data Wise model with the NM DASH 90-Day Plan process to facilitate robust school improvement. Figure 1 displays the alignment of these two programs.

Figure 1. *Relationship Between Data Wise and the NM DASH 90-Day Plan*



In concurrence with these resources, SAS furnishes customized data reports for schools. For example, SAS generates an evidence statement analysis report that elucidates source data for school-wide analysis and planning. SAS also generates reports based on PARCC school student content roster data. By intertwining this data with class rostering, SAS empowers teachers to think about their approach to differentiated instruction. SAS also uses the school report card, the performance level summary for each assessment, and individual student reports as school data analysis opportunities. With these in-hand resources, SAS conducts whole-staff professional development, trains school-based core teams, and coaches instructional coaches and lead teachers.

Finally, SAS provides comprehensive support for schools completing their NM DASH 90-Day plans. SAS Accountability Support Coordinators and NM DASH Coordinators not only serve on school core teams as district representatives, but they also provide regular feedback as schools construct and implement their plans. Furthermore, SAS conducts comprehensive

training for APS schools on how to complete and submit their 90-Day Plans. This includes managing all APS accounts in the NM DASH portal.

Describe the results of a systematic review of existing LEA capacity, strengths, and needs related to curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

In the fall of 2017, APS utilized a Strengths-Weaknesses-Opportunities-Threats (SWOT) strategic analysis process to review the district's current reality. These results, along with community input, were used to determine the focus areas for the district's Academic Master Plan. The district has continued to use this process annually to examine its capacity, strengths and needs related to curriculum, instruction, and assessment. SWOT analysis is a formal process by which organizations position themselves to have a competitive advantage. This tool allows organizations to maximize opportunities and minimize threats in the environment while maximizing the advantages of the organization's strengths and minimizing its weaknesses (Heizer & Render, 2014).

District leadership completed the SWOT process utilizing tools and processes consistent with prior reviews. This review provided important details as district leadership identified needs and performance challenges and began to establish priorities for future action. The review challenged district leadership to consider any preconceived notions about the district and measure this against the analysis.

A number of themes emerged in the most recent analysis. In terms of **Strengths (S)**, district leadership noted:

- As a large urban district, APS is able to offer a diverse range of academic programs. This has allowed the district to provide a large number of Advanced Placement classes. Dual Language programs are growing. The Executive Director of Innovation recently received grant funds to support the creation of a comprehensive K-12 STEM magnet program in a cluster of three schools.
- APS offers the most comprehensive special education programs in the state, encouraging families from across the state to move to APS and enroll their special needs children.
- APS offers an extensive range of CTE coursework and opportunities for multiple programs of study and meta-majors through access to dual credit from four post-secondary institution partners.
- APS instituted Instructional Rounds and more focused PD for principals this year.
- Community Schools are a growing stronger and more prevalent in APS.
- APS is fostering a collaborative culture across the district.
- The Learning Zone structure has tightened the district's organizational structure.

As far as **Weaknesses (W)**, the team noted:

- APS lacks professional development centered on turnaround strategies.
- APS needs a common interim assessment that is consistent with state standards.
- It is difficult to find time for impactful teacher training.

- There is a teacher shortage, which schools with special programs such as Dual Language or Special Education, feel most deeply.
- High turnover rates for both teachers and administration.
- The district needs to develop consistent K-12 pathways for students so they can follow a curriculum throughout their school career.
- The district needs to determine a K-12 ELA curriculum that supports teachers in Common Core State Standards based instruction.
- Teachers need ongoing professional development opportunities that support not only the implementation of adopted curriculum, but also deep pedagogical shifts and strategies that engage students.

In examining **Opportunities (O)**, APS identified:

- An improving budget forecast.
- Increased partnerships with external entities to include universities, community colleges and local non-profit organizations.
- A wide range of rural, suburban and urban schools, coupled with magnet and charter schools, offers parents a portfolio of school options to choose from.
- Innovative schools and school programs serve as demonstration labs for the district.
- The state has placed a greater focus on the importance of early childhood education.
- The Council of Great City Schools is looking for ways to support the current administration and developing initiatives.
- An improving relationship with the Public Education Department, including increased grant opportunities.

External **Threats (T)** include:

- A state budget that is too reliant on oil prices.
- A loss of instructional time tied to an increased number of lockdowns due to crime in the city.
- High population mobility.
- A lack of full-day pre-K programs to build early skills.
- A lack of public confidence in APS, coupled with actual misinformation about the district.
- Finally, a common expectation that school is a place to fix community problems, such as homelessness, hunger, poverty, and drug abuse.

APS is able to apply this analysis to its capacity and needs, identifying specific evidence-based interventions to assist schools in need of significant improvement. Clearly, issues around curriculum and talent management are at the forefront of this analysis and will guide the district's decision-making process moving forward.

## **B. Instructional Infrastructure**

**Instructional Materials:** Describe the process used to ensure that grade level scopes and sequences align with the Common Core State Standards for ELA/Reading and math.

The Albuquerque Public Schools Department of Curriculum and Instruction (C&I) is responsible for ensuring that grade level scopes and sequences used by schools and teachers align with New Mexico Common Core State Standards (NMCCSS) for ELA/Reading and Math. The instructional materials adoption process establishes clear alignment to NMCCSS as a requirement for consideration. Delivery of scope and sequence is, however, not determined by adopted curriculum. Scope and sequence maps were created at the district level with the initial implementation of NMCCSS.

As a part of the process by which the district purchases instructional materials, APS C&I requires that all materials be written to align with the New Mexico Common Core State Standards. Materials only reorganized to align with the NMCCSS are not considered for use or purchase by the district. This is true for both for ELA/Reading and Math.

### **K-5 Mathematics**

Albuquerque Public Schools uses Origo Stepping Stones as its K-5 core math program. Stepping Stones is aligned with the New Mexico Common Core State Standards and was adopted by the district in 2014. The NMCCSS call for three shifts in the approach to teaching mathematics: a greater **focus** on fewer topics; more **coherence** of topics across grades; and increased **rigor** in math instruction. The Origo Stepping Stones curriculum for students in grades K-5 builds conceptual understanding through rigorous problem-solving activities, and supports computational fluency with strategies and practice.

In addition, the APS Department of Curriculum & Instruction is currently drafting new frameworks for K-5 Math, to be finished in April 2018 for use in the coming 2018-2019 school year. The purpose of the frameworks is to increase student achievement by ensuring that educators understand specifically what the NMCCSS mean and what students must know, understand and be able to do. In addition, frameworks are intentionally program agnostic to ensure longevity and fidelity of the implementation. Frameworks may also be used to facilitate discussion among teachers and curriculum staff and to encourage coherence in the sequence, pacing, and backwards planning for grade-level curricula. The APS Elementary Math Curriculum Frameworks, along with on-going professional development, are one of many resources used to understand and teach New Mexico Common Core State Standards in Mathematics with fidelity in APS classrooms.

### **K-5 Literacy**

Albuquerque Public Schools adopted the Macmillan/McGraw-Hill program Treasures/Tesoros as its core K-5 English/Spanish Language Arts program in 2008, before the New Mexico Common Core State Standards were adopted in 2010. A small number of schools adopted StoryTown/Villa Cuentos, published by Harcourt, at the same time. Since 2010, both publishers have aligned these programs to the NMCCSS. Both of these programs are now outside of the official adoption period.

In addition to the officially adopted ELA/SLA K-5 program, all K-5 schools in APS have access to Foundations, which is a supplemental core program in grades K-2. Foundations is a multisensory early literacy program that focuses on phonemic awareness, phonics, high

frequency word study, reading fluency, vocabulary, comprehension strategies, handwriting, and spelling. Foundations is aligned to the NMCCSS and is part of a Response to Intervention (RTI) framework. Ideally, Foundations is used to provide research-based instruction to all students as a Tier 1 approach. It is also appropriate for as a Tier 2 intervention for students at risk for reading difficulties, according to the publisher. Although Foundations includes comprehension strategies, it must be combined with a core/literature-based language arts program for an integrated and comprehensive approach to reading and spelling.

In response to the need for standards-aligned ELA/Reading instruction, the APS Department of Curriculum & Instruction is providing professional development for teachers through the Consortium on Reaching Excellence in Education (CORE). CORE Literacy was introduced to APS by the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED) through the Reads To Lead Grant. CORE Literacy is program agnostic and emphasizes the foundational reading skills each student must master to become a successful reader. Its professional development offerings help teachers make the shifts required by the NMCCSS in ELA. CORE Literacy trainers in APS offer CORE Literacy professional development, with upcoming training beginning in spring 2018, and summer institutes that can be earmarked for new staff of our Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI) schools. CORE Literacy research shows a direct correlation to the skills, knowledge and abilities required by the NMCCSS.

### **6-12 Mathematics & Literacy**

After the New Mexico Common Core State Standards were adopted in 2010, the district created scope and sequence maps for each grade level and subject area, which were completed in 2013. The APS Department of Curriculum and Instruction has also created units of study linked to the NMCCSS and the grade level scopes and sequences. These guiding documents are available online through APS C&I.

As complex understandings of the NMCCSS grew, individual teachers and schools began to reorganize the way the scope and sequence was delivered to reflect that understanding. The district is now at a point where schools have moved out of alignment with each other and is in the midst of a realignment process. All secondary schools are being surveyed in all ELA and Math courses to determine the month in which each standard is the primary focus of instruction. These surveys will be compiled at a district level to determine sequencing patterns for each course. New course scope and sequence documents will be created which are more reflective of the current implementation of NMCCSS.

Beginning in 2018-2019, standards will be clustered by grading term rather than month, so that student grades on report cards are an indicator of mastery of a specific set of standards. This aligns with the district Academic Master Plan and its focus on standards-aligned instruction and grades as an indicator of a student's ability to meet standards. A common scope and sequence will also allow teachers within a school to design common formative assessments by grade or course. The data from formative assessments can be disaggregated immediately at a classroom level to see if students are proficient in the specific standards addressed for that term.

The survey of individual course alignment of standards by school are due by May 2018. These will be analyzed and translated into new scope and sequence documents available for implementation in the fall of 2018. With all secondary schools following the same scope and sequence, professional development can be targeted to the specific standards that are being taught at that time and embedded in classroom practice.

A common scope and sequence across schools will be complemented by common vertically aligned curriculum. Instructional materials scheduled for purchase this summer will allow all secondary schools to utilize the Springboard curriculum for ELA. This rigorous curriculum, designed by the College Board, has already shown strong achievement gains in pilot middle schools and has been fully implemented in high schools for two years. The district also has national Springboard trainers in our schools who facilitate ongoing professional development.

Schools will be encouraged to use Eureka Math at both the middle and high school level to allow for similar vertical alignment. Instructional materials for Eureka Math are printed on demand at a district level and can be sequenced to match the district scope and sequence for math courses to allow for more convenient implementation.

**Instruction:** Describe the system of support and accountability for teachers and leaders in implementing rigorous standards-aligned instruction.

### **Multi-Tiered System of Support for Schools**

As described previously in this application, Albuquerque Public School has developed a Performance Framework for schools in order to better understand individual schools' strengths and needs. Using a multi-tiered system of support with multiple entry points, district leadership customizes both the intensity and the type of support received by school leaders in their school improvement efforts. Because APS believes that schools are the unit of change, the district has carefully aligned its resources, supports and level of supervision to the needs of the schools to better catalyze the school transformation process. The support structure is as follows:

#### ***Tier 1 Criteria:***

- NMPED School Grade: A or B.
- APS Performance Framework: 0-1 Red Areas.

#### ***Tier 1 Support Plan:***

- Participation in instructional rounds.
- District-led monthly professional learning.

#### ***Tier 2 Criteria:***

- NMPED School Grade: A, B or C.
- APS Performance Framework: 2-3 Red Areas.

#### ***Tier 2 Support Plan:***

- Participation in instructional rounds.

- District-led monthly professional learning.
- Monthly site visits by Principal Support Specialists/Associate Superintendents.

***Tier 3 Criteria:***

- NMPED School Grade: D or F.
- APS Performance Framework: 2-4 Red Areas.
- NMPED Designation of Targeted Support & Improvement (TSI).

***Tier 3 Support Plan:***

- Participation in instructional rounds.
- District-led monthly professional learning.
- Monthly monitor/data review visits by Principal Support Specialist/Associate Superintendent.
- Implementation of Early Warning Systems protocols.
- Data Wise Analysis of iReady & Istation Student Formative Assessments.
- Principals Pursuing Excellence

***Tier 4 Criteria:***

- NMPED Designation of Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI).

***Tier 4 Support Plan:***

- Participation in instructional rounds.
- District-led monthly professional learning.
- Monthly monitor/data review visit for plan by Associate Superintendent.
- Implementation of Early Warning Systems protocols.
- Data Wise Analysis of iReady & Istation Student Formative Assessments.
- Priority staffing.
- Full-time assistant principal and instructional coach.
- Participation in School Turnaround Leadership Training through Harvard Graduate School of Education beginning in 2019-2020.

***Tier 5 Criteria:***

- NMPED Designation of More Rigorous Intervention (MRI)

***Tier 5 Support Plan:***

- Participation in instructional rounds.
- District-led monthly professional learning.
- Monthly monitor/data review visit for plan by Associate Superintendent.
- Implementation of Early Warning Systems protocols.
- Data Wise Analysis of iReady & Istation Student Formative Assessments.
- Priority staffing and budgetary oversight.
- Full-time assistant principal and instructional coach.
- School Turnaround Leadership Training through Harvard Graduate School of Education

APS plans to work with the Harvard Graduate School of Education to develop the capacity of principals at MRI schools and district leadership through its School Turnaround Leaders program. School turnaround efforts require highly effective leaders who are able to create the conditions for rapid and sustained change. Leaders must drive fundamental shifts in school culture and instructional practice that result in rapid gains and ongoing performance. The demands are great and the need for such leaders is even greater. The School Turnaround Leaders program from the Harvard Graduate School of Education brings together individuals and teams who are charged with turning around chronically underperforming schools. Participants learn how to establish high expectations for instructional quality, develop effective teams, translate data into action, and generate deep engagement among school and community stakeholders. They leave with a school improvement plan they can put into action right away.

During this five-day institute, principals and district leaders will work with a cohort of fellow turnaround leaders to analyze and refine school's turnaround plans and develop the skills needed for successful implementation. Leaders will:

- Develop a theory of action to achieve rapid, meaningful improvement
- Use data to set strategy, assess progress, and drive decision-making at the classroom and school levels
- Learn how to transform school culture and foster high-quality instruction
- Acquire strategies for communicating your vision to the press and community

For a culminating project, leaders will develop a theory of action for their schools and gain valuable feedback from peers and faculty. Principals of CSI schools will begin working with the Harvard program starting in the summer of 2019.

### **The Role of Instructional Rounds in Implementing Standards-Aligned Instruction**

A key part of APS's system of support and accountability for schools is the practice of instructional rounds. APS adopted instructional rounds in the spring of 2016. Instructional rounds—a practice adapted to education from the field of medicine—offer a structure for educators to work together to solve common problems and improve their practice. The model was developed at the Harvard Graduate School of Education and was outlined in *Instructional Rounds in Education* (City, Elmore, Fiarman & Teitel). Instructional rounds have been used in schools and across districts to raise the quality of instruction for all students.

APS adopted instructional rounds as a part of an initiative to strengthen the learning culture in the district. After observing the instructional rounds process used by Santa Fe Public Schools, district leadership did a book study on *Instructional Rounds in Education* and attended a week-long instructional rounds institute at Harvard. As district leadership trained principals in the model of instructional rounds, leadership emphasized the opportunity to look at a specific problem of practice and benefit from one another's expertise, allowing school leaders to see what other schools are doing and be reflective about their own work.

Instructional rounds in APS support and build upon other improvement processes underway in the district. To begin, the district aligned its model of instructional rounds to the Data Wise process, using school achievement data to help schools identify a learner-centered problem of practice. Instructional rounds also support the continuous improvement assessment process in the NM DASH 90-Day Plan. In particular, instructional rounds help schools understand and define root causes and consider appropriate evidence-based interventions. Currently, school principals are participating in “Deep Dives.” In this process, district leaders and principals visit a total of twelve schools in the district, three times, looking at a specific, data-driven problem of practice that ultimately seeks to improve the instructional core, inform the 90-Day Plan and identify professional development needs.

The Deep Dive model has allowed for intentional vertical articulation across the district’s four Learning Zones. There have been both formal and informal conversations around feeder schools developing common problems of practice. To build capacity in the district, leadership expanded instructional rounds to include assistant principals at all levels. This supports the connections across the Learning Zones in terms of alignment to the district’s priorities. It also fosters learning that supports best practices and, ultimately, student achievement.

APS has implemented instructional rounds as a district-wide commitment to provide both more support and more accountability for principals and assistant principals as they work with teachers to implement rigorous, standards-aligned instruction. For example, Eugene Field Elementary School was chosen as one of the two schools in Zone 1 to be the site of “Deep Dive Instructional Rounds” in the 2017-2018 school year. Before and after each visit, the host school’s principal met with the principal support specialist for Zone 1 to examine the problem of practice and the related feedback from the rounds. At the beginning of the school year, Eugene Field articulated the following learner-centered problem and problem of practice.

Eugene Field Elementary School Learner-Centered Problem: Students lack the necessary skills to demonstrate their knowledge in New Mexico Common Core State Standards (NMCCSS). Eugene Field Elementary School Problem of Practice: If teachers use questioning and engagement strategies to encourage students to demonstrate what they know or think they know, then students will practice the skills necessary to demonstrate knowledge in New Mexico Common Core State Standards and increase their learning.

At the first instructional round visit in September 2017, the participants in instructional rounds specifically looked for student engagement and questioning. The feedback showed low student engagement due to teachers’ frequent use of Depth of Knowledge (DOK) 1 and 2 questions. The recommended next steps focused on elevating questioning and using purposeful small groups to increase engagement. In the second instructional round visit in November 2017, the feedback indicated more use of small groups and a conscious effort to increase student engagement. From there, the problem of practice narrowed into questioning. The recommended next steps focused on planning for higher DOK and a deeper understanding of NMCCSS. The final visit to Eugene Field is scheduled for February 27, 2018. At this visit, the network will continue to look at questioning strategies in instruction

and will use a school-developed student engagement rubric to capture a clearer picture of engagement in the areas of teacher questioning, student ownership of learning, the level of cognitive demand required of students, engagement strategies and structures, and the substance of student talk. At the conclusion of the February instructional round, the network will work with the host site to develop next steps and activities to continue to move the work forward.

### **Support & Accountability for School Leaders**

Albuquerque Public Schools uses the New Mexico Highly Objective Uniform Statewide Standard of Evaluation for Principals and Assistant Principals (HOUSSE-P) process for evaluating the performance of principals and assistant principals towards meeting the goal of implementing rigorous, standards-aligned instruction. This process is based on the New Mexico Principal Leadership Competencies and Indicators (NMPLCI). While the responsibilities and duties of principals are many, the first leadership competency is that a principal work with all members of the school community to make quality instruction a prime focus. Principals are ultimately responsible for demonstrating progress towards the accomplishment of school goals as stated in the school's NM DASH 90-Day Plan.

Within APS, each principal is responsible for working with his or her supervisor, typically the respective Associate Superintendent for the Learning Zone in which the school is located. The Associate Superintendent works with the principal to complete the required Professional Development Plan and to ensure that it is aligned with the district's Academic Master Plan and the school's specific NM DASH 90-Day Plan. The principal's supervisor also holds school visits throughout the year and gathers evidence that demonstrates whether or not the goals of the Professional Development Plan and the NM DASH 90-Day Plan are being met. These visits also inform the monthly district-level professional development for school leaders. Finally, at the end of the school year, the Associate Superintendent completes a summative evaluation of each principal and makes decisions about changes in school leadership.

### **Support & Accountability for Teachers**

Albuquerque Public Schools uses the NMTEACH educator effectiveness system required by the New Mexico Public Education Department. The NMTEACH framework uses multiple indicators, including student test scores, principal observations, student surveys and attendance, to generate a score and corresponding label for each teacher. Teachers can be characterized as Ineffective, Minimally Effective, Effective, Highly Effective and Exemplary by the NMTEACH system.

Albuquerque Public Schools uses the observation portion of the NM TEACH evaluation system to focus on improving teachers' implementation of the instructional core. The teacher evaluation process requires two walkthroughs and two formal scored observations using the NMTEACH rubric. Observations allow for immediate identification of problems and provides the ability to address them in a timely manner, without waiting for summative evaluations to be finalized. If the evaluator identifies any element of Domains 2 or 3 that is below effective (3), the evaluator provides strategic feedback with specific supports and

expectations of outcomes based on that support. Outcomes are assessed through walkthroughs and observations.

The scores for each teacher's observation are reviewed annually in the fall and spring. If the teacher's average scores on the observation are ineffective or minimally effective (below 2.5 on a 5 point scale), an improvement plan is written and support is provided by a Consulting Teacher through the Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) process. APS employs four consulting teachers, who are master teachers selected for their skill with content and pedagogy. The consulting teacher works with the classroom teacher and uses the improvement plan as the guide for approximately 90 days. At the 45-and-90-day targets, a PAR panel convenes to listen to reports from the consulting teacher and school administrator for evidence of progress. The PAR panel makes recommendations based on that evidence to either discontinue the plan, continue the plan, move to more intensive support or discharge the classroom teacher. All improvement plans and PAR processes are systematic, transparent and well documented.

Albuquerque Public Schools invests heavily in the NMTEACH evaluation system and the Peer Assistance and Review process because the district shares the Public Education Department's belief that every student deserves access to a quality teacher. APS believes that supporting educators through professional development, high-quality and frequent feedback based on observations and intensive intervention when needed is the best way to meet that goal.

**Assessment:** Describe the LEA's cycle of data-driven instruction. Identify the interim assessments being used.

As described previously in this application, Albuquerque Public Schools has been using Harvard's Data Wise Project to inform its cycle of data-driven instruction since 2015. The Data Wise Project supports educators in using collaborative data inquiry to drive the continuous improvement of teaching and learning for all students. Since the Public Education Department has introduced the NM DASH 90-Day Plan process, the district has aligned its Data Wise protocols with the NM DASH, as they both support schools in the process of building capacity, examining data, developing action plans, making interventions and evaluating the effectiveness of the results.

Engaging in a useful cycle of data-driven instruction is challenging both for teachers and for school leaders. Too often, the process is hampered by a lack of assessment literacy, assessments which provide incomplete data, assessments which deliver data too late or a lack of common planning time for teachers to engage in collaborative examination of student work. Finally, sometimes teachers lack strategies to provide flexible interventions in their core instructional programs to address the weaknesses identified through the data-driven instructional cycle. Students pass, or fail, a unit test, but the teacher feels pressure to move on through the curriculum regardless. APS recognizes the need to build capacity for schools and teachers around data-driven instruction, and schools' NM DASH 90-Day Plans, as well as their grant applications, reflect this understanding.

In addition to the state-mandated assessments – PARCC and iStation -- APS has implemented the iReady Diagnostic Assessment for Math and Reading as a widespread interim assessment. In the fall of 2015, 4,661 students took the iReady ELA Diagnostic Assessment; by the fall of 2017, that number had grown to 33,639 students. In the winter of 2015, 2,058 took the iReady Math Diagnostic Assessment; by the winter of 2017, that number had grown to 46,860 students. In 2017-2018, all middle schools opted into the iReady Diagnostic Assessment and most elementary schools have already done so, especially in math. Eight high schools asked to use the diagnostic this year, the first year it has been offered for high schools.

As shown in the attached schedule, schools administered the fall iReady assessment between July 31 and September 27, 2017. The winter administration window was between December 4, 2017 and January 26, 2018. Finally, the spring administration window will open March 19 and will close May 22, 2018.

Schools currently using iReady Diagnostic Assessments for Math and Reading use the information to identify the root cause of student learning challenges, measure growth across a students' career and support data-driven differentiated instruction. The iReady Diagnostic is a computer adaptive assessment, meaning that it provides easier or harder questions depending on students' answers to previous questions. By adapting across grade levels, the diagnostic helps teachers to identify gaps in students' understandings spanning multiple years. Online reports help teachers provide individualized instruction targeted to students' unique needs.

However, an interim assessment used only three times a year still may not provide teachers with sufficient information to engage in a data-driven instructional cycle based on standards mastery. When schools purchase iReady, teachers also get access to the iReady Standards Mastery Assessment, which allows teachers to select from prebuilt assessment forms to easily build and administer assessments in synchronization with the district's scope and sequence. This ensures schools are assessing student proficiency as the standards are covered. The iReady Standards Mastery Assessments are available for standards in Reading and Math in grades 2 through 8. Schools identified as needing extra support as a part of the state's ESSA plan (MRI, CSI and TSI) will be encouraged to develop site-based common formative assessments, using iReady Standards Mastery, to more closely monitor students' academic growth and progress towards proficiency on grade-level standards. Grant applications from CSI schools reflect the need for additional resources to provide access to iReady Instruction and the iReady Standards Mastery Assessment. Applications also include resources for additional planning time to examine instruction and re-teach standards using different instructional techniques.

Describe the process used to ensure that interim assessments align with the Common Core State Standards and each grade level's scope and sequence.

As described above, Albuquerque Public Schools uses the iReady Diagnostic Assessment as its primary interim assessment. The APS Office of Accountability and Reporting has verified that the iReady Diagnostic Assessment aligns to New Mexico Common Core State Standards

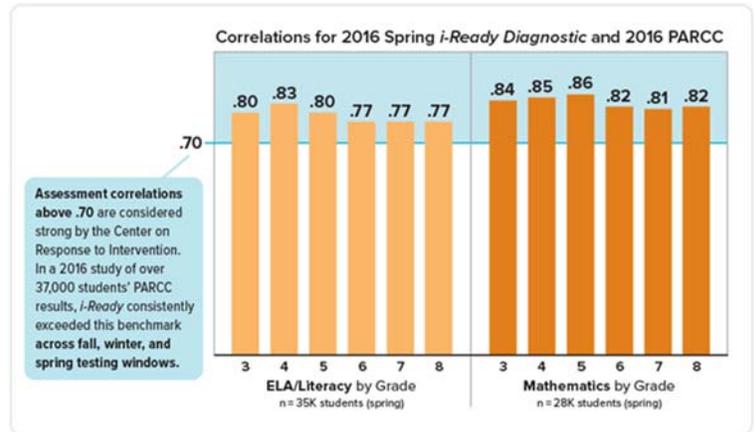
and the Department of Curriculum and Instruction has confirmed that the diagnostic matches the district’s scope and sequence at each grade level.

The iReady Diagnostic Assessment was built for the Common Core. It provides data-driven insights that classroom teachers and school and district administrators need to determine exactly where to focus their instructional time to ensure all students are on track to meet more rigorous expectations.

The Educational Research Institute of America conducted a research study evaluating the relationship between iReady Diagnostic and the 2016 PARCC end-of-year assessments. The research found a high correlation between the iReady Diagnostic and PARCC. iReady was also shown to accurately predict end-of-year proficiency rates.

### 2016 Correlations between Spring iReady Diagnostic and PARCC Assessments

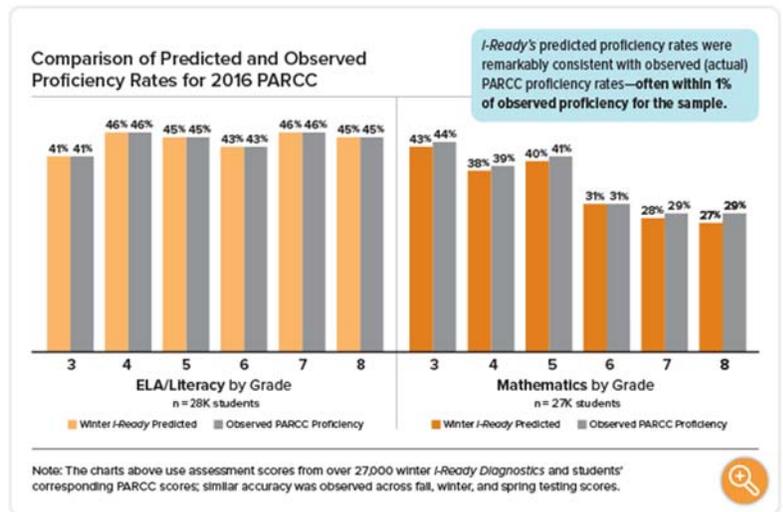
The strong correlations between the spring iReady Diagnostic and the 2016 PARCC Assessments—with overall correlations of .79 for ELA/Literacy and .83 for Mathematics for all students across grades 3–8—exceed the Center on Response to Intervention’s recommended .70 minimum threshold for correlations.



Curriculum Associates partnered with leading academics to develop a regression-based model for predicting PARCC proficiency rates. iReady proficiency prediction from fall, winter, and spring Diagnostic results proved to be highly accurate.

### Comparison of predicted and observed proficiency rates for 2016 PARCC Assessments

The analysis above support school’s choices to use iReady as a common interim assessment used to drive the school-level process of data-driven instruction. In order for an interim assessment to drive improvement on summative assessments linked to New Mexico Common Core State Standards, such as the PARCC, the link between performance on the interim assessment and performance on the summative assessment must be clear, consistent and predictable. Research on the iReady Diagnostic Assessment shows this to be the case.



Provide the schedule for administering common interim assessments in ELA and Math (as an attachment).

Describe the process for test-in-hand analysis and adaptation of instructional plans based on interim assessment data (e.g. common planning time, teacher-administrator one-on-one meetings, and group professional development).

Each APS school has an Instructional Council that includes the teacher leadership for the school. Extensive research has shown the benefit of investing in a collaborative environment and that enlisting buy-in to a shared mission and vision is critical to the school turnaround process. The Instructional Council acts as the leadership team, along with the principal, that manages the process for the implementation of the New Mexico Common Core State Standards at each school. The Instructional Council also develops the structure for the collaboration time at the school level. The Instructional Council is responsible for the following:

- Creating structures at the school that explicitly connect the work of the Instructional Council and the Instructional Coach so that collaboration is connected to implementation.
- Moving the staff from awareness of New Mexico Common Core State Standards to implementation.
- Ensuring that teachers are able to share their perspectives and pedagogical strategies with each other as they learn about and implement the NMCCSS.
- Collaborating with the Instructional Coach and teacher leaders on professional development about the NMCCSS.
- Gathering both qualitative data and quantitative data about the progress of implementation, questions that arise, and the supports needed by teachers.
- Basing the implementation of the NMCCSS on the unique needs of the staff and student population of the school.
- Ensuring that the implementation of the NMCCSS is informed by, and connected to, district plans.

Each school in APS, including CSI schools, uses a customized process for test-in-hand analysis and adaptation of instructional plans based on interim assessment data, taking into account its specific schedule and needs. Wilson Middle School uses Data Wise processes to analyze formative assessment data and adapt instructional plans as needed. Wilson's schedule includes time for teachers to collaborate weekly in mixed teams across grade levels and content areas. This year, the Instructional Council also added time for grade levels to work in collaborative teams after school.

### **C. LEA Support and Accountability**

***Identify specific senior leadership that will direct and coordinate LEA participation in supporting the CSI school.***

Support for schools identified as needing Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI) will come from the highest levels of district leadership. Each CSI school will be supported by one

of the district's Associate Superintendents for Leadership and Learning: Dr. Gabriella Duran Blakey (Zone 1), Dr. Gabriel Antonio Gonzales (Zone 2), Yvonne Garcia (Zone 3) and Troy Hughes (Zone 4). Please see the included organizational charts which show which CSI school is assigned to which Associate Superintendent. The Associate Superintendents are responsible for hiring and supervising the principal of each CSI school, approving the school's NM DASH 90-Day Plan, and approving each school's allocation of resources through its approved budget. The Associate Superintendent for each CSI school also provides monitoring and oversight as outlined in the multi-tiered system of support described previously in this proposal. Finally, each Associate Superintendent is supervised by the district's Superintendent.

The district's Chief Information and Strategy Officer, Dr. Richard Bowman, will work directly with each CSI school to provide assessments, data and information pertinent to the creation, implementation and evaluation of the school's NM DASH 90-Day Plan. This office also provides support, both technical and strategic, to the schools and their 90-Day Plans through the School Accountability Support Department.

The district's Assistant Superintendent of Equity, Instruction and Support (EIS), Dr. Madelyn Serna Mármol, will work directly with each CSI school to create, implement, and provide support on evidence-based interventions and curricular supports. EIS's Curriculum and Instruction Department and Office of Innovation and School Choice will provide instructional and strategic support on 90-Day Plans. In addition, both departments will provide professional development and support to teachers and school leaders. The EIS Department of Family and Community Supports will provide guidance to schools in development and implementation of Next-Step Plans and wrap-around supports for students.

Each school designated as CSI will receive support from one of two, newly-hired, ESSA Principal Support Specialists. Gene Saavedra and Katherine House have a history of successful school turnaround initiatives in Albuquerque Public Schools and Rio Rancho, respectively. The ESSA Principal Support Specialists will coach CSI school leaders in how to create the school culture and climate to successfully implement evidence-based interventions and to use data-driven instructional cycles to improve the school-wide implementation of a standards-based instructional core. Please see the illustration below to understand the role of senior leadership in supporting each CSI school and providing accountability for school improvement efforts.

Submit an organizational chart (or charts) identifying the structures at the LEA level that are responsible for providing support and accountability to CSI schools (as attachment(s)).

Describe and discuss the specific cycle of planning, action, evaluation, feedback, and adaptation between the LEA and the school leadership. This response should be very specific about the type, nature, and frequency of interaction between the LEA personnel with school leadership.

The specific cycle of planning, action, evaluation, feedback and adaptation between APS district leadership and school leadership will use the NM DASH 90-Day Plan format. The

NM DASH 90-Day Plan format is based on a continuous improvement model of planning, implementation and monitoring. Each CSI school has gone through the process of building a core team, analyzing student data, setting student achievement goals, identifying focus areas and conducting a root cause analysis. From this process, school leaders created desired outcomes and defined critical actions. For each school, the Associate Superintendent of Learning and Learning reviewed the 90-Day Plan and scored it according to the PED's rubric. Once the plan was refined and strengthened, the school leader began the process of implementation, which includes proceeding with critical actions and communicating with stakeholders.

Associate Superintendents will meet with the leadership of each CSI school at least every 30 days, as outlined previously in this application. At this meeting, the school leader and the core team will review critical actions with the Associate Superintendent and will also review progress indicators such as interim assessment data. At this formal meeting, the Associate Superintendent and the school team will diagnose the extent to which critical actions are having a positive impact of the quality of teaching and learning at the school and will celebrate any positive progress. If positive changes are the quality of teaching and learning at the school are not evident, the Associate Superintendent will work with the school team to make needed adjustments to the plan based on available data. At this point, the school team may identify additional supports required from the district necessary to support the plan. The school team will enter the results of the review into the NM DASH portal for great accountability. Every 30 days, the Associate Superintendent and the school team will repeat the cycle, leading to greater progress and consistency in school transformation efforts.

### **Communication and Stakeholder Involvement/Engagement**

The LEA/school must fully and transparently consult and collaborate with key education stakeholders about the CSI school and on the implementation status of the evidence-based intervention. The plan for consultation and collaboration provided by the LEA/school must:

- Describe in detail, the methods, times, and places that will be used for regularly and systematically updating parents, families, the community and other stakeholders on the implementation status of the evidence-based intervention.
- This should include, but is not limited to, analyses of evidence and leading indicator data to determine the impact of key strategies, as well as planned/approved course-corrections as applicable.

Albuquerque Public Schools believes in the importance of enlisting parents and other key educational stakeholders in the school improvement process. On December 5, 2017, Superintendent Raquel Reedy wrote to stakeholders in a public message about the schools identified by the state's ESSA plan as in need of More Rigorous Intervention (MRI), Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI) or Targeted Support & Improvement (TSI). The district has held multiple public meetings at each of the MRI schools in order to explain the designation and to enlist support for the district's school redesign plans.

Upon notification from the New Mexico Public Education Department of the status of each grant application, each CSI school will hold a public meeting at the school in April 2018 to outline the reason for the school's CSI designation, the evidence-based interventions selected

by the school and the rationales for making those choices. The public meeting will be conducted by the school principal, with the assistance of the ESSA Principal Support Specialists for CSI schools and the Office of School Accountability Support, to help stakeholders, including parents, understand the data behind the designation.

Following the initial meeting in April 2018, each CSI school will hold biannual meetings in October and April of each of the three subsequent years of the ESSA designation to update the community, including parents and students, on the progress of school transformation efforts. Not only will schools communicate the status of evidence-based interventions, school leaders will also seek to involve stakeholders in supporting the school's efforts to meet challenging goals for improvement. At each meeting, the principal will outline the evidence-based interventions, provide leading indicator data and analyze evidence to show whether or not the evidence-based intervention is showing signs of effectiveness. At this time, school leaders will also solicit the community to provide input and suggest improvements and course corrections in the implementation process. In this way, CSI schools will implement evidence-based interventions in a manner and method responsive to the needs and priorities of the community it serves. Importantly, public meetings with shared data will also promote accountability in the implementation process.

These bi-annual meetings will not be the only way in which the district and individual CSI schools share information about the status of school improvement efforts. In addition to these meetings, APS will update stakeholders regarding the progress of CSI schools, along with the district as a whole, at the following meetings:

1. School Instructional Council Meetings
  - Held monthly at each school
2. School Community School Council Meetings
  - Held monthly at each community school
3. District Board of Education Equity & Engagement Committee Meetings
  - Held monthly at the district administration building
4. APS Board of Education Meetings
  - Formal updates presented in October and April

Finally, APS will use its communications tools, including its website, a weekly email newsletter for all stakeholders, a weekly email newsletter for employees and social media accounts, to share information about when stakeholder meetings will be held at each school and what attendees should expect to learn when they attend. By sharing this information, the district will ensure that all stakeholders have an opportunity to contribute to school improvement efforts and a diversity of perspectives will be represented.

## **II. School-Level Context**

### **A. School Overview**

Describe the results of in-depth student achievement data analysis, including the percent of students scoring at each level on PARCC and Istation (if applicable).

Over the last three administrations of PARCC, the percentage of Wilson Middle School students meeting or exceeding expectations has remained under 15 percent in all subject areas except Algebra I and Geometry. Specifically, Wilson students have struggled in the areas of Mathematics 6<sup>th</sup> Grade, Mathematics 7<sup>th</sup> Grade and Mathematics 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.

Table 1. Overall PARCC Performance

Subject	Year	PARCC Performance Level				
		1	2	3	4	5
Algebra 1	2015	4.5%	27.3%	50.0%	18.2%	
	2016	14.3%	28.6%	47.6%	9.5%	
	2017	6.7%	20.0%	33.3%	40.0%	
English/ Language Arts 6th Grade	2015	26.5%	39.1%	20.5%	13.9%	
	2016	32.4%	33.1%	26.4%	8.1%	
	2017	27.7%	38.5%	26.2%	7.7%	
English/ Language Arts 7th Grade	2015	43.0%	29.8%	16.6%	9.3%	1.3%
	2016	37.7%	31.1%	19.7%	9.8%	1.6%
	2017	47.0%	26.5%	15.2%	10.6%	0.7%
English/ Language Arts 8th Grade	2015	36.9%	25.4%	23.1%	13.8%	0.8%
	2016	37.7%	31.8%	17.9%	12.6%	
	2017	37.4%	30.2%	18.0%	12.9%	1.4%
Geometry	2016			30.0%	70.0%	
	2017		11.1%	55.6%	33.3%	
Mathematics 6th Grade	2015	30.3%	47.4%	15.1%	7.2%	
	2016	46.7%	34.0%	13.3%	6.0%	
	2017	40.5%	34.4%	18.3%	6.9%	
Mathematics 7th Grade	2015	23.0%	48.0%	23.0%	4.6%	1.3%
	2016	31.0%	45.2%	16.7%	7.1%	
	2017	39.2%	33.3%	22.2%	4.6%	0.7%
Mathematics 8th Grade	2015	52.5%	35.4%	11.1%	1.0%	
	2016	58.9%	29.0%	10.5%	1.6%	
	2017	45.6%	38.6%	12.3%	3.5%	

Analyzing mathematics results for Wilson Middle School by gender shows a consistent gender gap in English/Language Arts with female students outperforming than male peers by as much as twenty percentage points. Wilson Middle School serves a predominately-Hispanic population with the next largest race/ethnicity student group being White/Caucasian students. Comparing the PARCC performance of these two student groups shows Hispanic students consistently underperforming compared to their White/Caucasian peers. All of Wilson Middle School students now receive free meals as the school participates in the Community Eligibility Program of the Department of Food and Nutrition. This makes a comparison by free/reduced-price lunch status no longer possible.

Disaggregating the PARCC performance of Wilson Middle School students' education status shows a consistent pattern of students with disabilities performing worse than their peers. In fact, in most subjects, not a single student with a disability has ever met or exceeded expectations on PARCC. This pattern is also apparent when English Learners (EL) are compared to their non-EL peers.

Describe the results of in-depth NM TEACH data analysis, including the total number of instructional staff in the schools building and the number of staff identified as exemplary, highly effective, effective, minimally effective, and ineffective as identified by the most recently released NM TEACH data.

In 2016-2017, the last year for which NM TEACH data has been released, Wilson Middle School had 32 certified instructional staff members evaluated through NM TEACH. The number and percentage of instructional staff identified as exemplary, highly effective, effective, minimally effective and ineffective are given below.

NM TEACH	Number	Percentage	2016-2017 District Percentages
Exemplary	0	0%	3%
Highly Effective	3	9%	27%
Effective	21	66%	44%
Minimally Effective	8	25%	23%
Ineffective	0	0%	3%
TOTAL	32		

Based on this comparison, it is clear that teachers evaluated as Highly Effective and Exemplary (9%) are under-represented at Wilson Middle School as compared with the district overall (30%). Wilson Middle School teachers more likely to be evaluated as Effective (66%) than the district average (44%). Through professional development and processes like the PAR already described in this application, Wilson Middle School will continue to work to ensure that all teachers are effective.

**B. NM DASH Plans**

For the school the LEA is applying on behalf of, they must submit the following components:

- Completed NM DASH Offline Planning Process Workbook or 90-day Complete Detail Printout (as an attachment).
- Completed NM DASH Feedback Tool (as an attachment).

**C. Collaboration Structures**

For the school the LEA is applying on behalf of, describe the collaboration structures in place to include the:

- Schedule of grade-level, grade-band, or content area collaboration meetings, including frequency and length and a process and procedures utilized during collaboration meetings (e.g. agendas, protocols)

- Systems in place for principal and/or other instructional leaders to support and hold teachers accountable for meeting effectiveness.

Wilson Middle School has created a variety of structures for collaboration across the school. These include:

- **Mixed Collaborative Team Meetings:** Teachers are scheduled for collaboration once per week for 53 minutes. Collaboration is used for teacher/admin requested professional development and for data review. Currently, the collaboration sessions are mixed grade level and content. Collaboration time is also used for discussing, gathering and scoring 90-Day Plan data. For example, teachers score student RACE writing during collaboration and discuss student skill growth and next steps for classroom instruction.
- **Instructional Council Meetings:** Instructional Council meetings are bi-weekly and support the collaborative leadership approach for all instructional decisions. The team utilizes the Data Wise agenda. The Instructional Council is the same as the 90-Day Plan team. The IC discusses and plans staff meetings, collaborations, grade level meeting and school-wide professional development.
- **Grade Level Meetings:** Grade level meetings are monthly after school. The IC found a need for grade level meetings since collaboration time. Not all grade levels have common planning time due to the schedule. Common planning time will be a focus in building the schedule for the 2018-19 SY.
- **Staff Meetings:** Staff meeting time is utilized primarily for staff professional development opportunities.

### III. Evidence-based Interventions

#### A. Root Cause

Describe the process used by the LEA in collaboration with the school to identify needs and performance challenges, complete root cause, and identify focus area(s).

Albuquerque Public Schools requires all schools to use the NM PED’s NM DASH 90-Day Plan process to identify needs and performance challenges, identify focus areas and complete root cause analysis. The district has devoted significant resources to collaborating with schools in understanding and completing the process successfully, primarily through the School Accountability Support Department. For example, to develop its current 90-Day Plan, Wilson Middle School convened a core team of seventeen individuals. Through their work, they examined current student performance data and set goals for improvement using PARCC data. The next step was to use current data to determine the root cause of barriers to achieving these goals and a corresponding theory of action to lead to the desired result. The table below outlines each root cause analysis and a corresponding theory of action, which will be linked to an evidence-based intervention identified in the grant application.

Root Cause Analysis	Theory of Action
<b>Evidence-Based Intervention: Formative Assessment</b>	
Currently, iReady data demonstrates that	<b>Formative Assessment:</b> If Wilson Middle

<p>90% to 90% of student perform below grade level in ELA and Math. iReady Instruction will provide specific computer-adjusted instruction to address these weaknesses.</p>	<p>School teachers combine formative assessment using iReady Diagnostic Assessments with data driven instruction continuous improvement techniques, teachers will have the knowledge of how to better adapt instructional plans to students' needs. Improved Tier 1 instruction will lead the measurable gains in students' academic achievement on the PARCC.</p>
<p><b>Evidence-Based Intervention: Data Wise</b></p>	
<p>According to observations and walk-throughs, teachers' lesson plans and daily instructional activities lack alignment to Common Core State Standards in Writing. PARCC data in English and Math demonstrate that students do not do well with written response questions.</p>	<p><b>Data Wise:</b> If Wilson Middle School works with a partner in change (Solution Tree) to work with staff in looking at student data and to implement a system to improve teacher engagement strategies, then teachers will improve their instructional plans and implementation. If teachers improve classroom practices, students will improve writing skills, which will lead to increased student achievement in all academic areas.</p>
<p><b>Evidence-Based Intervention: Project-Based Learning</b></p>	
<p>Teachers have not had experience in aligning their lessons to CCSS in order to create challenging PBL projects/lessons. Teachers' alignment of Common Core State Standards in ELA or Math are aligned to students' performance level instead of grade level expectations.</p>	<p><b>Project-Based Learning:</b> If teachers receive professional development in project-based learning, students will engage in challenging academic tasks linked to grade level standards. When teachers successfully implement a project based learning model, student academic performance will improve and PARCC proficiency will increase.</p>

**B. Choice of Evidence-Based Interventions**

Identify the interventions meeting the top three tiers of evidence that schools in need of comprehensive support and improvement may choose to address the root cause.

Albuquerque Public School examined and vetted multiple interventions which meet either Tier 1, Tier 2 or Tier 3 levels of evidence as defined by the Every Student Succeeds Act. APS examined each intervention for its tier, which is based on the type of study that was done: experimental, quasi-experimental or correlational. Experimental studies provide the most rigorous level of evidence, but are rare in the educational literature. APS also examined interventions for their effect sizes and characterized these as Low, Moderate or High. Interventions with high effect sizes are more likely to lead to measurable student growth.

Intervention	Impact Based on Effect Sizes	ESSA Tier	Sources of Evidence
Use of Formative Evaluation (iReady)	High	Tier 2	Hattie, J. (2009). <i>Visible Learning: A Synthesis of over 800 Meta-Analyses Relating to Achievement</i> . New York. Routledge.
AVID Strategies	Moderate	Tier 2	Watt, K.M., Powell, C.A., Mendiola, I.D., & Cossio, G. (2006). Schoolwide impact and AVID: How have selected Texas high schools addressed the new accountability measures? <i>Journal of Education for Students Placed at Risk</i> . 11:1, 57-73.
Data Wise Continuous Improvement Process	Moderate	Tier 3	Bocala, C. & Boudett, K.P. (2015). Teaching educators habits of mind for using data wisely. <i>Teachers College Record</i> , v117 n4.
Cooperative Learning Strategies (Kagan)	Moderate	Tier 2	Hattie, J. (2009). <i>Visible Learning: A Synthesis of over 800 Meta-Analyses Relating to Achievement</i> . New York. Routledge.
Summer Learning	Low	Tier 2	Hattie, J. (2009). <i>Visible Learning: A Synthesis of over 800 Meta-Analyses Relating to Achievement</i> . New York. Routledge.
Blended Learning	Moderate	Tier 2	Brodersen, R.M. & Melluzzo, D. (2017). Summary of research on online and blended learning programs that offer differentiated learning options. Institute of Educational Sciences (IES) Regional Educational Laboratory (REL), U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.
Project/Problem Based Learning	Low to Moderate	Tier 3	Hattie, J. (2009). <i>Visible Learning: A Synthesis of over 800 Meta-Analyses Relating to Achievement</i> . New York. Routledge.
Project GLAD	Low to Moderate	Tier 2	Hahn, S.L.A. (2009). Developing the English language vocabulary of native Korean-speaking students through Guided Language Acquisition Design. Retrieved 2-15-2018 from uoregon.edu.
Small Group Tutoring	Moderate to High	Tier 2	Hattie, J. (2009). <i>Visible Learning: A Synthesis of over 800 Meta-Analyses Relating to Achievement</i> . New York.

			Routledge.
Tripod Student Surveys	Moderate	Tier 2	Ferguson, R.F., (2012). Can student surveys measure teacher quality? Phi Delta Kappan, Vol. 94, No. 3
Check and Connect	Moderate	Tier 2	<u>Sinclair, M. F., Christenson, S. L., Evelo, D. L., &amp; Hurley, C. M. (1998)</u> from the What Works Clearinghouse
Student Engagement	Moderate	Tier 2	Hattie, J. (2009). Visible Learning: A Synthesis of over 800 Meta-Analyses Relating to Achievement. New York. Routledge.
Dual Credit	Moderate to High	Tier 2	Early college, early success: Early college high school initiative impact study. Berger, A., Garet, M., Hoshen, G., Knudson, J., & Turk-Bicakci, L. (2014). Washington, DC: American Institutes for Research.
Decreasing Chronic Absenteeism	Moderate	Tier 3	Balfanz, R., & Byrnes, V. (2012). Chronic Absenteeism: Summarizing What We Know From Nationally Available Data. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Center for Social Organization of Schools.
Reducing Anxiety	Low	Tier 2	Hattie, J. (2009). Visible Learning: A Synthesis of over 800 Meta-Analyses Relating to Achievement. New York. Routledge.
School Counseling	Moderate to High	Tier 2	Whiston & Quinby (2009). Review of school counseling outcome research. Psychology in the Schools, 46(3), 267-272. Schatzberg & Nemeroff (2009). Textbook of Psychopharmacology. Arlington, VA: The American Psychiatric Publisher.
Phonics Instruction	Moderate	Tier 2	Hattie, J. (2009). Visible Learning: A Synthesis of over 800 Meta-Analyses Relating to Achievement. New York. Routledge.

Determine the interventions meeting the top three tiers of evidence that are relevant and appropriate to the needs of the school.

Based on a root cause analysis, Wilson Middle School chose interventions relevant and appropriate to meeting the needs discovered through the root cause analysis as described below. Only interventions meeting the top three tiers of evidence were considered for adoption.

Identify the school's chosen intervention(s).

Wilson Middle School selected the following evidence-based interventions:

- Implementation of Formative Assessments
- Implementation of Data Wise Continuous Improvement Process
- Implementation of Project-Based Learning Professional Development

Please see the theory of action included below for more details regarding each evidence-based intervention in the context of the theory of change.

### C. Sources of Evidence

Identify the sources of evidence used to determine the interventions meeting the top three tiers of evidence that are relevant and appropriate to the needs of the school.

Albuquerque Public Schools used the What Works Clearinghouse, published and peer-reviewed research and meta-analyses in order to determine which relevant and appropriate interventions met the top three tiers of evidence as defined by the Every Student Succeeds Act. For the source of evidence for each intervention, please refer to the table included previously in this application.

### D. Theory of Action

Detail a Theory of Action that will support implementation of the evidence-based intervention.

Theory of Action	Implementation of Evidence Based Intervention
<p><b>Formative Assessment:</b> If Wilson Middle School teachers combine formative assessment using iReady Diagnostic Assessments with data driven instruction continuous improvement techniques, teachers will have the knowledge of how to better adapt instructional plans to students' needs. Improved Tier 1 instruction will lead the measurable gains in students' academic achievement on the PARCC.</p>	<p>Wilson has selected iReady as the best formative assessment to provide the diagnostic information needed for teachers to adapt instructional plans to meet students' needs. Not only does iReady offer computer-adapted diagnostic assessments, but it also offers Standards Mastery Assessments and computer-adapted instruction matched to students' needs.</p>
<p><b>Data Wise:</b> If Wilson Middle School works with a partner in change (Solution Tree) to work with staff in looking at student data and to implement a system to improve teacher engagement strategies, then teachers will</p>	<p>Wilson has selected Solution Tree to be a partner in change to focus on student data, the changes in the community and the changes in student needs in recent years. Wilson's school grade has dropped from a D to an F over the last two school years. When surveying staff about professional development opportunities over the last few years, they feel there have been multiple opportunities but little follow</p>

<p>improve their instructional plans and implementation. If teachers improve classroom practices, students will improve writing skills, which will lead to increased student achievement in all academic areas.</p>	<p>through to support implementation. Research shows that teacher professional development has a significant positive impact on student learning. Research: (Blank, R.K., de las Alas, N., and Smith, C. 2008) Does Teacher Professional Development Have Effects on Teaching and Learning?: Evaluation Findings from Programs in 14 States. (Blank, R.K., de las Alas, N. 2009) Effects of Teacher Professional Development on Gains in Student Achievement: How Meta-Analysis Provides Scientific Evidence Useful to Education Leaders. As a Partner, Solution Tree would work with administration and staff to create an effective system for looking at student data, and determine areas of change, and needed professional development. Solution Tree would work with staff to set goals and timelines for follow-up. Follow-up sessions with Solution Tree would be set in periodic increments to support a review of systems, goals, implementation and to make appropriate adjustments and provide additional professional development.</p>
<p><b>Project-Based Learning:</b> If teachers receive professional development in project-based learning, students will engage in challenging academic tasks linked to grade level standards. When teachers successfully implement a project based learning model, student academic performance will improve and PARCC proficiency will increase.</p>	<p>Wilson MS will have a core group of teachers piloting project-based learning classrooms. These classrooms will test the theory that students using project-based learning to differentiate instruction to positively impact student gains when compared to classrooms which are not utilizing project-based learning. When implemented well, PBL has been shown to develop students’ critical thinking skills, improve long-term retention of content learned, and increase students’ and teachers’ satisfaction with learning experiences (Ravitz, 2009). The pilot group will include 2-6 teachers. These teachers will be provided professional development on project-based learning and will be a pilot group when looking at data with our partner in change.</p>

**IV. Budget**

**A. Budget Narrative**

The LEA/school must provide an appropriate and complete budget narrative that identifies and explains all proposed costs for LEA and school-level activities for the entire project period (planning period, three years of implementation).

Proposed Costs	Planning	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
<p><b>Formative Assessment:</b> Wilson Middle School will purchase the iReady Diagnostic/Instructional Site License to allow teachers to generate better information about students’ learning needs.</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>\$31,867</p>	<p>\$30,087</p>	<p>\$30,087</p>

<b>Data Wise:</b> Wilson Middle School will use funding to purchase consulting from Solution Tree and substitutes for additional collaborative time.	\$0	\$58,335	\$58,335	\$58,335
<b>Project-Based Learning:</b> Wilson Middle School will use funding to provide professional development in using a project-based learning model to teach grade level content standards.	\$0	\$7,200	\$7,200	\$7,200
<b>LEA Indirect Cost:</b> This has been budgeted at the PED Approved Indirect Cost Rate	\$0	\$2,814.92	\$2,763.48	\$2,763.48

In addition, applicants should identify all other sources of income that will support and sustain the whole-school change described in this application.

While the grant funding requested in this proposal is important and significant, it is not enough on its own to sustain the whole-school change described in this application and envisioned for Comprehensive Support & Improvement schools. The school will use its operational budget and other sources of income to align to its 90-Day Plan and support schoolwide changes in practices. For example, the district has invested in ESSA Support Principals and the School Accountability Support Department to strengthen school change practices at the district level. At the school level, principals must demonstrate how their Title I budgets align to their 90-Day Plan and how those budgets support evidence-based interventions. Finally, schools’ operational budget must align to the root causes described in the 90-Day plan once non-negotiable operational commitments are met.

For each major activity, describe the LEA’s strategies for why and how the LEA/school will sustain these actions past the whole project period of the grant.

Albuquerque Public Schools plans to sustain those actions that prove to be successful interventions past the whole project period of the grant. For Wilson Middle School, those interventions may include formative assessment using iReady, use of a school-wide Data Wise continuous improvement process and professional development in a project-based learning model. For each activity, the school will capture data to make determinations as to the effectiveness of the intervention in achieving the goal of increasing student learning and improving the school’s on-time graduation rate. Only those interventions demonstrating effectiveness in meeting these goals will be sustained after the grant period.

Clearly describe and justify any specific LEA-level administration and support expenses to be funded by CSI grant at no more than 10% of the total funding request for each period. Normal indirect cost may also be claimed at the PED-approved rate for the district.

Albuquerque Public Schools has requested to claim the normal indirect cost at the PED-approved rate for the district. For the 2017-2018 school year, that indirect cost rate is 2.89% and this figure has been used to calculate the school’s budget on the attached Budget Summary Chart.

The LEA and schools must demonstrate how they will align other available federal, state, and local resources to support the chosen evidence-based intervention.

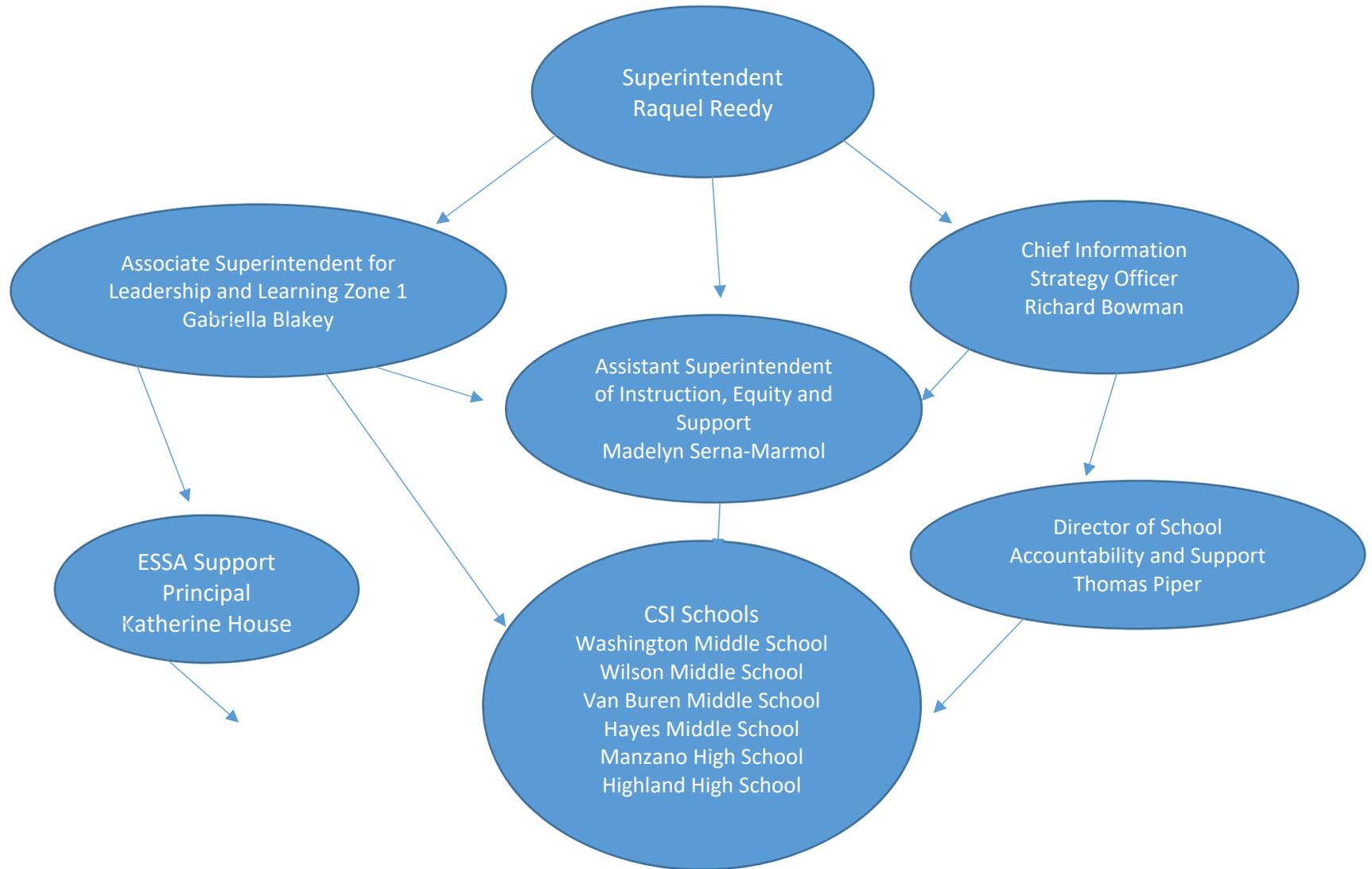
Albuquerque Public Schools and Wilson Middle School will align other available federal, state and local resources to support the evidence-based interventions.

**B. Budget Forms**

A complete Budget Summary Chart for the entire project period (planning period and two-years of implementation) (as an attachment).

The budget items must be clear and obvious as to how the proposed activities are directly impacting the school-level implementation of the evidence-based intervention(s) proposed in this application. The proposed expenditures must be reasonable and necessary to support the proposal's initiatives and goals/objectives. Grant funding must supplement, not supplant, existing funding sources.

# Albuquerque Public Schools Organizational Chart: Zone 1





**ASSESSMENTS 2017-18**  
**Middle School**



<b>Assessment</b>		<b>Testing Window</b>
<b>ACCESS</b>		
<i>for ELLs 2.0</i>		
<b>GR 6-8</b>	January 22 – March 16, 2018	
<b>NAEP</b>		
<i>National Assessment of Educational Progress</i>		
<b>GR 8 (Only Sampled Schools)</b>	January 29 - March 9, 2018	
<b>Science</b>		
<b>GR 7</b>	March 5 - 30, 2018	
<b>NMAPA</b>		
<i>New Mexico Alternate Performance Assessment</i>		
<b>GR 6-8</b>	March 12 - April 6, 2018	
<b>PARCC</b>		
<i>Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers</i>		
<b>GR 6-8</b>	April 16 - May 11, 2018 ( <i>online</i> )	
<b>GR 6-8</b>	April 16 - May 4, 2018 ( <i>paper</i> )	
<b>Spanish Reading</b>		
<b>GR 6-8</b>	April 16 - May 4, 2018 ( <i>paper</i> )	
<b>End of Course Exams EoCs</b>		
<b>GR 6-8</b>	April 30 - May 18, 2018	
<b>Interim Assessments</b>		
<b>Assessment</b>		<b>Testing Window</b>
<b>i-Ready</b>		
<b>BOY</b>	July 31 - September 29, 2017	
<b>MOY</b>	December 4, 2017 - January 26, 2018	
<b>EOY</b>	March 19, 2018 - May 22, 2018	



Spring 2018 Wilson MS  
Wilson Middle  
Albuquerque Public Schools  
February 19, 2018

#### Core Team

Teise Reiser - Principal  
Ivan Reeves - Principal  
Crista Fortier - District  
Linda Nash - District  
Susan Schipull - Teacher  
Debbie Macgillivray - Teacher  
Brad Jaffe - Teacher  
Mary Erwin - Teacher  
Kimberlee Orr - Teacher  
Ruthie Lewis - Teacher  
Lewis Kimmelman - Teacher  
Leah Messick-Gover - Teacher  
Michelle Freeman - Teacher  
Del Lack - Teacher  
Jason Krosinsky - Teacher  
Deidre Salaz - Teacher

Content Area	Grade(s)	Last Year's Results	This Year's Goals	Benchmark Goals
English Language Arts	6th, 7th, 8th	PARCC 6th Grade ELA - 7.7% Met or exceeded Expectations (10 Students) PARCC 7th Grade ELA - 11.3% Met or exceeded Expectations (17 students) PARCC 8th Grade ELA- 14.4% Met or exceeded Expectations (20 students)	6th Grade - PARCC 15% Met or exceeded Expectations (20 Students) 7th Grade - PARCC 23% Met or exceeded Expectations(34 students) 8th Grade - 29% Met or exceeded Expectations (40 students)	6th Grade - Students on grade level increases by 15% on iReady Assessments completed monthly 7th Grade - Students on grade level increases by 20% on iReady Assessments completed monthly 8th Grade - Students on grade level increases by 20% on iReady Assessments completed monthly
Mathematics	6th, 7th, 8th	6th Grade Math - PARCC 6.9% Met or exceeded Expectations (9 students) 7th Grade Math - PARCC 5.2% Met or exceeded Expectations (8 students) 8th Grade Math - PARCC 3.5% Met or exceeded Expectations (4 students)	6th Grade Math - PARCC 14% Met or exceeded Expectations (18 students) 7th Grade Math - PARCC 12% Met or exceeded Expectations (16 students) 8th Grade Math - PARCC 10% Met or exceeded Expectations (12 students)	6th Grade Math - Students on grade level increases by 10% on iReady Assessments completed monthly  7th Grade Math - Students on grade level increases by 10% on iReady Assessments completed monthly  8th Grade Math - Students on grade level increases by 10% on iReady Assessments completed monthly

## FOCUS AREA: Tier I (Core) instruction

Desired Outcome: Student written response scores will improve monthly through teacher PD and use of the RACE strategy.

### Root Cause(s):

When reviewing the ELA and Math evidence statements, all of the items where students scored red were directly tied to a student writing task.

The team brainstormed possible causes to be: distraction in and out of school, lack of academic vocabulary, lack of knowledge of structure

### CRITICAL ACTIONS

Timeline (start/end dates)	Critical Action to Address Root Cause & Achieve Desired Outcome	Resources Needed / Source	Person(s) Responsible	Person(s) Involved
12/01/2017 - 12/15/2017	RACE is given with grade level ELA prompt during Advisory block. This will provide baseline data.	6th, 7th & 8th grade level ELA prompt from the PARCC released items/PARCC Rubric	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves	All classroom teachers
12/01/2017 - 12/15/2017	RACE writing scored during collaboration using the PARCC Rubric	PARCC Rubric Student Writing	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves Brad Jaffe	ALL Teachers
01/02/2018 - 01/02/2018	PD support for ALL teachers on the RACE strategy and PARCC rubric	RACE Strategies PARCC Rubric	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves Brad Jaffe	Instructional Coach, Brad Jaffe All Teachers
01/08/2018 - 01/31/2018	RACE will be given with grade level ELA prompt during Advisory block	6th, 7th & 8th grade level ELA prompt from the PARCC released items/PARCC Rubric	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves Susan Schipull Brad Jaffe Mary Erwin	Instructional Council Grade Level Chairs ALL Teachers
01/08/2018 - 01/31/2018	RACE writing scored during collaboration using the PARCC Rubric	PARCC Rubric Student Writing	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves Brad Jaffe	Instructional Coach ALL Teachers

CRITICAL ACTIONS

Timeline (start/end dates)	Critical Action to Address Root Cause & Achieve Desired Outcome	Resources Needed / Source	Person(s) Responsible	Person(s) Involved
02/05/2018 - 02/23/2018	Discuss RACE scoring/student work and adjust instruction based on scoring	RACE Instruction tools	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves Brad Jaffe	ALL Teachers
05/01/2018 - 08/10/2018	Teachers will attend professional development on student engagement strategies.	Professional Development Presenters	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves	ALL Wilson Middle School Teaching Staff
05/01/2018 - 08/10/2018	Teachers will receive professional on Blended Learning utilizing iReady. 4-6 teachers will become a cohort to adopt blended learning into their classroom for the 2018-19 school year.	Professional Development Presenters	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves	All Wilson Middle School Teaching Staff
02/01/2018 - 02/28/2018	RACE will be given with grade level ELA prompt during Advisory block	6th, 7th & 8th grade level ELA prompt from the PARCC released items/PARCC Rubric	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves Brad Jaffe	All Teachers
02/01/2018 - 02/28/2018	RACE writing scored during collaboration using the PARCC Rubric	PARCC Rubric Student Writing	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves Brad Jaffe	All Teachers
03/01/2018 - 03/23/2018	RACE will be given with grade level ELA prompt during Advisory block	6th, 7th & 8th grade level ELA prompt from the PARCC released items/PARCC Rubric	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves Brad Jaffe	All Teachers
03/01/2018 - 03/23/2018	RACE writing scored during collaboration using the PARCC Rubric	PARCC Rubric Student Writing	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves Brad Jaffe	All Teachers
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## PROGRESS INDICATORS

Indicator Date	Evidence to Determine Progress Toward Achieving Desired Outcome	Potential Adjustments
12/15/2017	100% student participation in the RACE grade level writing baseline assessment	May need to complete over 2-3 days to ensure 100% participation
12/15/2017	Score baseline RACE writing sample using the PARCC rubric - scored during collaboration	Score over 2 collaboration periods
01/02/2018	100% of classroom teachers attend RACE PD. Teacher mentors can be determined for support.	Instructional Coach will re-teach as necessary.
03/01/2018	100% student participation in the RACE grade level writing baseline assessment with 80% showing improvements based on scoring.	May need to complete over 2 days to ensure 100% participation
03/23/2018	Principal sets aside Title 1 money and begins planning summer PD for student engagement strategies and blended learning and planning the training.	Adjustments may need to be made to PD dependent upon funding and availability.

## FOCUS AREA: School culture

Desired Outcome: Teachers will focus on student relationships which will decrease Chronic Truancy to 30% or less.

Root Cause(s): 2016/2017 Chronic Truancy Rate: 37.5%

Team brainstormed possible causes to be: lack of student engagement, out of district, transportation, don't feel safe, family vacations, feeling like they don't understand, sense of despair or inadequacy, not feeling valued, not important to families, illness of self or family, mobility, depression and lack of positive relationships.

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### CRITICAL ACTIONS

Timeline (start/end dates)	Critical Action to Address Root Cause & Achieve Desired Outcome	Resources Needed / Source	Person(s) Responsible	Person(s) Involved
01/02/2018 - 05/23/2018	Attend EWS PLC	EWS grade level spreadsheet	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves	District Leaders PLC Members Admin Team
01/02/2018 - 01/02/2018	Professional Development about EWS, student review, strategies for champions, brainstorming additional strategies to support EWS students	EWS grade level spreadsheet, resources gathered through Principal EWS PLC	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves	Grade Level Chairs
01/08/2018 - 01/31/2018	EWS Meetings by Grade level or Collaboration Team	EWS spreadsheets, feedback from PD day	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves	ALL Teachers
01/02/2018 - 01/31/2018	Attendance Team Meetings and Activities to encourage students to attend school daily	Spirit day list, activities brainstormed by students in October	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves	Student Council Attendance Team
01/02/2018 - 01/31/2018	Review of Attendance Success Plans	Student plans, strategies for attendance	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves	Truancy SW, Rebecca Bowen Attendance Team Counselor, Sheryl Duran

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03/01/2018 - 03/30/2018	EWS Meetings by Grade level or collaboration group	EWS spreadsheets, feedback from PD day	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves Kimberlee Orr Lewis Kimmelman Leah Messick-Gover	Grade level chairs
03/01/2018 - 03/30/2018	Attendance Activities to encourage students to attend school daily	Spirit day list, activities brainstormed by students in October	Teise Reiser Ivan Reeves Susan Schipull	Truancy SW, Rebecca Bowen
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PROGRESS INDICATORS

Indicator Date	Evidence to Determine Progress Toward Achieving Desired Outcome	Potential Adjustments
01/02/2018	Student perfect attendance numbers increase monthly (90 students in October)	Add to announcements frequently for a reminder of attendance importance.
01/02/2018	100% of staff trained on EWS strategies	Re-teach during collaboration
03/23/2018	EWS student lists for attendance, grades and behaviors have fewer students than in January.	Additional tutoring opportunities provided.
05/23/2018	EWS student lists for attendance, grades and behaviors have fewer students than in March.	Additional tutoring opportunities provided.

## Appendix A: Comprehensive Support and Intervention Assurances

The following assurances indicate support of the Board of Education (BOE), Local Education Agency (LEA), and School Leadership for the 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, and 2020-2021 school years in the areas specified. By signing these assurances, the parties agree to three years full participation in the **Comprehensive Support and Improvement Evidence-Based Intervention Implementation**.

If at any time a signed party does not adhere to the agreed assurances, the Request for Application will be deemed incomplete.

### LEA:

#### **The Board of Education commits to the following:**

1. Provide the prioritized support, autonomy, and accountability for urgent and sustainable success, including:
  - a. The BOE assures that it was involved in the discussion and application process with the LEA applying on behalf of eligible schools and supports the application/s.
  - b. The BOE commits to supporting the superintendent in modifying practice and policy, if necessary, to enable schools and teachers to fully participate and implement evidence-based interventions.
  - c. The BOE commits to flexibility in scheduling as it relates to evidence-based intervention activities, to include but not limited to allocating time for professional development and collaboration.
  - d. The BOE supports the use of summative and formative assessments to assess student proficiency and reviews LEA and school growth regularly to inform superintendent's progress toward LEA proficiency targets.
  - e. The BOE commits to successful completion of the evidence-based intervention in the event of LEA or school leadership changes.

#### **The LEA commits to the following:**

1. Assuring that each school the LEA proposes to serve will receive all of the State and local funds it would have received in the absence of funds received under Title 1, Part A, Sec. 1003a
2. Provide the prioritized support, autonomy, and accountability for urgent and sustainable success, including:
  - a. Partner with principal to establish a comprehensive school 90-day plan that is aligned with the LEA's strategic plan
  - b. Partner with principal on critical decisions like staffing, scheduling, budgeting, targeted professional development, and other operational issues
  - c. Put into place rigorous and aligned interim assessments 3-4 times per year along with efficient data collection and distribution for use at the school level
  - d. Proactively engage all stakeholders to acknowledge current reality and present a bold vision for the future of the school
  - e. Hold turnaround schools and principals accountable through a robust monitoring system as defined by the LEA

3. Ensure that conditions are in place at the school level to support turnaround, including:
  - a. Rigorous aligned interim assessments 3-4 times per year
  - b. Deep item analysis of interim assessments 3-4 times per year with one-on-one teacher-leader (principal, assistant principal, instructional coach) analysis meetings
  - c. Teacher action plans addressing root cause analysis of interim assessment data will be developed by all teachers and leaders prior to one-on-one teacher-leader analysis meetings
  - d. Structured weekly collaboration time for ongoing data analysis by PLCs
  - e. Student and staff culture of learning
  - f. Short-cycle observation walkthroughs and one-on-one teacher-leader feedback meetings
4. Message the evidence-based intervention to all stakeholders to include school board members and collective bargaining units as necessary
5. Develop a sustainability plan prior to the end of Year 3

**School Leadership Commits to the Following:**

1. Partner with LEA leadership to create and/or align systems at the school level to support a 90-day plan aligned with the LEA's strategic plan, including:
  - a. Rigorous aligned interim assessments 3-4 times per year
  - b. Timely dissemination of interim assessment data to teachers
  - c. Deep item analysis of interim assessments 3-4 times per year with one-on-one teacher-leader(principal, assistant principal, instructional coach) analysis meetings
  - d. Teacher action plans addressing root cause analysis of interim assessment data developed by all teachers prior to one-on-one teacher-leader analysis meetings
  - e. Structured weekly collaboration time for ongoing data analysis by PLCs/grade level meeting/collaboration time
  - f. Student and staff culture of learning
  - g. Short-cycle observation walkthroughs and one-on-one teacher-leader feedback meetings
2. Align school policies and structures to provide ongoing school-site support for all teachers to support implementation of the evidence-based intervention

  
 President, Board of Education Signature

  
 Date

  
 Superintendent Signature

  
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 School Leadership Signature

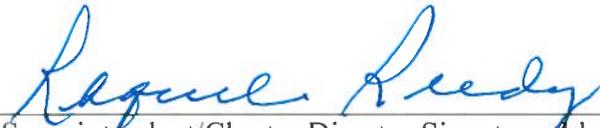
  
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**Appendix B: Certification and Approval**

I hereby certify that I am the applicant’s Superintendent/Charter Director, and that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I further certify, to the best of my knowledge, that any ensuing program and activity will be conducted in accordance with all applicable application guidelines and instructions, and that the requested budget amounts are necessary for the implementation of this project.

I understand that this application constitutes an offer and, if accepted by the PED or renegotiated to acceptance, will form a binding agreement. I also agree that immediate written notice will be provided to PED if at any time I learn that this certification was erroneous when submitted, or has become erroneous by reason of changed circumstances.

Raquel M. Reedy	
Superintendent/Charter Director Printed Name	Date

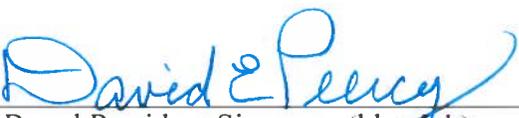
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Superintendent/Charter Director Signature (blue ink)	Date

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Dr. David Peercy	
Board President Printed Name	Date

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Board President Signature (blue ink)	Date