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The Strategic Blueprint Goal of building learning environments focuses on flexible learning environments and opportunities for collaboration, both amongst teachers and students, to create inspired 21st century learners. One of the action steps in this goal area for the current school year is to develop articulation processes for grade-to-grade transitions within the Pleasantdale schools. Making sure that students make a smooth transition from 4th to 5th grade is a priority due to the fact that students are making a transition from elementary school to middle school. Therefore, both building principals, the Director of Special Education, and the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning have worked on a 4th to 5th grade transition plan and timeline that will be implemented during the winter and spring of 2019.

The plan addresses all stakeholders in the 4th to 5th grade transition: students, teachers, administrators, and parents. We have increased the collaboration and articulation between the 4th and 5th grade teachers to multiple meetings and added site visits. Students will have ample opportunities to engage in transition to middle school activities, and parents will be informed each step of the way. The goal is for our 4th grade students to make a smooth transition to middle school by focusing on supporting the whole child.

Below is an outline of the activities, dates, and purpose for each step of the transition plan.

What	When	Why
Building Administrators Attend 4th and 5th Grade Winter Data Meetings	January 2019	Administrators become familiar with each building's data meeting process and get to know student needs
"Save the Dates" Flyer Sent to 4th Grade Parents	February 2019	Parents are notified of 4th to 5th grade transition events such as 4th grade Parent Night and Student "Step Up" Day
4th and 5th Grade Teachers Meeting	February 20, 2019	4th and 5th grade teachers discuss classroom practices and expectations; use of iPads and Schoology
4th Grade Parent Night	April 2019 (Date TBD)	Middle School Principal leads an information night for incoming 4th grade parents

4th Grade “Step Up” Day	Early May 2019 (Date TBD)	4th grade students visit Pleasantdale Middle School
Teacher Site Visits	March/April 2019	4th grade teachers visit/observe 5th grade classrooms 5th grade teachers visit/observe 4th grade classrooms Middle School Principal and Social Worker visit 4th grade classrooms to talk with students after “Step Up” Day to debrief
4th to 5th Grade Spring Data and Articulation Meetings	May 13th/14th (TBD) for placement May TBD for whole child/student support	Placement discussions for math, ELA, lab classes Planning for student needs/transition plans
4th Grade Parents Notified of 5th Grade Placement	June 2019	Placement letters go out with trimester 3 report cards
“Move Into Middle School”	August 2019	New 5th graders visit PMS, move into lockers, etc.

Presentation Takeaways:

- A new plan has been developed outlining the 4th to 5th grade transition.
- The goal of the plan is to ensure a smooth transition to 5th grade.
- The plan includes activities and opportunities for students, parents, and teachers/administrators focused on supporting the whole child.