

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

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BLAST Update: Building Leadership and Academic Strengths Together

Board Goal:

- Remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus
- Prepare our students to be successful in a global society while instilling an appreciation for community service
- Develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life.

Purpose of Report

- To share information and achievement data results from piloting the BLAST program at Ryan High School.

Objectives

- To provide rigorous academic, social, and emotional advancement by focusing on how students are strong, not how they are wrong.
- To provide a curriculum that combines a proven one on one peer tutoring methodology with The Gallup Organization's research-driven strategies for building student hope, engagement, and resiliency.

Operational Impact

- The majority of the financial impact was from federal funding.

Results

- Improved behavior in BLAST students
- Individual gains in academic performance
- BLAST students are observably more confident in their abilities to lead, mentor, and describe their future in a more positive forecast.

Other Options

N/A