Board Update

Feb 15, 2024

Agenda

I. Winter Retreat: Re-Cap & Confirm Direction

II. Completing the Plan: Process Overview & Schedule

III. Scope of Work: Discuss/Confirm

IV. Next Steps

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2023 Board Retreat Summary

December 9-11, 2023

Produced By

OnStrategy

Retreat Outcomes

Re-establish the direction and governance of the North Slope Borough School District...

- Clear direction on student outcomes and what we want for our kids
- Full alignment and ready to advocate for where we want to go
- Outline of Budget Priorities to fund our direction

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Our Impact

The impact we have as Board members...





Board Direction Executive Summary

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Key Considerations

From Finance & Student Representative

Financial Guidelines:

- · Don't let finances limit thinking.
- Set your priorities and we'll work to resource your direction.

Maggie's Recommendations:

- Mental & Emotional Health: Accommodations for students needing help, to help students be at their best potential for learning. (Possible solutions: stigmatization, quick resources, counselors)
- Academics: Having the same knowledge as students in other districts. In some cases, not being challenged as could be.
- **3. Opportunities**: Not confident and the right way to realize opportunities they see.

Mega Themes

- 1. Interventions to get to grade level
- 2. Immersion & culturally based units
- 3. Vocational Skills
- 4. Grow our own teachers

What We Do Today Affects our Children, Grandchildren & great Grandchildren

High Expectations for attendance, Reading, Writing & Math

We must change the current state of our students' performance.

Whole Child Focus requires supports.

Use of counselors. Interventionist as a huge strategy.

Teacher & Staff Retention

Given the nationwide shortfall and competing with NSB compensation, what is our approach to address?

Shoot for the moon.

Realize sustainable funding to achieve consistent, cohesive student outcomes.

Breaking silos across the Slope.

Partnerships. Working Together.

Can we get federal funding for language immersion?

MUST be lock step with the tribe.

Board Support - Critical Areas:

TS Plan > Addressing student developmental concerns...engaging in a community conversation

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Key Funding Decisions

Shoot for the moon. Realize sustainable funding to achieve consistent, cohesive student outcomes.

Student Interventionists:

1 per site + 6 teacher (\$1.7M), 2 per site (\$3.4M)

Language Teachers:

3 teachers for kindergarten (\$500K)

Paraprofessionals to Local Teachers:

Support 3 with tuition (\$360K)

Culture-Based Units, continue and fill in the gaps

\$\$ TBD based on where we want to go/can go

Vocational Education Teachers 1 per village (6) (\$1M)

Summary of Asks / Collaborations

- Mayor Tuition Waiver / Pot for additional opportunities
- Mental Health Partnership/Collaborations
- Activate Partnership with NSB Health Department
- Compensation Study
- Partnership with IICCAS
- Unlock Federal Funds

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Policy Changes to Re-Visit

1. Set ILF into Policy

- Revise Graduation Requirements to reflect # years of language required to graduate
 - Starting with at least 2 years language (short-term)
- Culture-based units & language are compulsory (not elective)

Plan Outline

Working Draft

Outline of District Goals identified for further buildout in the planning process

5 Domains + Identified District Goal Areas

Culturally Responsive Instruction

- 1. Bilingual Students
- 2. Academic Standards
- 3. Career Readiness
- 4. Authentic Assessment

Student Social & Emotional Wellbeing

5. Student Wellbeing

Staff Support & Professional Development

- 6. Staff Development & Retention
- 7. Grow Our Own Teachers

Family & Community Collaboration

8. Purposeful Partnerships

Financial & Operational Stewardship

9. Sustainable Funding

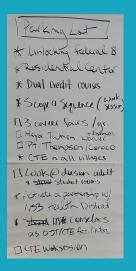
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Budget Requests

Rough Estimates

Intervention	Minimum Request: \$1.7M 10 positions (4 new student + 6 new teacher coach interventionists) (work to the floor & try to get above it) Ideal Scenario Request: \$3.4M (2 Interventionists per site) (starting with high-need sites) (this is the ceiling)
Language Instruction	\$500K (+1 additional Teacher to staff 3 people at Ipalook for Immersion) (to grow the program) Current K3 kids are moving up to kindergarten
Staffing Paraprofessionals	\$TBD. Compensation study to figure out what this number is (we know it is not currently adequate) Could increase the scale to match Borough
Growing our Own Teachers	\$350-360K – Funding paraprofessionals to become teachers. If we were to pay 3 Paraprofessionals to study/complete their study, it would = 3 teacher salaries (\$120K per).
Development of Culture-Based Unites	\$TBD (from general fund) Was initially funded by a grant then moved to general fund It has not been funded by the general fund for past 5 years (previously Mayor would give ~\$660K to IED)
Voc Ed / Pathways	\$500K - 3 Voc Ed Teachers (\$500K) to improve the amount of Voc Ed happening \$1M = 1 per village would be 7 total (6 additional)
Mental Health	Trade of 8 rooms = Clinicians at the Site Getting SPED teachers into the buildings (may require double the salary)

Parking Lot



- Unlocking Federal Funds
- Residential Centers
- Dual Credit Courses (Mayor Tuition Waiver)
- Dedicated Work Session for CTE (CTE in all villages)
- Sequence of Work Sessions (one per each Department/Topic)
- Pt Thompson / Conoco
- Look at Division (Adult & Student Rooms)
- Activating a Partnership with NSB Health District
- Career Fairs (3 per year)
- Use of Counselors and Counselor Roles in the Villages (convert positions to therapeutic; use counselors as OJT/CTE Facilitators)
- Look at NSB Insurance
- Compensation Study with other Borough entities (and AK Districts)
- Tribal Academy what does it represent? (Tribal Educator Qualification/Certificate) (Opportunity to partner/work together?)
- Summer Immersion Culture/Language Camp for a month
- Grants Management

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Closing Comments

Board Reflection

One word to describe how you are feeling...

- Relieved
- Surprised
- Warm Heart
- Fulfilled
- Energized
- Aligned



Completing the Plan

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Strategic Planning Outcomes

Creating a Cohesive Strategic Plan...

- · An agreement and decision-making tool for the District
- The model and plan are deeply rooted in our system and reinforced by policy
- The model and system in place are owned by the Board & community and executed by the administration.
- The plan creates continuity agnostic of who is on the Board or serving as the Superintendent.
- Consistent measurement to show progress over time (we are creating new baselines to move from here)
- We are serious about our Inupiaq program as well as our reading & comprehension program.

Next Steps

High-Level Summary

Date	Activity	Approach
January-Feb	Board Retreat Follow-up & Exec Summary	OnStrategy
	Process Outline & Scope of Work to Complete the Plan	Confirm w/Board (Feb) Rollout w/Directors (Feb)
March-April	Planning Sessions to build out the plan	Working Groups by Goal Virtual Pre-Planning On-Site Planning (March) Board Working Session (April)
May-June	Fine tune and finalize the Plan	Board Retreat (May)
July-Aug	New Plan to begin July 1, 2024	Board Approval (Aug)
August - Ongoing	Rollout & Implementation	Rollout, communication & aligned execution

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Process Overview

January 2024 - June 2025



Pre-Planning Jan-Feb 2024	Phase 1: Build the Plan Feb-April 2024	Phase 2: Finalize the Plan May-June 2024	Phase 3: Implement the Plan July 2024-June 2025
Approach - Planning the Plan Design the approach and planning schedule Kick-off the process Gather existing data & information Build the Planning Workspace Board Activities Feb 15 Board Meeting - Re-cap & confirm the direction set at the Winter Retreat Approve Scope of Work & Budget	Approach – Building the Draft Plan Virtual workshops to initiate planning & collection of additional data On-site Planning Sessions to build plan Board working session to clarify direction Produce the Draft Plan v1 Board Activities April 24 Working Session - Executive overview of working draft; address clarifying questions (Virtual)	Approach - Finalizing the Plan Board retreat to refine the plan Finalize the plan based on Board feedback Produce the Final Plan to commence with the FY24/25 School Year. Board Activities May 29 Board Retreat – Full Day to discuss, refine & confirm the plan (On-Site)	Approach - Rollout & Implement Finalize Communication Documents Setup the execution cycle & schedule Setup the plan in the OnStrategy tool to enable consistent management & reporting Support the execution cycle Board Activities Approve the Plan (August Board Mtg) Communicate/Advocate the Plan Winter Board Retreat (Refresh annual focus and budget priorities)
Staff / Planning Team Activities • Feb 16 Director Meeting - Kick-Off Confirm planning schedule, outcomes & expectations • Confirm planning participants for each Goal	Staff / Planning Team Activities Pre-Planning Workshops (Virtual) (Week of Feb 26 / to be scheduled) Data Collection & Prep (March 1-22) Onsite Planning Sessions (March 24-26) Address outstanding details (April)	Staff / Planning Team Activities Follow-up requests per Board Retreat to finalize the plan Department Action Plans for FY24-25	Staff / Planning Team Activities Complete and execute Annual Action Plan Consistent execution cycle across departments and the leadership team Monthly/Quarterly Strategy Reviews Bi-Annual Report to the Board
Deliverables Confirmed and approved Scope of Work & Planning Schedule Detailed Workspace for each goal (preloaded)	Working Draft Strategic Plan District Goal Detail, Outcomes, Roadmap Draft Department Goals & Structure for Annual Action Plans	Deliverables Final Plan for Board Approval Long-Term Vision & Strategic Direction District Goal Detail; Outcome Measures & Targets; 5-Year Roadmap Dept Goals & Annual Action Plans	Deliverables Board Approved Strategic Plan Communication Documents Execution Playbook Bi-Annual Progress Reports to the Board & Stakeholders

Process Overview – Board Activities



January 2024 - June 2025

Pre-Planning	Phase 1: Build the Plan	Phase 2: Finalize the Plan	Phase 3: Implement the Plan
Jan-Feb 2024	Feb-April 2024	May-June 2024	July 2024-June 2025
 Feb 15 Board Meeting - Re-cap & confirm the direction set at the Winter Retreat. Approve Scope of Work & Budget 	April 24 Working Session - Executive overview of working draft; address clarifying questions (Virtual)	 May 29 Board Retreat – Full day to discuss, refine & confirm the strategic plan (On-Site) Provide direction for any modifications to finalize the plan for approval 	 Aug Board Meeting - Approve the Plan Communicate and Advocate for the Plan Winter Board Retreat - Refresh annual focus and budget priorities for the next school year

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Historical Perspective



Previous Engagements - 5-Year Plan Development



2009-2015 5-Year Plan

- 2008-2009 Planning
- 2009-2010 Planning Total: Ice Ages (~\$50K)

Implementation & Annual

- 2012-12: \$37,395

2015-2020



2015-2020 5-Year Plan

- 2014-15 Planning \$36,450 2014-15 Extension \$24,500
- Total: \$60,950

Implementation & Annual Refresh (1 Retreat)
• 2015-16: \$41,300
• 2017-18: \$43,875



2020-2025 5-Year Plan

- 2019-20 Planning: \$53,625
- 2019-20 Extension: **\$9750** Total: \$63,345

Implementation & Annual



2023-24 Planning (Jan-Jun)

Proposed: \$70K

Implementation & Annual Refresh (1 Retreat) (Estimate)

2024-25: (Jul-Jun) ~\$40K

Closing

Decisions from the Board

- Approval Scope of Work
- Confirm Board Participation & Input into the Process (April, May)

Immediate Next Steps

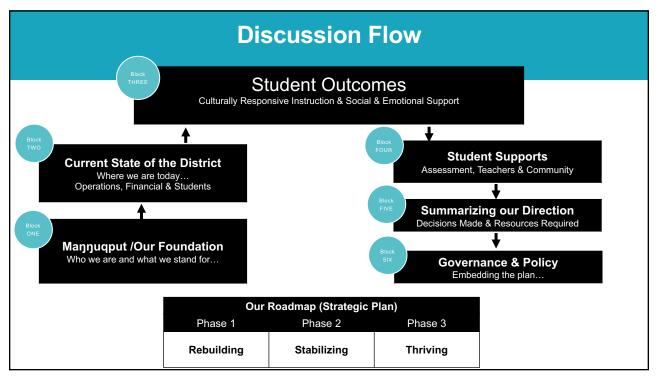
- · Kick-Off with Directors
- Prep for On-Site Sessions

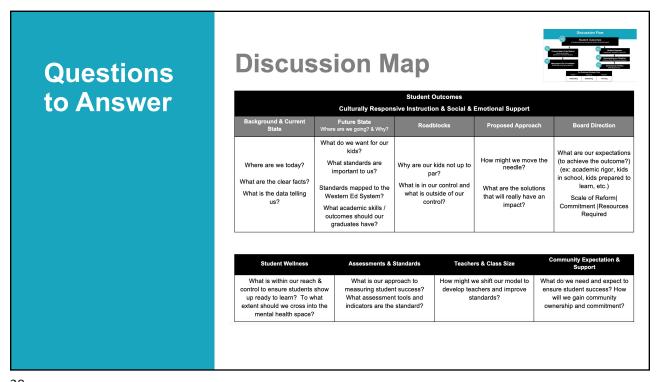
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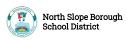




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Mannuput - Our Foundation





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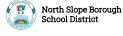
The North Slope Borough School District is committed to embedding through our curriculum and teaching practices, traditional Iñupiaq ways of raising and educating children, Iñuguqsiñiq, which is the principle that guides our work with the children and communities of the North Slope. We share in the responsibility to support our students' development as iñulluatat - good human beings - able to navigate successfully in today's world.

We honor and recognize the unique process of learning that is deeply tied to the land, culture, language, and knowledge of the Iñupiat. This approach, that is directed by the Iñupiaq worldview,

respects how children learn as they become aware of their surroundings and expand their knowledge into adulthood.



Mannuqput - Our Foundation (English Interpretation)



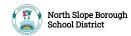




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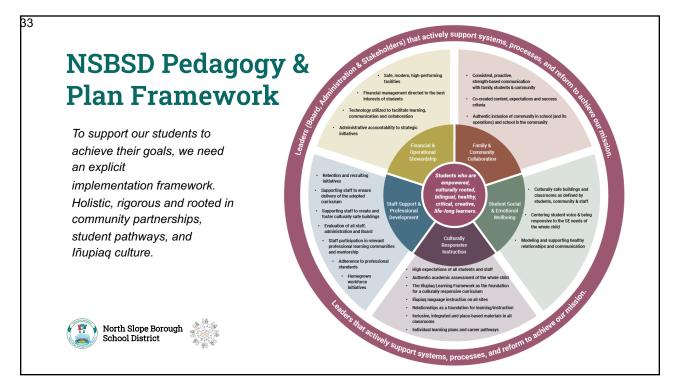
Grow empowered, culturally rooted, bilingual, healthy, life-long learners who are creative and critical thinkers.





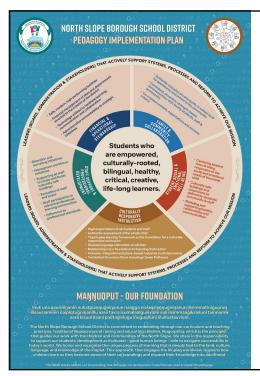


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Five Domains North Slope Borough School District All students will reach their intellectual potential and achieve academic 1. Culturally Responsive success through integrating Iñupiaq knowledge systems into the core Instruction content areas and focusing on the development of the Whole Child. 2. Student Social & Support the physical, nutritional, mental, and social-emotional health of all students. **Emotional Wellbeing** 3. Family & Community Foster collective responsibility, commitment and trust between the school and community. Collaboration 4. Staff Support & Strengthen the recruitment and retention of highly effective staff and **Professional Development** inspire indigenous teachers. 5. Financial Operational Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district. Stewardship

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Strategic Plan Structure

Level 1 Framework	Level 2 Aligned to Domain	Level 3 Aligned to District Goal	Level 4 Aligned to Dept Goals
5 Domains			
	District Goals		
		Outcomes	
		Roadmap	
		Dept Goals	
			Dept Action Items (FY24/25)



Board Direction by Goal

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- 6. Staff Development & Retention
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Family & Community Collaboration

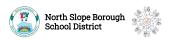
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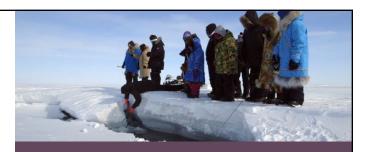
Financial & Operational Stewardship

9. Sustainable Funding

Culturally Responsive Instruction

All students will reach their intellectual potential and achieve academic success through integrating lñupiaq knowledge systems into the core content areas and focusing on the development of the Whole Child.





- Iñupiaq language instruction on all sites
- High expectations of all students and staff
- · Authentic academic assessment of the whole child
- The Iñupiaq Learning Framework as the foundation for a culturally responsive curriculum
- Relationships as a foundation for learning/instruction
- Inclusive, integrated and place-based materials in all classrooms
- Individual learning plans and career pathways

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Goals



Goal 1: Bilingual Students

- Immersion in every school
- 2 hrs of language per day, per student

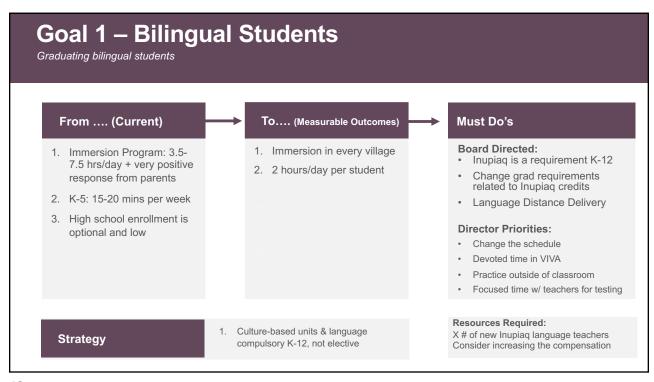
Goal 2: Academic Standards / Grade Level Proficiency

- All Students at or above grade level proficiency
- Attendance 90% (80% is minimum)
- Graduating
- Culture Based Units 700

Goal 3: Career Readiness

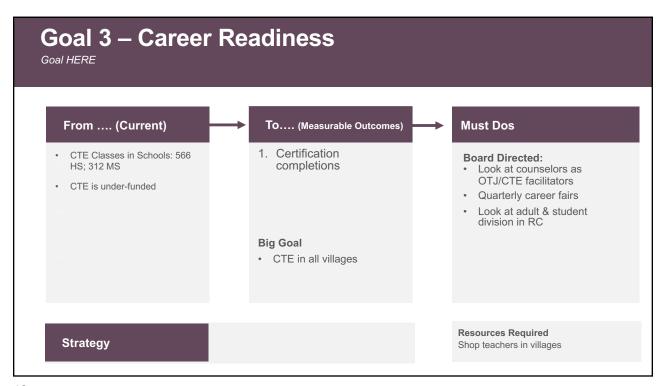
- Certification completions
- CTE in all villages

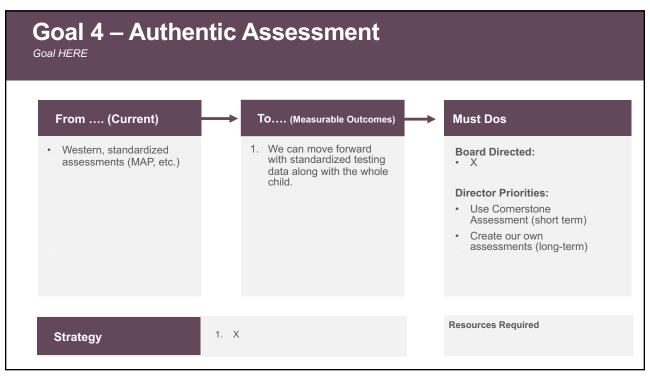
Goal 4: Authentic Assessment



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Goal 2 – Academic Standards High expectations of all students & staff. **Must Dos** From (Current) To.... (Measurable Outcomes) **Board Directed** 1. All students will be at/or 1. < 5% of students are District-wide attendance & above grade level reading at a grade assessment awareness campaign proficiency appropriate level Intervention services at each school (2 per school = 22) 2. < 5% of students are 2. Graduating graduating at grade Year-to-year coherence w/ teach appropriate level interventionists (2 per region) Attendance - 90% (80% Standardize structures & grade 3. Districtwide attendance of is min) appropriate materials XX% Culture based units set in policy 4. 350 culture-based units Parents to receive & understand 4. 700 Culture-based units performance reports Consistent interventionists at each site Resources Required High quality, coherent, consistent instruction Strategy 4 additional student Interventionists Culturally based units & teaching 6 additional teacher interventionists





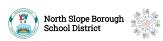
Success Indicators

Key Metric	Data Set (Quant/Qual)	Data Source
Student Attendance	Quantitative	Attendance Data
Student Engagement	Qualitative	*assessment metric required
Authentic Academic Assessment of the Whole Child		
English language proficiency	Quantitative	Assessed (Standardized Testing)
Iñupiaq language proficiency	Quantitative	*assessment metric required
Math proficiency	Quantitative	Assessed (Standardized Testing)
Science proficiency	Quantitative	Assessed (Standardized Testing)
Student Progress on Co- created Individual Learning Plan	Quantitative/Qualitative	*assessment metric required
Student Progress on Career Pathway Plan (apprenticeships, College applications, subsistence proficiency)	Qualitative	*assessment metric required

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Student Social & Emotional Wellbeing

Support the physical, nutritional, mental, and social-emotional health of all students.





- Culturally safe buildings and classrooms as defined by students, community & staff
- Centering student voice & being responsive to the SE needs of the whole child
- Modeling and supporting healthy relationships and communication

Goals

Goal 5: Student Wellbeing

- Student Behavior Data (Decrease in # of behavior incidents)
- NSB Clinicians in all sites

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Goal 5 – Student Wellbeing Throughout the district... **Must Dos** From (Current) To.... (Measurable Outcomes) 1. ~2,300 office disciple referrals at BHS in 22/23 1. Student Behavior Data (# **Board Directed:** of behavior incidents) Trade of 8 rooms for Clinicians at sites Need Paraprofessionals (comp 2. NSB Clinicians in all sites 2. No mental health support package) today Director: 1. 504 Plan Implementation Explore: 2. Social Emotional Programs STOP App 3. Strong work with Inter-agency • NSB Health Partnership Integrated Behavioral Health ILF Mental Health NSB needs to take the lead re mental health. Resources Required Strategy Partner w/ NSB Health for clinicians at all sites. Capacity of student services Hold children safe

Staff Support & Professional Development

Strengthen the recruitment and retention of highly effective staff and inspire indigenous teachers.





- Retention and recruiting initiatives
- Supporting staff to ensure delivery of the adopted curriculum
- Supporting staff to create and foster culturally safe buildings
- Evaluation of all staff, administration, and board
- Staff participation in relevant professional learning communities and mentorship
- Adherence to professional standards
- Homegrown workforce initiatives

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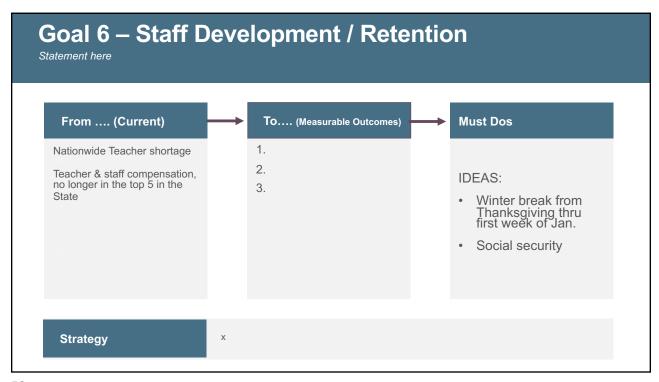
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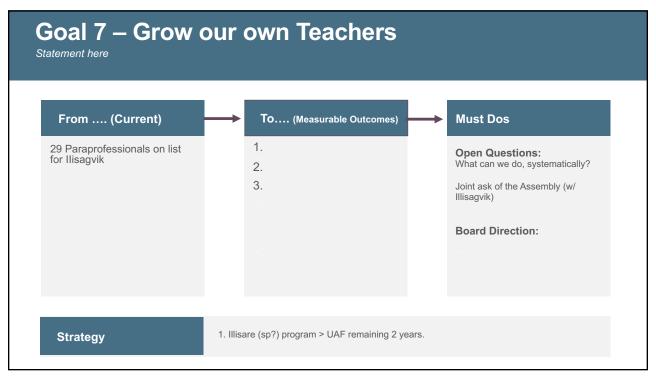
Goal 6: Staff Development & Retention

Measurable outcomes

Goal 7: Grow our own Teachers

Measurable outcomes





Family & Community Collaboration

Foster collective responsibility, commitment and trust between the school and community.





- Consistent, proactive, strength-based communication with family, students & community
- Co-created content, expectations and success criteria
- Authentic inclusion of community in school (and its operations) and school in the community

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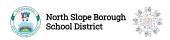
Goals

Goal 8: Purposeful Partnerships

• Measurable outcomes

Financial & Operational Stewardship

Effectively employ our operational and financial resources to support our strategic goals and long-term stability of the district.





- Safe, modern, high-performing facilities
- Financial management directed to the besinterests of students
- Technology utilized to facilitate learning, communication and collaboration
- Administrative accountability to strategic initiatives

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Goals

Goal 9: Sustainable Funding

Realize sustainable funding to achieve consistent, cohesive student outcomes.