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Pleasantdale Elementary School 2023-24 School Improvement Plan Update

I am pleased to report that the elementary school has made great progress on all of our school improvement goals. These goals are developed in coordination with teachers. We align our building goals with the District’s Strategic Plan so that all efforts are aligned and we are working together to move District 107 forward. The process for school improvement planning begins in late spring, with our Lead Teachers identifying growth areas for our building. Last spring, we identified three areas to address:

1. Implementation of CKLA Amplify, our K-4 ELA resource,
2. Refining our PBSS program, and
3. Providing opportunities to engage the community and one another in celebration and learning.

These 3 areas align to the D107 Strategic Blueprint in the area of Building Learning Capacity.

Goal Area 1: Building Learning Capacity
Goal Statement: Pleasantdale Elementary School will effectively implement the new K-4 ELA resource, CKLA Amplify.
Timeline: May 2024
Measures: At the end of the 2023-24 school year, the identified deliverables will be accomplished.
Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Summer professional development for teachers● Monthly professional development for teachers● Develop grade level scope and sequence/Create personalized pacing guide● Organization of resources● Exploration of Writing Studio K-2● Implementation of Language Studio (EL)

Under this goal, we have met or partially met each deliverable. Those teachers who implement CKLA participated in training before the start of the school year. In addition, our Reading Specialists have met with grade-level teams throughout the year to support ELA instruction. Our Curriculum Council members have worked with their grade-level teams to develop a scope and sequence of instructional units and explored different pacing plans for individual lessons. The instructional knowledge of our teachers, coupled with their awareness of individual students’ needs, has led our team to personalize CKLA Amplify to best support our students. Our EL teachers, in conjunction with Dr. Ban, have explored Language Studio and are scheduled to receive additional training during Summer 2024.



Goal Area 2: Building Learning Capacity
Goal Statement: Pleasantdale Elementary will further develop our PBSS program to best support students.
Timeline: May 2024
Measures: At the end of the 2023-24 school year, the identified deliverables will be accomplished.
Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Onboard new Social Worker and Psychologist; ● Implement consistent language/expectations throughout the school; ● Utilize BESS as a social-emotional universal screening tool; ● Educate parents on tiered behavior support; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Curriculum Night, individual placement notices ● Partner with West40 ALOP/Tapestry program

We have been able to meet many of the deliverables in this section through the hard work and dedication of our PBSS committee, led by Sara Poplawski and Alec Buti. We continue to build consistency in language to describe behaviors and expectations, which helps provide clarity and consistency for students and staff. Our Eagles Nest referral process has been digitalized, and our Social Worker facilitates the majority of our Eagles’ Nest visits. This provides consistency and appropriate follow-through with students who may need additional intervention. We implemented a new social-emotional screener, which helps identify students who may be at risk. During curriculum night and individual parent contact, we have communicated about the supports available to students. Finally, we have successfully implemented year 1 of Tapestry, our partnership with West40 ALOP. One of the greatest benefits of this program is the ability to provide a bridge between elementary and middle for some of our students who may struggle the most with this transition. We continually seek ways to best support students and provide them with the strategies and resources they need to be successful.

Goal Area 3: Building Learning Capacity
Goal Statement: Pleasantdale Elementary School will provide opportunities to engage the community and one another in celebration and education.
Timeline: May 2024
Measures: At the end of the 2023-24 school year, the identified deliverables will be accomplished.
Deliverables: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Meet the Teacher ● Staff PD on Preschool ● Tim Hannig ProKids Show (PBSS Assembly) ● Getting Ready for Kindergarten (Parent PD)

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- Curriculum Night
- Kindergarten Playdate
- Parent phone calls home (3-week check-in)
- New Family Coffee
- Sharing Spaces
- Science Night/Science Fair
- District Art Show
- Preschool Open House
- D107 Blue Ribbon Community Celebration

We have met and/or plan to meet each deliverable listed. The intention of this goal was to connect with our families and engage them in our school community. This was achieved by the back-to-school PBSS assembly, the various Blue Ribbon events, music shows, upcoming Art Show, Incoming Kindergarten Night, and Preschool Open House. These events bridge home and school, allowing families to become more actively engaged in their child's learning. These events also provide opportunities to celebrate the success of our students. We are proud of their accomplishments and the opportunities our staff create to showcase their students' learning.

I am proud of the work we have achieved and the opportunities available to our staff to enhance their skills. The end goal is to increase student growth both academically and social-emotionally. We are creating the framework for the future and know that our students are the beneficiaries. Pleasantdale Elementary continues to be one of the highest-performing schools in Illinois. This reflects the work we have done collaboratively to support students and create a place for all students to succeed. Our success as a school is not by chance. Rather it is the result of deep reflection, intentional planning, and actively working on our plan. Thank you for your continued support of Pleasantdale Elementary School.