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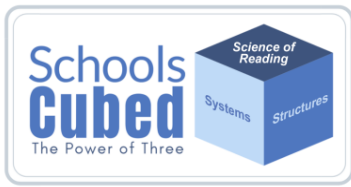
Proposal for Literacy Audits

Browning School District

for Rebecca Rappold
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Ms. Rappold,

Thank you for considering Schools Cubed to present this proposal to work with your school to improve literacy outcomes for all students. Based on our conversation, I have revised a cost proposal for a “literacy audit” for 2 elementary schools.

Overview

You have asked us to prepare a proposal to conduct a literacy audit with the intent of improving literacy outcomes for students. Below are the services we would conduct to analyze the current situation:

- At the elementary schools we would conduct an audit using our proprietary Literacy Evaluation Tool.

At Schools Cubed, we specialize in providing these kinds of services to school districts. We regularly work with principals, teachers, and other school leaders to improve literacy outcomes and are proud of our past success. Our many references can speak for us as well.

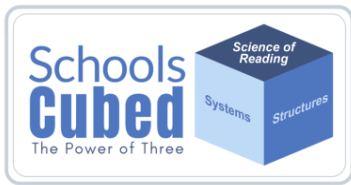
In this proposal we will tell you more about the tools and services we can provide and the pricing we would charge to provide these services.

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Literacy Evaluation: The project would begin with a literacy evaluation conducted at each of the participating schools. This literacy evaluation is analogous to an instructional audit on the overall implementation of literacy in classrooms and an analysis of the structures that are established in schools to support literacy instruction and student achievement. Once all schools have been visited and the audit completed, we would present the Browning School District with a report of our findings. This report will provide the district leadership with a framework regarding how the district is doing in several areas, described below, and assist them in creating a vision for improvement in literacy outcomes for students.

Literacy Evaluation Tools:

Schools Cubed proprietary Literacy Evaluation Tool was originally created by our founder, Pati Montgomery, when she was the executive director of literacy for The Colorado Department of Education. It is based on the most current research of quality literacy instruction as well as the research of highly effective schools and instructional leadership. We work diligently to ensure that our evaluation tools are updated as new research becomes available in both literacy and instructional leadership.



Elementary Level:

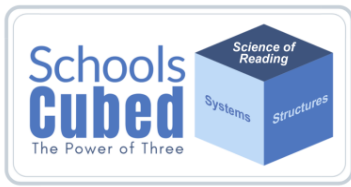
The **Literacy Evaluation Tool** at the elementary level is comprised of 5 areas: 1) Universal Instruction—measures how general education is delivering universal instruction as well as evidence such as an effective master schedule, utilization of human resources to help with general education and so forth, 2) Interventions—measures the quality of intervention, as well as the process for determining who receives intervention and what sorts of intervention are selected for students, 3) Assessments—analyzes if a school has a comprehensive assessment system in place, how data from assessments are used to guide instruction and if teachers understand the information gleaned from the assessments, 4) Data-based decision making-- looks at how structures are created for teachers to look at assessment, the planning time necessary for analyzing data and the next steps necessary to move students, and 5) Professional Development—analyzes how teachers are able to increase their professional knowledge, the types of instructional supports they are provided and whether or not they feel comfortable accessing those resources.

The Literacy Audit would be performed at each of the elementary schools. It is our understanding that one of the elementary schools has a population of 292 students. This audit will take two days to complete. The remaining school, which we understand has approximately 225 students could be completed in one day. The Audit process includes classroom observations with the principal accompanying the SC consultant, an interview with school leadership and a possible collection of artifacts such as a data protocol, meeting agendas, and so forth.

Upon completion of the audits, we would have a detailed report for the district leadership outlining where we see the elementary schools in their current state-of-affairs in literacy instruction, along with a Next Steps Report. This Next Steps Report would detail what these schools might consider putting into place to effectuate any change in literacy outcomes for students.

Costs

Topic/Component	Cost (Note: \$3250 per day is inclusive of travel costs)
3-day in-person Literacy Evaluation/Audit (2 days at one school and one day at the smaller school)	\$3,250 a day
Total	\$9,750



Conclusion

Thank you for allowing us to present this proposal. We are excited about the opportunity to work with you and are confident that we can help you reach your literacy goals.

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