

Middle School  
Redesign  
Developing a Plan  
of Improvement



OUR students . . . THE future!



# Why Redesign Recommendations

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- Schools are underperforming in all areas
  - At the Approaches, Meets and Masters Level
- Attendance rates are low
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade has too many transitions during the day
- Implementation of new 6-8 ELAR TEKS
- Youth Truth Survey results



# The Team – The Meetings - The Site Visits

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- Committee members
  - Community members: 6
  - Campus members: 7
  - District members: 16
- Dates of Meetings: March 19 and April 25
- Site visits to Ysleta ISD and Grand Prairie ISD (Cedillo)



# Short Term Implementation Recommendations Fall 2019

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- Implement 90 minute blocks for ELAR 6-7 (No additional cost)
- Implement 90 minute blocks for Math in 6<sup>th</sup> grade (3 additional teachers per campus)
- Build daily content driven grade level PLC in ELAR and Math 6-8 (No additional cost)
- Common conference for science and social studies in 6-8 grade (prioritize due to staffing challenges – No additional cost)
- Provide authentic learning experiences through PICK Education



# Advanced Academics Implementation Recommendations Fall 2019

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- Advanced Academics courses will be named “Honors”
- Honors Math 6-8 (Algebra I), ELAR 6-8, Science 6-8 and social studies 6-8
- Implement advanced academic content “Laying the Foundation” for math/ELAR/science (IMA Funding)
- Implement advanced academic content E4E for social studies (Budgeted)



# Advanced Academics Implementation Recommendations Fall 2019

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- Enrollment guidelines
  - Grade of 80 on report card in pre-requisite course
  - AND Reaches “Meets” on STAAR
  - OR Enrolled in AVID
  - Must maintain a 70 average in Honors course
- Exit Criteria
  - Required parent/teacher conference before student exits
  - A minimum of 2 tutorial sessions must be attended by student



# AVID Recommendations

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- All 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in AVID Bridges to Success through ELAR and SS classes (Budgeted)
- All middle schools will participate in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Mentoring Program (AVID and MSEAN)
- AVID Excel will be implemented at all campuses to support English Learners (Budgeted)
- Goal is to increase AVID enrollment from 18% to 25% in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade



# Attendance Recommendation

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- Increase the number of middle school attendance clerks from 1 to 2 (\$105K district expense)
- Goal is to increase daily attendance rate (Average rate 93.86% - goal is 95.5%)
- Campuses will improve attendance rates to maintain additional clerk





# Social Emotional Support

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- Continue Advisory period in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and implement Character Building Curriculum – *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade blend content based instruction with social/emotional learning (list of social/emotional topics to be blended)
- Increase the positive communication and feedback to parents via phone calls, post cards, and technology



# College, Career and Military Readiness

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- Implement ACCESS at 7<sup>th</sup> grade to begin to build knowledge of college, career offerings through endorsements
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade begin working on high school graduation plans in the fall
- Principal feeder meetings