

#### WAYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2015 - 2016 SYSTEM-WIDE GOALS

#### GOALS: A REVIEW OF OUR INTEGRATED APPROACH

System-wide Goals

School Improvement Plan Strategic Initiatives

Individual Goals and Professional Development Plans

#### A SLIGHT CHANGE OF HEART



- \* The HEART goals continue to reflect what's most important to our growth as a system.
- They successfully provide <u>focus</u> and <u>flexibility</u>.
- \* At the same time, we need to build in room for change so we don't stall and so that we keep moving as a system.

I **HEART** Wayland

#### A SLIGHT CHANGE OF HEART



- The HEART goals had to incorporate the goals which emerged from the School Committee Summit and the subsequent work of the Summit Subgroups.
  - The Summit Subgroups Health and Wellness, Raising the Bar, Technology, Early Childhood Education, and Enhancing the Curriculum each narrowed their goals to a few priority objectives.
- The HEART goals have incorporated some of these goals, in part by changing the "E" which will no longer stand for the Evaluation System.
  - ◆ The new Evaluation system has now been implemented, so it has become part of our ongoing work − no longer a new initiative.
  - Summit-related goals are in italics.

- Health and Wellness
- E Exploration
- A Achievement Gap
- R RTI
- T Technology Gains STEAM

#### H - Health and Wellness

To enhance health and wellness education, with an emphasis on healthy relationships and violence prevention, employing a systemic approach to curriculum, instruction, extra-curricular activities and school culture.

## Health and Wellness Strategic Areas of Focus

- Continue to identify and define essential social/emotional knowledge and skills for each grade level so that they are in vertical alignment. These will include, but not be limited to, stress management, self-regulation, interpersonal relationships skills, and resiliency.
- Pilot or implement, as called for, new or revised curricula relating to the teaching of the defined standards at all levels.
- Incorporate parent education regarding how parents can support learning in these areas of development.
- Complete adoption of the ALICE emergency response program.
- Study and engage our community in a discussion of hopes and expectations for Wayland's athletic program in order to be best employ athletics to support positive youth development.

#### E - Exploraton

To launch an exploration of potential enhancements to the school department's offerings as identified and prioritized by the School Committee, Administration, and the School Committee Summit.

### E - Exploration Strategic Areas of Focus

- Explore the potential and the challenges associated with the implementation of a world languages program in Grades K-6.
- Explore enhancements to early childhood education in Wayland, including:
  - enhancing the support for pre-school aged children and their families, including in the coordination and transitions between levels.
  - delineating best practices within the kindergarten curricula given the common core requirements and students' developmental needs.
  - reviewing the potential and challenges associated with traditional kindergarten and universal full day kindergarten programs.
- Explore the potential and challenges of adopting a new student information system.

## A - Achievement Gap Strategic Areas of Focus

To narrow the achievement gap through the use of culturally proficient teaching strategies, data-based analyses and, in general, by building on strategies that work.

## A - Achievement Gap Strategic Areas of Focus

- Explore new ways to efficiently track and display longitudinal data.
- Engage staff and students in building-based initiatives relating to cultural proficiency and race, in part by incorporating the voice of students.
- Provide continuing professional development offerings to staff relating to cultural proficiency.
- Foster parent engagement through Boston parent meeting programs.
- Continue to enhance professional development and teaching methodologies relating to serving the district's ELL students.

#### R - RTI

To further expand and more fully realize a system-wide RTI program in a teaching and learning environment that integrates teacher collaboration, sharing of best practices, differentiated instruction, and the use of data to inform instruction.

# R – RTI Strategic Area of Focus

- Continue the ongoing work on PLC's, common assessments, data-based decision making, and responsive strategic interventions.
- Continue to identify, define, and explicitly teach essential study skills and learning strategies to enable students to perform at higher levels.

#### T - Technology Gains STEAM

To increasingly employ instructional technology for the purpose of improving student proficiency with core content knowledge and skills, while building technology related competencies – and to do so in conjunction with developing a comprehensive approach to science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics education.

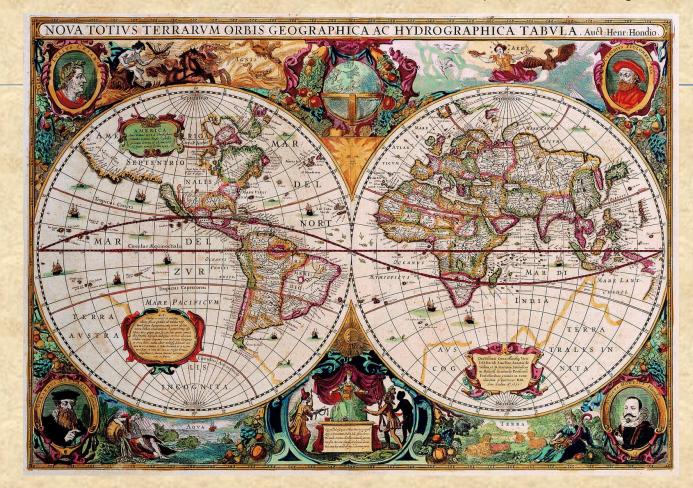
## T - Technology Gains STEAM Strategic Areas of Focus

- Create a 3-Year Technology Plan and detail the professional and curriculum development needed to meet the goals of that plan.
- Delineate and map computer literacy skills across the grade levels.
- Enhance the integration of STEAM and computer science into the curriculum.
- Promote positive, responsible digital citizenship among all students.

#### ONGOING CENTRAL OFFICE DRIVEN GOALS:

#### Continue to ...

- improve the fiscal operations throughout the school system with an eye toward efficiency, transparency, and accountability.
- foster instructional leadership by expanding the use of Instructional Rounds.
- integrate the use of district determined measures and student feedback into the evaluation system.



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