

Breathitt County Schools
September/October, 2019

Action Plan Update

1. Status Update

KDE conducted a management audit during the week of August 19, 2019. Data from prior management audits and the previous diagnostic review is used to develop action plans and progress monitor for continuous improvement.

As part of PD in July, teachers utilized standards rollout resources and curriculum evaluation processes to update/refine curriculum pacing guides that reflect the updated Reading & Writing, Mathematics and Social Studies standards.

Achievement in Career Engagement (ACE) has been purchased. ACE helps students develop work-based learning skills through an endorsement program which allows students to record various levels of achievement through the documentation of successful accomplishments. PD will be provided for this program and it will be implemented.

The Breathitt County Board of Education reviews monthly reports to ensure that the district maintains a 10 to 15% contingency through intentional processes that determine expenditures are reasonable and necessary, while supporting the instructional process and meeting the needs of all students. Now, that staff has adequate resources, the District will focus on providing support in delivering grade appropriate, strong instruction with high expectations.

The district is implementing multiple grants to support student learning, including: Striving Readers, Novice Reduction, School Improvement Fund, with recent additions of the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program and GEAR UP. Americorps and Gear Up have placed academic tutors at Breathitt High School to improve student achievement. The Steele Reese grant will provide Leveled Literacy Intervention materials for Tier III interventions in Reading for grades K through 2.

Central Office administrators continue to make progress on the 30-60-90 actions plans that target deficiencies from previous audit findings. Work continues through instructional staff to implement and support new Math and ELA curriculum. Special Education data meetings are held regularly at each school. The special education liaison and director of special education participate in all Annual Review Committee (ARC) meetings to provide support; the folder review process is ongoing.

The District/School Improvement Plans are posted on the District and School Websites. Comprehensive District Improvement Plan focuses on curriculum alignment, communication, and ABRI (Academic and Behavior Response to Intervention). The plan has been updated to reflect feedback provided by the diagnostic review, and implementation is monitored regularly via 30-60-90 day plans. Review of the current plan will begin in September.

Curriculum alignment, PLC meetings, Response to Intervention (RTI), and Academic and Behavioral Response to Intervention (ABRI)/Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) are being

implemented in every school.

Next Steps:

1. As a follow-up to the PD days in July, the district will continue to utilize standards rollout resources and curriculum evaluation processes to update/refine curriculum pacing guides that reflect the updated Reading & Writing, Mathematics and Social Studies standards.
2. Action plans developed from analysis of the diagnostic review and state management audit are being progress monitored for continuous improvement.
3. Time and Attendance and Substitute Management Software has been implemented and is fully operational. Finance Staff is monitoring time and attendance to address any issues with the software or the set up of the program. Beginning Sept. 1 data will be pulled from the new software testing the import into Munis and payroll processing.
4. A Root Cause Analysis is being conducted due to the CCEIS designation followed by the development of a program narrative to address our critical areas for improvement and intervention that will be provided.
5. School Activity Funds are required to be included in Munis by June 30, 2020. Therefore, steps are being taken to change processes to include schools in Munis for their activity funds. Projected start date is January 1, 2020.

2. Action Strategies Completion

Governance and Operations:

- The Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) continues to provide training to the local board of education. Training hours have been communicated to all members.
- The district's 30-60-90 Action Plans are regularly reviewed/updated via Google Docs and include items on: Instructional Management, Career and Technical Education, Special Education, Fiscal Management, Operational Support/Facilities, Food Service, Transportation, Personnel Administration, and Planning.
- Review of the District Strategic Plan and Communication Plan will begin in September to determine if changes need to be made.
- Time and Attendance Software implementation is complete. Testing the Exporting of data from the new system and back into Munis for payroll processing has begun, with full implementation of that process targeted for completion by October 15, 2019.

Instruction:

- Implementation support for curriculum materials and resources (including Math, ELA and phonics) continues through coaching. Standards workshops for the core subjects were deployed on July 29-31, 2019.
- A plan for improving the CTE program offerings at BHS is in the implementation phase.
- Resources to support Phonics instruction have been provided to all teachers district-wide in grades K-2. Training was provided during professional development in July.
- District non-negotiables for academics: strong instruction, deep engagement, grade appropriate assignments, and high expectations continue to be reinforced during school and district leadership team meetings and professional learning communities.

- School and district personnel continue to analyze academic and behavioral data, with the support of ABRI.

Maintenance:

- District Facilities Plan was approved by the Breathitt County Board of Education and KDE.
- After reviewing facilities long term roadmap with KDE personnel, the board voted to move grades K-6 from LBJ Elementary to Sebastian Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year. School started for students on August 7, 2019, and students from LBJ are now in Sebastian Elementary School.
- BG 1 and Schematic Design for the proposed renovation of select areas of the existing Sebastian Middle School has been board approved. Pre-bid meeting and bid dates have been determined. Included in the scope of work would be the addition of a security vestibule; renovation of the existing locker rooms into (2) classrooms and a gang restroom for boys and girls; renovation of the central locker area into a School Resource Officer office.

Technology:

- New Website and Mobile App - Over 900 Mobile Users
- Professional Photos of staff members have been updated. New ID badges for all staff have been created.
- Several student iPads have been purchased for K-2 grades.
- District continues to partner with Dataseam (cancer research) to increase technology in schools.
- All schools have been working on integrating new interactive boards within the classroom as an addition or replacement of existing technology within the classroom.
- Each school has been receiving training on new processes and procedures to reduce down time for repairs on both student and staff equipment. Building capacity with personnel at each school has also been a focus.

3. Action Strategies Deficiencies

Instruction:

- Walkthrough data validates that additional training in several areas is needed for staff in all schools. Planning is in process to address these areas. Training will begin in July, and will continue throughout the year through PLCs and future PD days.
- The district is currently addressing multiple teacher vacancies.
- Core Instruction (Tier 1), Curriculum realignment in Math (Eureka) and English-Language Arts (Wit & Wisdom), work continues. Data from benchmark assessments and feedback from teachers and elementary principals indicate a need to further support and refine Phonics instruction. Workshops in support of the rollout of updated standards will be provided to staff during summer professional learning opportunities.
- Assessment data and feedback from teachers and principals indicate a need to further support NGSS-aligned Science instruction.
- Data (MAP data and CCEIS designation) indicate that the intervention system across the district needs to be refined.

Governance/Operations:

- Recruiting and retaining bus drivers, as well as teachers and other staff. Overall staff turnover is high and filling any open positions proves challenging.
- Enrollment is continually monitored tracking the rate of decline. Trend data continues to predict a decline for future years; however, this district saw slight increase (12 students) beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. Staffing is continually monitored to ensure compliance with District Staffing Policy. A continued decline in enrollment requires a decline in staff.

Maintenance:

- The District Facilities Plan show \$60 million dollars of need, including maintenance/custodian tools and resources needed to address concerns and to increase efficiency. Current bonding potential is over 10 million dollars, and should increase by 6 to 8 million dollars in July 2020.

Technology:

- Technology professional development opportunities for staff and students.

4. Action Strategies - Additions

Governance/Operations:

- Implementation of the Strategic Plan is being evaluated to determine what next steps need to take place for continuous improvement and effective implementation with fidelity.
- Time and Attendance/Substitute Management Processes for the Schools and District will be updated resulting from implementation of new software.
- New Legislative changes that impact policies/procedures are being reviewed and updated.

Instruction:

- School improvement funds have allowed for the placement of a curriculum specialist at BHS.
- eWalk data will be collected and used to support teaching and learning throughout the district.
- Feedback from the Striving Readers Fidelity walkthrough indicated a need to support core literacy instruction and student engagement.
- Achievement in Career Engagement (ACE) will be implemented to help students develop work-based learning skills through an endorsement program which allows students to record various levels of achievement through the documentation of successful accomplishments.
- Addition of non-negotiables for attendance and MTSS (multi-tiered system of support) with input from principals and central office leadership team.

Maintenance/Technology:

- Teacher devices have been distributed. Interactive boards were purchased and installed at multiple schools.
- The Facility and Technology Director continues to work from a 30-60-90 day plan to focus work. Work continues to address known deficiencies of previous audit through a PDSA, each of these to be completed by the end of 19-20 school year. Projects:
 - SMS maintenance and renovations
 - ATC – (In process)