

Muraco Elementary School School Improvement Plan 2009-20010

1. Facilitate the regular and ongoing process of curriculum review and implement recommendations as they emerge.

The primary objective of this goal is to continue the support of on-going curriculum review. This includes the review of the curriculum review model and establishes a schedule for future curriculum areas to be reviewed. Other objectives include continuing the curriculum review work previously started and to establish budget priorities, as may be needed, for the successful implementation of current curriculum review recommendations.

Muraco Action Items

- Continue to reflect on our literacy practices, specifically targeting word study.
- Establish School Based Literacy Team.
- Provide common planning time for teachers to collaborate on teaching and learning.
- Identify resources and professional development needed to fully support and implement effective literacy practices.
- Expand our leveled library by purchasing books on a variety of levels, topics, and genres.

2. Expand the availability and innovative use of technology for teaching, learning and administration.

The primary objective of this goal is to ensure that the students in our schools have access to and gain experience with the technology they will encounter as they leave the Winchester Public Schools for higher education institutions or careers. To that end this goal supports the initiative of acquiring and integrating technology into teaching, learning, and school administration across our system. In order to support this on-going initiative, we will strive to make the best use of the technology that currently exists in each of our buildings and across the system.

Technology in teaching and learning is defined as acquiring a deep understanding of the technology resources available to our students enabling them to compete in their global environment. Some technology resources includes but are not limited to Web 2.0 resources (tagging, RSS feeds, podcasting, blogging, etc), scientific calculators, robotics, open ended application software, etc.

Muraco Action Items

- Increase the number of computers, LCD projectors, document cameras, and interactive boards in our school.

- Highlight uses of technology by sharing activities/projects during faculty meetings and common planning time.
- Continue to enhance instruction by integrating technology across the curriculum.
- Train all teachers in the use of SuccessMaker and Lexia software to support math and literacy instruction.

3. Improve the Leadership Structure of the Winchester Public Schools.

The objective of this goal is to strengthen curriculum and instruction at grades PreK through 12 by providing focused instructional leadership and accountability at all levels.

Muraco Action Items

- Use data to assess student learning.
- Use building based meetings to focus on teaching and learning.
- Provide and encourage professional development opportunities for all staff.
- Provide opportunities for teachers to take on leadership roles.

4. Strengthen the teaching and learning environment in each school and throughout the system.

The first objective of this goal is to foster a learning environment that recognizes, encourages, and values the diverse interests, talents, and skills that enable students to excel and achieve their potential.

The second objective of this goal is to foster a professional environment that allows teachers to focus on professional activities in an atmosphere of collegiality and collaboration.

Muraco Action Items:

- Support peer observations.
- Review Teacher Resource Team protocol.
- Support Open Circle training.
- Define and support our Core Values.
- Continue to celebrate achievements and accomplishments of all members of our community.
- Establish a Student Council with representatives from all grade levels.
- Continue to review and update staff on safety protocols. Create opportunities to practice established routines.

5. Strengthen community relations and continue to build support for our public schools.

There are two objectives to this goal. The first objective is to develop a climate in which district objectives and accomplishments are communicated in the most

appropriate and timely manner. The second objective of the goal will be to build a sense of trust and relationship with the town and with the community at large.

Muraco Action Items

- Review student handbook.
- Collaborate with PTO to ensure that the website remains current.
- Continue to encourage parents to become involved.
 - PTO
 - School Advisory Council
 - Facilities Committee
 - Share expertise, talents, traditions, and culture at Community Meetings.