

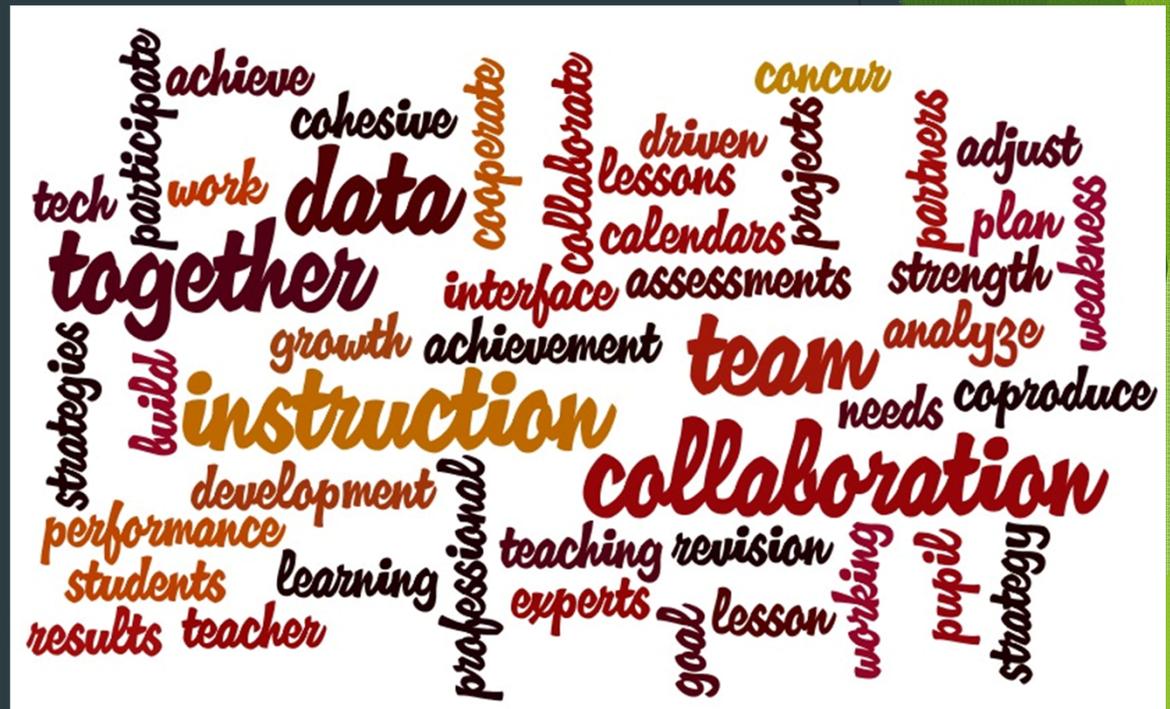


Rising Star School Improvement Plan

Heartland Elementary School

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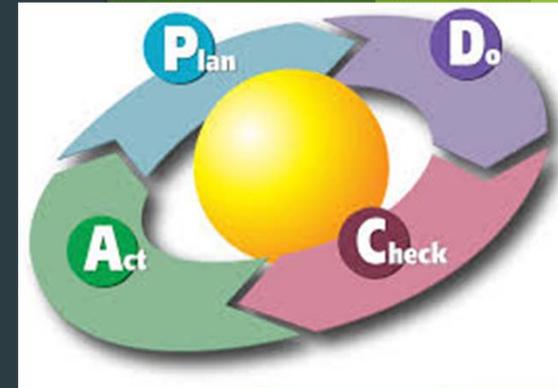
Process

- ▶ How was the elementary level's process similar to the secondary level's process?
 - ▶ The Committee met to discuss the 25 required indicators of school improvement (Wise Ways).
 - ▶ The Committee discussed if and to what extent Heartland currently incorporated the various aspects of school success into its culture.
 - ▶ School improvement indicators which had high priority scores and high opportunity scores became the indicators that are the focus of our school improvement plan.



Process

- ▶ How was the elementary level's process different from the secondary level's process?
 - ▶ The Rising Star Committee was formed in lieu of a Building Leadership Team.
 - ▶ The opportunity was given to create a teacher leadership team in a non-departmentalized environment.



Goal Statement 1: The school environment will be safe, welcoming, and conducive to learning.

► Rationale

- Common Core and Second Step have resulted in increased consistency in language in the areas of curriculum and social/emotional management. This goal provides more consistency with student management.

► Emphasis Area

- We will focus on increased consistency in language and practice in management across classrooms and during unstructured times such as recess.



Goal Statement 2: Communication with parents about school expectations and the importance of the “curriculum of the home” will occur regularly and clearly.



▶ Rationale

▶ Teachers' newsletters and Heartland's "Green Sheet" already share news and events. This goal will promote information on curriculum and student well-being.

▶ Emphasis Area

▶ Creation of the "Heartland Helper" to share relevant and timely articles and information with parents.

Goal Statement 3: The school's Compact will outline the responsibilities and expectations of teachers, parents, and students. The Compact will be distributed annually to school personnel, parents and students.

▶ Rationale

- ▶ The Compact will be a tool for educating students, staff and parents on consistent expectations and will reinforce Heartland's vision and mission.

▶ Emphasis Area

- ▶ The Compact will bring together in one document Heartland's vision, mission, and guidelines for students, staff, and parents.



↑ Safety & Security of the Learning Environment

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↑ Home/School Communication

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↑ Consistency of Expectations

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↑ Student Achievement



Continuous Improvement

- ▶ Committee members will create aspects of the school improvement plan to be presented to HES staff prior to the end of this school year and implemented beginning in 2014-15.
- ▶ Share Heartland's experiences with the Rising Star process with other Geneva elementary schools.
- ▶ The committee members will continue reviewing the next set of school improvement indicators beginning in 2014-15.



Questions?

