Turning Hope Into Results

SUMMARY OF PROGRESS MADE DURING THE PPSD TURNAROUND ACTION PLAN

EXCELLENCE IN LEARNING: BUILDING AN ACADEMIC VISION

PROGRESS

- ☑ Selected and implemented unified, culturally relevant, gold-standard core K-8 curricula and 9-12 curricula to replace a mix of existing curriculum and to match standards and provide continuity district-wide and from grade to grade
- Launched Providence's first dual-language middle school at Gilbert Stuart Middle
- Expanded dual-language program at Spaziano Elementary with 250+ new seats
- Partnered with community organizations to develop paid internship program for students
- Developed EMT certification course for Central and Hope seniors

- Created rich new career and technical education (CTE) pathways aligned to high-wage RI industries – at JSEC, PCTA, and E-Cubed
- ☑ E-Cubed P-TECH Pathways announced
 - » Networking
 - » Computer Support Specialist
 - » Computer Science
- Launched 9th Grade Academy model at Alvarez
- Expanded the district's Summer Learning Program for the first time to include elementary students and accelerate learning instead of just credit recovery



SUPPORTING SCHOOLS & LEADERS

PROGRESS

- Built new School Support Network teams to support and coach school leaders with additional coaching and professional development
- School leaders received consistent 1:1 coaching and professional learning experiences in peer groups
- Radically increased professional development (PD) for teachers from 1 to 12 days—adding 4 new PD days before the start of SY 2021–22
- Added community specialists at every middle and high school in the district
- Partnered with Pure Edge to provide online and free social and emotional learning (SEL) professional development support to teachers
- Added school guidance counselors at every elementary school in the district
- ☑ Added assistant principal positions across the district's elementary schools

ENGAGED COMMUNITIES

PROGRESS

- ✓ Launched District-wide Advisory Council and Student Advisory Councils
- ✓ Set and measured customer-service standards
- ☑ Built a rapid response tool for resolving family questions
- ☑ Enhanced and enriched Parent Academy with new offerings
- Required teacher participation in Parent Teacher Conferences
- Supported families with Lionbridge's translation program, which provides translation services in 300 languages
- Purchased and distributed coats for every student in the district
- Revamped the Family and Community Engagement (FACE)
 Office





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WORLD CLASS TALENT

PROGRESS

- ✓ Nearly doubled the percent of new teachers of color hired
- In the first year of intervention we saw a significant decline in teacher vacancies (102 to 22) due to an accelerated hiring timeline
 - » In 2021, vacancies reverted back to previous levels in part due to not being allowed to use an accelerated hiring timeline
- Developed financial hiring incentives for hard-to-fill teacher vacancies such as special education, secondary math and science, and ESL
- Launched new school leader residency program and exceeded program recruitment goals

- ☑ Provided 125 teachers with financial support to gain ESL certification in 2020
- Provided an additional 125 teachers
 with equal financial support to gain ESL certification
 in 2021
- Offered up to \$25,000 in loan repayment incentives over the first three years of employment to newly hired teachers of color through Rhode Island Foundation grant
- Created new human resources position to recruit diverse talent

EFFICIENT DISTRICT SYSTEMS

PROGRESS

- ☑ Successfully reopened schools and created safe spaces for students during a global pandemic
- Created \$1M in central office savings to prevent cuts to schools during the pandemic
- ☑ Established the Capital Revolving Fund to support longterm school capital improvements
- Redesigned the district procurement system, which reduced barriers and bureaucracy as well as streamlined ordering and purchasing
- ☑ Increased frequency and depth of cleaning in schools
- ✓ Increased standards for cleaning
- ☑ Increased school-based discretionary funding by \$440K
- Established new collective bargaining agreement with Providence Teacher's Union
- ☑ Established new collective bargaining agreement with Rhode Island Laborers Union Local 1033

- Began implementing Phase I of the Capital Plan, with \$160M in planned facilities investments that will prioritize student-centered enhancements instead of taking a piecemeal approach
 - » Major facilities renovations planned for Classical, Pleasant View and Hope High School
 - » Planned renovation of Windmill to use first as swing space to help expedite other construction in the district, then to become a new PK-8
 - » New PK-5 dual language school at the site of the Spaziano Annex
- ☑ Partnered with Brown University to revamp Hope library
- ✓ Planning underway for the next \$170M+ investment in PPSD facilities through Phase II of the Capital plan
 - » New PK-8 dual language school at the site of the former St. Joseph Hospital Building



