# THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS OFFICIAL RIPPORT REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING JANUARY 14, 2020 ST. LOUIS, MO

#### M I N U T E S

The Board of Education of the City of St. Louis convened its monthly business meeting on the above date. The meeting was held at the Administrative Building, 801 North 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 108, St. Louis, MO 63101. Those in attendance were Mrs. Dorothy Rohde-Collins, Mrs. Natalie Vowell, Dr. Joyce M. Roberts, Ms. Donna Jones, Ms. Susan R. Jones, Mr. Adam Layne, Superintendent Dr. Kelvin R. Adams, Mr. Jeffrey St. Omer of Mickes O'Toole, LLC and Ms. Ruth Lewis, Executive Administrative Assistant. Ms. Tracee Miller participated via skype.

#### CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Rohde-Collins called the meeting to order at 6:45PM.

AYE: Ms. Donna Jones

Ms. Susan R. Jones

Mr. Adam Layne

Ms. Tracee Miller

Dr. Jovce M. Roberts

Mrs. Natalie Vowell

Mrs. Dorothy Rohde-Collins

A quorum was present.

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITIONS

The student winners of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Kevin Coyne Arts Contest were Irene Nishime, Vivien Pruitt, Bella Patino, Zahra Mohammady, Ashley Ramone Aguirre, Joshua Whitt, Annalesia Phung, TomMackenzie Gregory, Michael Evans, Peyton Blakemore, and Yuridiana Floresmy Pessoni. Honorable Mention went to Marquan Holman, Latwan Crews, Doriyae Thornton, Sirus Robinson, Sophia Wallau, Julia Civettini, and Natel Knox. The theme for these winners was *Block Bullying; Embrace Empathy*".

The Wellness Committee was honored with the Silver Level Award by Ms. Elizabeth Montgomery, Director of Community Impact of the American Heart Association. Committee members are Clarissa Buckley, Jane Sykes, Althea Albert-Santiago, Joyce Robinson, Misty Dobynes, Charlie Bean, Crystal Gale, Charles Burton, Casetta Brown, Anita Mize, Myra Pendleton, Meredith Pierce, Becky Schmidt, Allison Brungardt, Lynn Murdick, and Jeanne Van Fleet. Mrs. Karen Shelton-Henry is the Certified Corporate Wellness Specialist.

The final recognition went to Colonel Lisa Taylor-Brown. Colonel Taylor was retiring after 30 years of services with the St. Louis Public Schools. The Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis honored Colonel Taylor with a Proclamation to her esteemed services. Alderwoman Shamee Clark-Hubbard presented the honorary acknowledgement to Colonel Taylor.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Dr. Karen Cason, an employee of the St. Louis Public Schools shared personal comments about personnel related issues.

Mr. William "Bill" Monroe, CEO of Harriet Tubman, Inc., offered comments about saving Beaumont High School for use as a technical career-based school under the auspices of Harriet Tubman, Inc. Mr. Monroe also thanked the Board for allowing his tour of Beaumont.

Mrs. Carla Alexander spoke in support of keeping Dunbar Elementary School open.

Ms. Velma Bailey, Ms. Carmen Ward, and Crystal Barnett spoke about bullying and of the critical need to address urgently.

Mrs. Erma Nevels-McNeil, Vice President of Region 4 Missouri Retired Teacher Association asked for the Board's support in securing a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for retirees of the St. Louis Public School Retirement System.

Ms. Del Rio Swink demanded a resolution regarding her daughter.

Ms. Tracy Spies, PTO President at Kennard Classical Jr. High Academy reported 70% of the community voted to rename Kennard after Mrs. Betty Wheeler a long-time educator and activists who founded the Metro High School. Mrs. Wheeler is deceased.

# <u>APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE JANUARY 14, 2020 REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA</u>

On a motion by Mrs. Vowell, and seconded by Ms. S. Jones, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adopt and approve the January 14, 2020 Regular Business Meeting Agenda.

AYE: Ms. Donna Jones

Ms. Susan R. Jones

Mr. Adam Layne

Ms. Tracee Miller

Dr. Joyce M. Roberts

Mrs. Natalie Vowell

Mrs. Dorothy Rohde-Collins

NAY: None

The motion passed.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None to present this meeting.

#### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(INFORMATIONAL ITEMS)

Informational items presented were:

New Bond Issuance

Mrs. Angie Banks, CFO/Treasurer

Academic Update

Dr. Paul Knight, Chief Academic Officer

MSIP VI

Mrs. Cheryl VanNoy, Deputy Superintendent

Accountability/Technology Services

The presentations are attached to these minutes (see pages 5-7).

#### BUSINESS ITEMS (CONSENT AGENDA)

On a motion by Mrs. Rohde-Collins, and seconded by Mrs. Vowell, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Numbers 01-14-20-01 through 01-14-20-02.

AYE: Ms. Donna Jones

Ms. Susan R. Jones

Mr. Adam Layne

Ms. Tracee Miller

Dr. Joyce M. Roberts

Mrs. Natalie Vowell

Mrs. Dorothy Rohde-Collins

NAY: None

The motion passed.

(01-14-20-01) To approve the acceptance of funds in the amount of \$446,100.00 from the Parsons Blewett Memorial Fund to support teacher certification programs in Montessori (\$24,000), Gifted Education (\$65,700) and Reading Specialist Certification (\$356,400). This opportunity is open to all certificated teachers in SLPS in all elementary, middle, and high schools who apply for the open spots. The grant period is January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. This opportunity aligns to Transformation Plan 3.0 Pillar 3, Goals 3B and 3C.

(01-14-20-02) To approve a sole source contract with Forecast 5 Analytics, Inc. to provide a financial dashboard for the period January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$103,200.00 over 3 years. The District receives a discount for signing a 3-year agreement. The service will include the development, storage, support and training on an interactive dashboard for the financial area of the District. This service supports Pillar 1: Excellent Schools, Goal 1C: Financial Sustainability.

On a motion by Mrs. Rohde-Collins, and seconded by Mr. Layne, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to approve Resolution Number 01-14-20-03.

AYE: Ms. Donna Jones

Ms. Susan R. Jones

Mr. Adam Layne

Ms. Tracee Miller

Dr. Joyce M. Roberts

Mrs. Natalie Vowell

Mrs. Dorothy Rohde-Collins

NAY: None

#### The motion passed

(01-14-20-03) To ratify and approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Roosevelt Community Council (RCC) for use of the Roosevelt High School and to provide approximately six to nine District teachers to carry-out the City of St. Louis' Youth at Risk Crime Prevention Afterschool Program (program). The program is grant funded by the City of St. Louis' Youth at Risk Crime Prevention Program. District teachers will receive extra service pay via the grant dollars paid to the District. The 2019-2020 school year is the first year of a two-year grant, January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020, pending funding availability for year 2. The St. Louis Public Schools Foundation acts as the fiscal agent under the grant. The RCC partnership supports the district's Transformation Plan 3.0 goals, Pillar 1: District Creates a System of Excellent Schools and goal 1A: Student Attendance and Pillar 2 – Advance Fairness and Equity, goal 2B: Equitable Resource Distribution.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

On a motion by Dr. Roberts, and seconded by Mr. Layne, on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to send a Letter of Intent to the Council of Great City Schools for the purpose of sharing the Board's plans to serve as the Conference Host for the Conference of Great City Schools, Fall Conference in the year 2023.

AYE: Mr. Adam Layne

Dr. Joyce M. Roberts

NAY: Ms. Donna Jones

Ms. Susan R. Jones

Ms. Tracee Miller

Mrs. Natalie Vowell

Mrs. Dorothy Rohde-Collins

The motion failed.

On a motion by Mrs. Rohde-Collins, and seconded by Ms. S. Jones on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to support and approve the Superintendent's efforts when addressing DESE to reinstate the Equity and Access standard on its own merit, and to not embed the Equity and Access standing in other areas of the proposed rule change.

AYE: Ms. Donna Jones

Ms. Susan R. Jones

Mr. Adam Layne

Ms. Tracee Miller

Mrs. Natalie Vowell

Mrs. Dorothy Rohde-Collins

No vote cast: Dr. Joyce M. Roberts

(LEFT MEETING)

The motion passed.

#### **BOARD MEMBER(S) REPORTS**

Dr. Roberts brought forth a proposed resolution titled "Missouri School District Secure Storage Notification" for the Board's consideration. She asked for those members who may have an interest in commenting/modifying the resolution to contact her.

Mrs. Vowell provided an update relative to the September 5, 2019 meeting on community violence. She reported Kansas City and St. Louis reached out to the Missouri School Boards' Association for a dialogue on Mental Health Services and Trauma for students.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on a motion by Mrs. Rohde-Collins and seconded by Mr. Layne on the following roll call vote, the Board voted to adjourn the open session meeting at 9:02PM and reconvene the close session meeting.

AYE: Ms. Donna Jones

Ms. Susan R. Jones

Mr. Adam Layne

Ms. Tracee Miller

Mrs. Natalie Vowell

Mrs. Dorothy Rohde-Collins

No vote cast: Dr. Joyce M. Roberts

(LEFT MEETING)

The motion passed.

ATTESTED BY:

**BOARD MEMBER - SECRETARY** 



#### **CURRENT STATUS**



- □ Outstanding General Obligation Bonds
  - □ Nine bond issues from June 2007 December 2017
  - □ \$231 million in principal
- □ Debt Service Status
  - □ \$0.6211 debt service tax levy
  - □~\$20 million fund balance

#### **AGENDA**



- □ Current State
- □ Preliminary Analysis
- □ Next Steps
- □ Questions

Analysis provided by Stifel, Nicolaus & Company

#### **ASSUMPTIONS**



- □ Legal Debt Capacity ~ \$443 Million
  □ Assessed Valuation \* 15% less outstanding
  - principal
- □ No Tax Rate Increase (\$0.6211)
- □ Bond Ballot Initiative in April 2021
- □ Issue ~\$150 Million Bonds

Analysis provided by Stifel, Nicolaus & Company

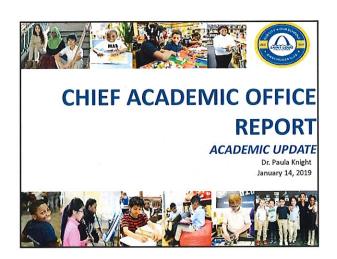
#### **NEXT STEPS**



- □ Determine Issuance Amount
- □ Identify and Prioritize Projects
- □ Plan Campaign



# **QUESTIONS**



#### **ATHLETICS**

- Increase student participation in District athletics
- Increase post-secondary opportunities for students who participate in athletics/activities
- Improve professional development opportunities for coaches to improve skill set of sports/activities they coach
- □ Currently offer 11 sports; on average, schools offer at least 6 of the 11 sports
- ${\scriptstyle \square}$  60-100 students per school participate in athletics year round.
- □ Connect with local colleges/universities to help coaches understand recruitment process; host clearinghouse events for parents/guardians\*

#### **AGENDA**



- □ Departments
  - □ Athletics
  - □ College & Career Readiness
  - □ Curriculum
  - □ Early Childhood Education
  - □ ESOL
  - □ Professional Development
  - □ Special Education
  - □ St. Louis Plan
  - □ Additional Supports
- Under Consideration
- Questions

#### **COLLEGE & CAREER READINESS**

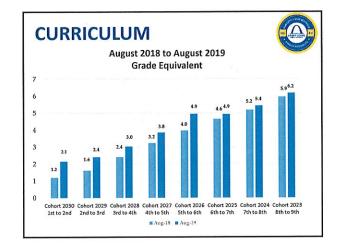


- □ Continue success with Freshmen Success Teams
- □Incorporate Individual Career And Academic Plan (four year planning) from DESE utilizing Missouri Connections in all high schools
- □ Percent of freshmen with a 2.0 or greater increased from 74% in 2018 to 79% in 2019
- □ Initiated Freshmen mentoring program at 3 high schools with 3 more beginning next year
- Dual Credit opportunities have been expanded with the addition of Law Enforcement Dual Credit at Northwest with STLCC
- □ Continue promoting school participation in Robotics\*

#### **CURRICULUM**



- □ Focused Instructional Learning Walk protocol □ Alignment, implementation, and monitoring support of the standards-based curriculum
- □ Aligned Common Formative Assessments that mirror MAP/EOC type questions
- □Interventions for struggling readers
- □Standards Grading and Report Cards\*



# CURRICULUM 4.R.1.A.a 4.R.1.A.b 4.R.1.A.b

# □ Decrease open seats by registering new families □ Provide high quality professional development opportunities for Early Childhood Educators

- □Support Pre-Kindergarten Educators in curriculum, instruction and assessment implementation
- Implement common assessments utilizing DRDP, report cards and STAR Early Literacy systems to identify kindergarten readiness \*

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



2019-2020

Enrollment as of 12/2019

2018-2019

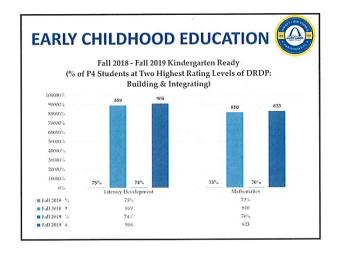
Enrollment as of 12/2018

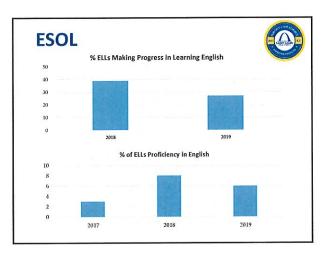
	Gen Ed	SPED	Magnet	Total		Gen Ed	SPED	Magnet	Total
Capacity	1343	201	670	2204	Capacity	1324	191	690	2205
Filled seats	1321	153	629	2103	Filled seats	1328	139	625	2092
Open Seats	22	48	41	101	Open Seats	18	52	65	113

#### **ESOL**



- □ ELL Instruction: implementation of co-teaching & SIOP (Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol), use of ELL portfolios and ELD (English Language Development) Benchmark assessments for progress monitoring and reclassification
- $\hfill \square$  ELL PD: SIOP and co-teaching cohorts, site-based ELL PD in ESOL center schools
- □ ELL Parent Support: events for ELL families; bilingual parent library in 7 languages
- □ Language Access: supporting communication between ELL parents and school staff through in-person and telephonic interpretation, robo-calls in multiple languages, and a library of translated documents\*





# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

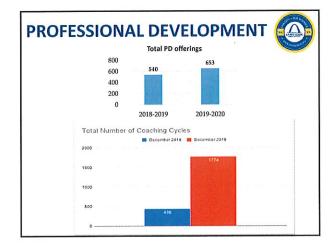


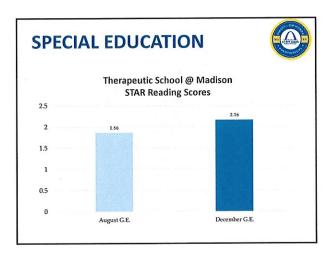
- $\ensuremath{\square}$  Districtwide Professional Development: Cohort PD and Booster Sessions
- □ Providing professional development on literacy and math instruction for Academic Instructional Coaches
- □ Supporting Academic Instructional Coaches to prioritize coaching cycles (Goal Setting, Pre-Observation, Observation, Post-Observation, Next Steps)
- □ Professional Development (Certification Programs): Produce highly qualified teaching staff through certification programs with job-embedded PD components\*

#### SPECIAL EDUCATION



- DESE Self Assessment Compliance: DESE found 2 of 3 Indicators as "In Compliance".
- □ MAP-A Compliance: DESE's ESSA initiative per MAP-A cannot exceed one percent of the total number of all students within a district taking the MAP/EOC. SPED efforts reduced our 2.2% (236) to 1.3% (103) to honor DESE SPED expectations.
- □ SPED Staffing & Professional PD: In Support of SLPS' Transformation Plan 3.0 (Goal 2) the Office of Special Education continues search efforts for SPED staffing needs.\*





#### ST. LOUIS PLAN



- New Teacher Academy Professional development targeted for 1<sup>st</sup> year teachers
- Induction Coaching- Provides support and/or evaluation with public school experience who are in their 1st year with SLPS
- © Substitute Training Training for all substitutes to prepare them for classroom content\*

#### **ADDITIONAL SUPPORTS**



- □ Academic Operations-
  - Manage procurement and fiscal processes for Academic office; develops RFPs and tracks programs/expenditures
  - Support the development of RFPs for the Math K-12 and Science K-12 Textbook Adoption\*
- Culture and Climate
  - Developed District Action Plan developed by the District Culture and Climate Committee to implement practices, systems and data-based decisions
  - □ Tier 1 Student Support Teams in place at all SLPS schools\*
- Gifted and Talented
  - □ Gifted Lottery Testing
  - u Universal Testing
  - □ The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual SLPS Chess Tournament
  - During the 2019-20 school year 3,248 students were assessed by the Gifted Office
  - Universal Testing of 3 and 4 year olds\*

#### ST. LOUIS PLAN



Teacher Retention Data						
	Beginning total	Percentage of retention for the 2018-19 School Year				
Teachers With No Public School Experience	168	87.6%				
All Teachers New to SLPS during the 2018- 2019 School Year	315	88.5%				

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- Increase leader retention through professional learning opportunities and mentorship with teachers and leaders
- □ Increase recognition and advocacy through the Educator and Leader of the Year Program
- □ Further increase capacity through cohort development of teachers (Culturally Responsive Leadership and Pedagogy)
- □ Develop Principal Pipeline using seven (7) domains from the Wallace Foundation study\*

#### **UNDER CONSIDERATION**



#### □ Focused Observations and Coaching

 Academic Instructional Coaches will continue providing coaching around instructional frameworks that contain priority standards.

#### □ Reading Audits 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grades

The Academic Office, in partnership with teachers, will conduct an audit of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade curriculum and teaching practices to determine reading gaps in these grades.

#### □ Interventions focused on 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students

- □ Continued focus on small-group interventions for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- □ Pilots: 8 elementary schools will pilot supplemental literacy programs
- The literacy pilot outcomes will inform supplemental program purchases in the future.

#### □ Intensive Support at Comprehensive schools

 Continued support and professional development for comprehensive schools including before and after school professional development sessions

#### □ Literacy Spring Break Camp

 1 week camp for students in grades 2-5 that will provide intensive literacy instruction



**QUESTIONS** 



## HISTORICAL REVIEW OF MSIP



- □ Accountability for standards
- □ Accreditation from results
- ☐ Guidebook for increasing student achievement in multiple areas
  - □ MSIP I 1990
  - □ MSIP II
  - □ MSIP III
  - □ MSIP IV
  - □ MSIP V
    □ MSIP VI in comment window period
  - Typically reviewed every 5 to 6 years
- completing specific documents related to resources
- to a combination of both resources and results,
- to a more driven alignment to all justification being based on results (resources were dropped).

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#### **AGENDA**



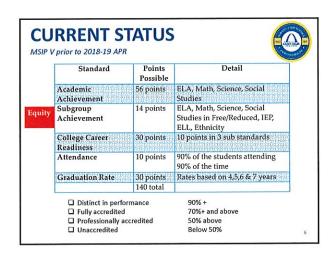
- ☐ Historical Review
- Current situation
- □ National Trends/Laws
- □ Proposed Changes
- ☐ Equity Discussion
- □ Call to Action
- □ Questions

## HISTORICAL REVIEW OF MSIP



- Changes were implemented due to educational trends and needs across the State
- □ Class size
- □ Appropriate certifications
- □ Professional development
- Curriculum design with collaboration
- Enrollment in higher level courses
- Results of students in standardized assessments

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#### **NATIONAL TRENDS**



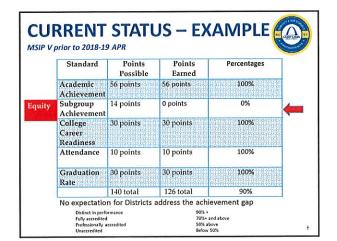
#### No Child Left Behind (NCLB)

- □ January 8, 2002
  - Required Districts/Schools to honor equity for ALL subgroups
  - Was more punitive than resourceful

#### Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

- December 10, 2015

  Ranking of the lowest 5% performing schools in the state (ELA & Math)
  - Provides additional dollars for:
  - professional development
  - □ technology
  - a extra hours in the day or week
  - curriculum rewrite work
  - a additional tutors
- Higher performing teachers should be assigned to lowest performing students



#### **STATE TRENDS**



#### State of Missouri - Equity work

- □ Equity disparities in urban and rural districts
- □ Salaries, performance, teacher retention, educational degrees
- □ ESSA Education Leadership Learning Community (ELLC) supported by the Wallace Foundation created a committee to study and recommend equity changes throughout the state
  - □ SLPS has 2 individuals along with the Superintendent on this committee

#### **Equity Labs for Missouri**

- School leaders review data submitted to DESE from each District/School
  - Trends in the following categories: □ Highest Minority
    - ☐ Highest FR☐ Title Schools
    - □ Most Rural
    - □ Non-Title Schools
- Reviewed discipline, retention of teachers, experience of leader, teaching out of field, etc.

#### SUBMISSION OF ESSA PLAN



#### In 2017 State Board of Education approved the plan to be submitted to Federal Government

- Providing equitable access to excellent educators by transforming teacher and school leader support.
- Improving educational equity by increasing access to advanced coursework in schools where it has not been available.
- Leveling the playing field for rural and low-income schools by offering grants to supplement title programs.
- Improving graduation rates.
- Improving student performance in English language arts, math and science.

#### In 2018, Federal Government Approved the submitted plan

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## MSIP VI UPDATE



- □ Multiple stakeholders have been meeting
- □ Discussing changes to the current MSIP V plan
- Major changes in from June to the October revision of MSIP VI Standard EA (Equity and Access):
  - All student performance measures now included in Effective Teaching and Learning

    Two Equity and Access Standards moved to Culture and Climate

  - Removal of Equity and Access section
  - Designated Standards for measurement
- □ Major changes as of October revision of MSIP VI

  - □ Effective Teaching and Learning
  - □ Collaborative Climate and Culture
  - □ Data-Based Decision Making
  - □ Alignment of Standards, Curriculum, and Assessment
  - □ Notice EA (Equity & Access is now removed)

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#### SUBMISSION OF ESSA PLAN

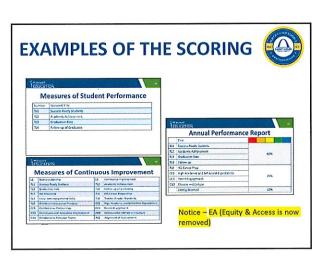


- Approval letter from the Federal Government cited:
- "...family income and race continue to dictate too often a student's likelihood of attending a great school staffed by exceptional educators . This inequity is simply unacceptable, and I look forward to continuing to work with you and your team to make working in high-need schools more attractive and sustainable. Missouri's State Plan represents an important step toward these goals and to ensuring that all students have access to excellent, well-supported

Ann Whalen,

Delegated the authority to perform the functions and duties of Assistant Secretary of the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

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#### **CALL TO ACTION**



- Provide feedback to DESE that the Equity & Access specific standard should be reinstated and not included in other areas of the proposed rule changes
- $\hfill\Box$  Equity & Access is  $\underline{\text{just}}$  or  $\underline{\text{more}}$  important than
  - Leadership
  - □ Effective Teaching and Learning
  - □ Collaborative Climate and Culture
  - □ Data-Based Decision Making
  - □ Alignment of Standards, Curriculum, and Assessment

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# **QUESTIONS**

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