NEW INITIATIVES
2016 – 2017 SCHOOL YEAR
Kelvin R. Adams, PH.D. Superintendent

July 7, 2016
AGENDA

- ACADEMICS DEPARTMENT
  - GIFTED AND TALEN TED
- ACCOUNTABILITY DEPARTMENT
- ALTERNATIVE SERVICES
- INSTUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT
- STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
- TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
- OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT
- TALENT STRATEGY and MANAGEMENT
Expansion of the Expeditionary Learning ELA curriculum (EngageNY) through 12th grade (now grades 3-8)

Grades K-12 Science Curriculum (Gizmos) will be Implemented

The Excellent School Dashboard (ESD powered by Schoolzilla) will be made available to all teachers and leaders

The Launch of “The Love of Learning” initiative begins in 2016-2017 with district level competitions and experiences in STEM, Literacy, Social Justice, and Opportunity (i.e. CCR, Entrepreneurship)

Curriculum Committee Re-established

Curriculum Progressions for all content areas in all tested grades

Initiation of School Leader Summit and Summer Support

Grade Level Expectations document for parent
GIFTED and TALENTED

- Increase the number of students assessed 100%
  - Hire additional examiner....completed
  - Assess twenty students per week....Ongoing

- Increase number students assessed residing on the North Side by 50%
  - Assess at school sites two days per week beginning in August

- Increase the number of enrolled gifted students by 20%
  - Assess all Kindergartners and Third graders with Universal Screener beginning in August
  - Assess all screened students who score at or above the 85th percentile beginning in October

- Increase the complexity and effectiveness of instruction
  - Assemble and work with Gifted Curriculum Committee beginning in August
NEW GIFTED SCHOOL

Phase – In Plan

- Selection of site (Columbia) - Completed
- Hiring of teachers - Completed
- Selection of curriculum and books - Completed
- Ordering of materials - In Progress
- Selection of furniture from warehouse - In Progress
- Identification of capital improvements - In Progress
- Training for new teachers - Scheduled
- Writing of script for robo call - Scheduled
- Building of list of potential students - Completed
- Contacting parents for enrollment - In Progress
- Building Pre-K & Kindergarten classes - Not Begun
ACCOUNTABILITY

- Return to Acuity A, B and C for local benchmark predictors aligned to state standards
- In addition to the STAR Language Arts, STAR Math will be added to grades K – 8
- Reduce the mandatory assessment of STAR ELA & Math to only twice a year
- All schools will be required to assess all students for these two tests
AMIkids will manage the program at Beaumont for 75 students

Stevens Middle School Program will be consolidated with the ICA program

Madison program requested to support students from Charter School

NAPA will increase their enrollment and expand to the 3rd floor in Gallaudet based on new anticipated number of refugees coming to St. Louis (1400 which is 750 more than last year).

- It may mean that there maybe 700 school-age children.
INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

- Website re-design for District and all school sites
  - New design was voted on by the public in June
  - Transition from current design to new design in July
  - All school sites feature new design by August 15
  - Website information will be reviewed/updated during transition

- New SLPS Mobile APP that will be launched in September
  - APP will integrate with SLPS websites/social media platforms

July 13, 2016
STUDENT SERVICES

- New Code of Conduct that features the following:
  - 14 New Positive Behavior Interventions
  - Elimination of Suspensions for all Type III Behaviors and all PreK through Second Grade Students
  - Substance Abuse Counseling for will be available for all Drug and Alcohol First Time Offenses

- Trauma Awareness Training
- ISS Model Change
  - Reflection/Recovery
  - No Multiple Day Placements
- Additional ISS Monitors (32 to 42)
- Additional PBIS (6 to 29)
- Expansion of PBIS to 45 schools
TECHNOLOGY

- Laptop distribution for every certificated staff member
- Updated Desktops for school support staff
- Office 365
- Cloud Based Storage
- Electronic Classroom Concept
- Email activated for every middle and high school student
- Five free downloads for personal use of entire Microsoft Product Suite: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, OneDrive
OPERATIONS

Transportation

- Bell times moved 20 minutes earlier and Wednesday, August 17 school start
- Full implementation of new reporting system to better monitor real-time bus performance, timeliness and costs (August 2017)
- Implementation of the parent portal in January 2017 that will allow parents to monitor bus status via mobile phone
- Bid for transportation services for 2017-2018

Facilities

- Management services in-house with focus on improving custodial and maintenance services provided to schools
  - New work order system and procedures around submitting work orders
  - Improved staff training, monitoring, and performance management
  - Improved oversight of maintenance parts spending, grounds maintenance, cleaning, budget management, etc.
- Water Testing for Lead
TALENT MANAGEMENT

- Fall Identification of School Leaders *(Principals, Assistant Principals, Academic Instructional Coaches)*
- Enhanced Teacher and Leader Recognition Program
QUESTIONS