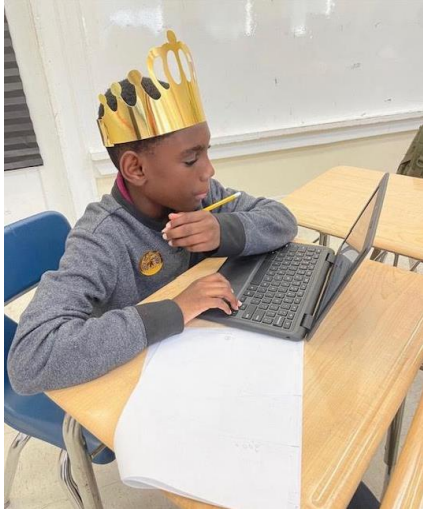
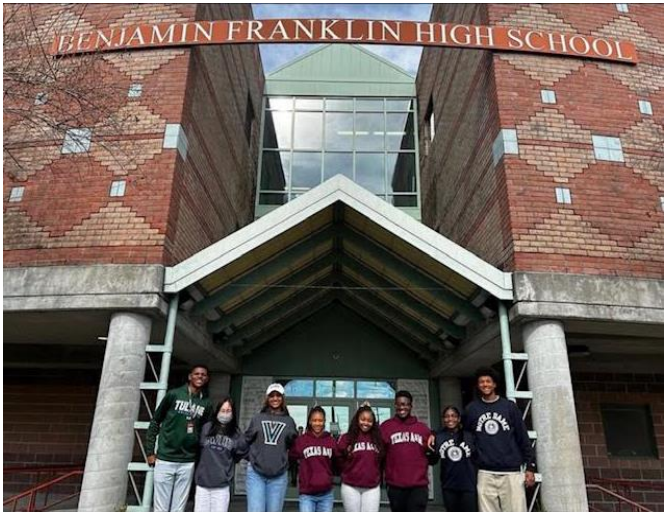
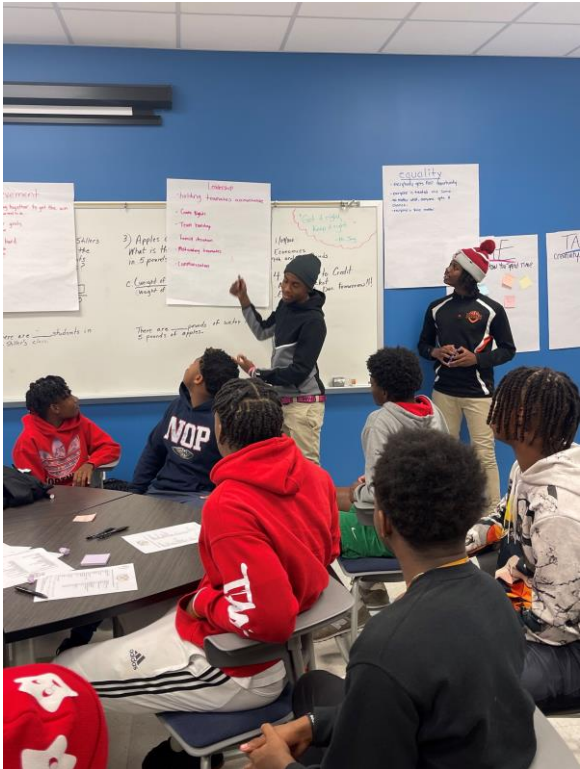




January Schools Update

January 17, 2023

School Highlights



Winter Updates: Student Attendance

- Responding to referrals from schools for students at-risk of chronic absenteeism
- Partnering with the Mayor's Office of Youth and Families for additional resources
- Data Bridge project- pilot still underway and additional work forthcoming
- Additional staffing for Office of Student Support and Attendance (OSSA)
- Internal data and strategy work
- Encouraging schools to review NOLA-PS Attendance Guidance for 2022-23 distributed at the start of the school year

#Attendtoday
#Achievetomorrow

Systemwide Needs Program (SWNP) Overview

In the spring of 2019, through an act of the Louisiana State Legislature, the Systemwide Needs Program (SWNP) was established. The purpose of the program is to support initiatives that will result in districtwide improvements in areas that can be more efficiently and effectively addressed at the system level than at the school level while recognizing the need for differentiated supports that address our unique charter system. On an annual basis, the funds available for use are estimated at roughly \$3.1 million dollars per year. Per law, the NOLA Public Schools superintendent must develop a plan for improvement. The plan will:

- a) Be for a minimum of three years;
- b) Include related performance objectives;
- c) Include information on the proposed level(s) of funding to be dedicated to one or more area(s) of focus; and
- d) Be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the School Board to impact at least fifty percent of Orleans Parish public school students or fifty percent of Orleans Parish public schools over the course of the plan

SWNP Round 2 Planning (Updated Timeline)



- Monthly School Leader Convenings
 - Topic Specific SWNP Office Hours
 - Monthly Board Updates
 - Survey Creation
 - Identify and refine draft focus areas
 - Advisory Council Engagement
- Survey Dissemination and Analysis
 - School Leader Convening
 - Advisory Council Engagement
- Final School Leader Convening
 - R2 Plan fully drafted for ongoing revisions/feedback
- Final R2 proposal presented to Board for approval
- Procurement process for vendors
 - Prepare R1 Annual Report and full summary

Summary of Engagement for Round 2 System Wide Needs Program (SWNP) Planning

Per OPSB Policy DCBB, collaboration with school leaders and survey distribution to the Parent Advisory Council and Student Advisory Council is required.

To meet this expectation the following activities took place from August 2022-January 2023:

- Five convenings open to all school leaders
 - During these convenings school leaders were given the opportunity to provide suggestions, review data from round one SWNP programs, review round two survey results, propose focus areas and program ideas, review draft performance objectives and raise any outstanding questions for discussion
- Office Hours for School Leaders
- Survey distribution to school leaders and advisory councils

Prior to the proposal of the Superintendent's SWNP Improvement Plan to the OPSB, the district will host one final convening for school leaders to review the draft plan.

Based upon engagements with stakeholders, key themes emerged as priorities for consideration:

- Increasing students' access to comprehensive mental and behavioral supports
- Increasing teacher compensation
- Protecting and growing the teacher pipeline to ensure enough talent is available to fill vacancies each year
- There is a continued need to focus on comprehensive special education programming for students with behavioral and cognitive disabilities
 - Stakeholders believe that the need is in both areas (behavioral and cognitive)
- Autism as an additional systemwide need area that requires specialized support and training
- Effective community partners to provide mental health services in the school setting and at home was the most common response to increase access to comprehensive mental and behavioral health supports
- There is a continued need to support the following student population groups at citywide level: students with emotional or behavioral challenges, students with disabilities and English Language Learners
- Additional feedback from school leaders included: Portrait of a Graduate and Literacy Professional Development as possible areas to consider

School Transitions Update

- NOLA-PS staff held school transition kickoff meetings with the administration of the three schools that are closing at the end of this school year
- Weekly meetings are scheduled to track progress on NOLA-PS School Transition Guidance Documents
- The NOLA-PS Enrollment team is providing support to schools and families with the NOLA-PS Common Application Process (NCAP), where needed, as well as any additional ad hoc enrollment support requested



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*Engage and communicate
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community*



Questions?

