School Improvement Plan

Title I, Part A





School Year:	2025 - 2026
School Name:	Pearson Middle School
Principal Name:	Dean Yoder
Date Submitted:	
Revision Date(s):	

Distric	ct	Cobb County School District							
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		Federal Funding Options to Be Employed in This Plan							
		(SWP Schools. Select all that apply.)							
Х	Tradit	ional funding (all Federal funds budgeted separately)							
	Conso	lidated funds (state/local and federal funds consolidated) - Pilot systems ONLY							
	"Fund	400" - Consolidation of Federal funds only							
		Factor(s) Used by District to Identify Students in Poverty							
		(Select all that apply.)							
Х	Free/F	/Reduced meal applications							
	Comm	munity Eligibility Program (CEP) - Direct Certification ONLY							
	Other	(if selected, please describe below)							

In developing this plan, briefly describe how the school sought and included advice from individuals (teachers, staff, other school leaders, paraprofessionals, specialized instructional support personnel, parents, community partners, and other stakeholders).

References: Schoolwide Checklist 3.b.[Sec. 2103(b)(2)]

School Response: The SIP was reviewed by all shareholders (families, teachers, staff and community members) with the expectation/understanding that all shareholders reviewing this document will have the power to make suggestions, additions, and edits in which they felt best represented the needs of our community.

IDENTIFICATION of STAKEHOLDERS

Stakeholders are those individuals with valuable experiences and perspectives who will provide the team with important input, feedback, and guidance. Stakeholders must be engaged in the process to meet requirements of participating federal programs. Documentation of stakeholder involvement must be maintained by the school. Suggested stakeholder participation includes the following roles. A parent is required.

Positions and Roles to consider when developing the SIP Committee.

Suggested Stakeholders
Parent Facilitators
Media Specialists
Public Safety Officers
Business Partners
Social Workers
Community Leaders
School Technology Specialists
Community Health Care Providers
Universities or Institutes of Higher Education

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS - SIGNATURE PAGE

The Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) and School Improvement Plan (SIP) team consists of individuals responsible for working collaboratively throughout the needs assessment and plan development process. Ideal team members possess knowledge of programs, the capacity to plan and implement the needs assessment, and the ability to ensure stakeholder involvement. Documentation of team member involvement must be maintained by the school. Multiple meetings should occur and a sign-in sheet must be maintained for each meeting.

Meeting Dates:		

Position/Role	Printed Name	Signature					
Principal	Dean Yoder						
Assistant Principal	stant Principal Kristi Lankford						
6-8 Reading/ELA Instructional Specialist	Rachel Benhart						
6-8 Math/science Instructional Specialist	Marshane Foreman						
6 th grade Team Lead	Jaclyn Davies						
7 th grade Team Lead	Jessica West						
8 th grade Team Lead	Mercedes Liriano						
School counselor	Rayniece Meadows						
Parent	Ricardo Munoz						
Media Center Specialist	Tiffany Spriggs						

Comprehensive Needs Assessment Evaluation of Goal(s)

(References: Schoolwide Checklist Section 1114(b)(1)(A))

Collaborate with your team to complete the questions below regarding the progress the school has made toward each goal in the School Improvement Plan (SIP).

Previous Year's Goal #1	By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, the number of students reading below their grade-level band will decrease by 15% as measured ELA EOG Milestones Assessment. • 6 th grade will decrease from _46% to _31% (15 students) • 6 th grade Lexile band 925 – 1070 • 7 th grade will decrease from _60% to _45% (23 students) • 7 th grade Lexile band 970 – 1120 • 8 th grade will decrease from _50% to _35% (21 students) • 8 th grade Lexile band 1010 – 1185										
	Was the goal met? YES NO Partially 8th Grade: Comparing "Like" Students										
	Scale went up	Scale went down		Achievement down	Level 1 2024	Level I 2025	Hit Goal?				
	156	73	56	20	122	110	No				
What data supports	_	ring "Like" Studen		A abias are and dasses	Lavel 1 2024	Lavel 1 2025	Uit Cool3	1			
the outcome of the	Scale went up	Scale went down 85	53	Achievement down 26	Level 1 2024 113	Level I 2025 109	Hit Goal? No	4			
goal?	6 th Grade: Comparing "Like" Students										
	Scale went up	Scale went down	Achievement up	Achievement down	Level 1 2024	Level I 2025	Hit Goal?				
	60	113	11	42	69	86	No				
			Reflecting	on Outcomes							
If the goal was not met , what actionable strategies could be implemented to address the area of need?	Small Gr focuses of Action steps to keep ELLevation PILOT blooms	Action steps to eliminate or change: • Small Group Instruction – Adjust from Tier 1 instruction to a focus on Tier 2 instruction or RTI interventions. Consider language that focuses on specific interventions based on student need. Action steps to keep or extend: • ELLevation strategies – keep and add collaborative presentations from ESOL/SPED teachers • PILOT block – Keep and adjust wording for implementation plan to include targeted focus for certain students to meet with ELA teachers 5x per week (like January adjustment in SY25).									

	Possible action step additions:								
	• SWD PILOT block – What are these students doing and how are we monitoring it? Are they meeting goals and objectives and How are students being grouped according to IEP goals and objectives?								
	 CCC Functioning – Expectations for CCCs and monitoring plan for implementation. Possibly include PL and/or CCC support from local and district coaches. 								
If the goal was met	or								
exceeded, what									
processes, action									
steps, or intervention	nns								
contributed to the									
success of the goal									
and continue to be									
implemented to									
sustain progress?									
Previous	By the end of the 2024-2025 school year, the number of "like" students on a LEVEL I on the math Milestones will decrease by 15%. 200 as measured by the Math EOG Assessment.								
Year's	6 th Grade will decrease from 111 to 95								
Goal #2	• 7 th Grade will decrease from 132 to 112								
	8 th Grade will decrease from 132 to 112								
	Was the goal met?								
	2025 RESULTS								
What data	• 6 th Grade - 108 Below Grade Level								
supports the	• 7th Grade –118 Below Grade Level								

Reflecting on Outcomes

If the goal was **not met**, what
actionable
strategies could
be implemented

outcome of the

goal?

Action steps to eliminate or change:

8th Grade -116 Below Grade Level

- Manipulatives Consider rolling into ISOPs because it has become common practice.
- Small Group Instruction Adjust from Tier 1 instruction to a focus on Tier 2 instruction or RTI interventions. Consider language that focuses on specific interventions based on student need.

Action steps to keep or extend:

to address the	PILOT block – Consider adjusting based on Beacon scores to more targeted support (like January in SY25).
area of need?	ELLevation strategies – keep and add collaborative presentations from ESOL/SPED teachers
	Possible action step additions:
	 Prisms implementation expectations in Math and Science. Consider setting a schedule for when it should be used.
	• CCC Functioning – Expectations for CCCs and monitoring plan for implementation. Possibly include PL and/or CCC support from local and district coaches.
If the goal was	
met or exceeded,	
what processes,	
action steps, or	
interventions	
contributed to the	
success of the	
goal and continue	
to be	
implemented to	
sustain progress?	

Comprehensive Needs Assessment – Summary of Findings (Schoolwide) Section 1114(b)(1)(A)

	ELA DATA									
ELA Milestones Longitudinal Data	SY22 % of students scoring proficient & distinguished	SY23 % of students scoring proficient & distinguished	SY24 % of students scoring proficient & distinguished	\$Y25 % of students scoring proficient & distinguished						
6 th Grade	23%	21%	23.9%	20.4%						
7 th Grade	22%	28.4%	18.1%	27%						
8 th Grade	20%	24.1%	30%	24%						

Reading							Reading Text Types						Writing											
Beacon ELA Deta Data – Spring Administration		Key Ideas & Details		Craft & Structure/ Integration of Knowledge & Skills		Vocabulary Acquisition & Use		Literary		Informational			Text Types and Purposes			Conventions			Research					
	SN	NT	Р	SN	NT	P	SN	NT	P	SN	NT	P	SN	NT	P	SN	NT	P	SN	NT	P	SN	NT	P
6 th Grade	47%	41%	13%	46%	42%	12%	53%	37%	10%	44%	45%	11%	49%	41%	10%	47%	43%	10%	59%	32%	9%	44%	45%	11%
7 th Grade	40%	41%	20%	37%	43%	20%	42%	43%	15%	41%	40%	20%	43%	38%	19%	37%	45%	18%	55%	32%	13%	43%	37%	21%
8 th Grade	36%	40%	23%	37%	42%	21%	40%	40%	20%	36%	41%	23%	34%	41%	24%	35%	42%	23%	56%	26%	17%	34%	43%	23%

Source		St	rengths		Weaknesses					
SY25 ELA	For Grade Levels, EL	s and SW	'D		Grade Levels (all students):					
Milestones	Achievement	6 th	7 th	8 th	8th Data Summary					
(Grade Levels &	Level	Grade	Grade	Grade	•					
Subgroups)	Beginning (I)	110	121	110	Category Details					
	Developing (II)	53	63	66	Dropped 19 students: 4 Level IV \rightarrow III, 8 Level III \rightarrow II, 7 Achievement Level Level II \rightarrow I					
	Proficient (III)	37	60	32	Achievement Level					
	Distinguished (IV)	5	8	9	No Change in Achievement Level Achievement Level Achievement Level					
	Grade Levels (all stude	ents):			band)					
		Dropped Scale Score 60 students								
	Category			Details						

Grew Within Same Level (10+ Points)	51 students					
Increased Achievement Level	52 students total: <mark>26 Level I → II,</mark> 20 Level II → III, 4 Level III → IV					
Moved Up Two Achievement Levels	3 students					

7th Data Summary					
Category	Details				
Grew Within Same Level (10+ Points)	28 students				
Increased Achievement Level	21 students: 13 Level I \rightarrow II, 6 Level II \rightarrow III, 1 Level III \rightarrow IV				
Moved Up Two Achievement Levels	1 student				

6th Data Summary					
Category	Details				
Grew Within Same Level (10+ Points)	56 students				
Increased Achievement Level	15 students total: 3 Level I → II, 9 Level II → III, 3 Level III → IV				
Moved Up Two Achievement Levels	0 students				

EL:

SWD:

	7th Data Summary
Category	Details
Dropped Achievement Level	13 students: 7 Level II \rightarrow I, 5 Level III \rightarrow II, 1 Level IV \rightarrow III
No Change in Achievement Level	58 students (22 of these students grew within the Level 1 band)
Dropped Scale Score	33 students

	6th Data Summary					
Category	Details					
Dropped Achievement Level	48 students: 3 Level IV \rightarrow III, 20 Level III \rightarrow II, 20 Level III \rightarrow I					
No Change in Achievement Level	155 students (26 of these students grew within the Level I band)					
Dropped Scale Score	128 students					

EL:

SWD:

Beacon Assessment SPRG25 – ELA

(Grade Levels & Subgroups)

Grade Levels, ELs, and SWDs 6-8 (all students):

- Based on the Beacon results in ELA, our 6th-grade students have demonstrated strengths in the Literary Texts and Research reporting categories, with 56% (114 students) at or above Near Target or Prepared.
- Based on the Beacon results in ELA, our 7th-grade students have demonstrated strengths in the Craft
 Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Skills and the Text
 Types and Purposes reporting categories, with 63% (151 students) at or above Near Target or Prepared.
- Based on the Beacon results in ELA, our 8th-grade students have demonstrated strengths in the Research reporting category, with 66% (160 students) at or above Near Target or Prepared. Additional areas of strength, where at least 60% (145 students) are at or above Near Target or Prepared, include: Key Ideas and Details, Craft Structure/Integration of Knowledge and Skills, Literary Texts, Informational Texts, and Text Types and Purposes.

EL:

- The assessment scores for our 6th Grade EL students in this
 content area indicate that 24% (19 of 79 students) are scoring
 in the Near Target area overall.
- The assessment scores for our 7th Grade EL students in this
 content area indicate that 24% (24 of 99 students) are scoring
 in the Near Target and Prepared areas overall.
- The assessment scores for our 8th Grade EL students in this
 content area indicate that 38% (39 of 102 students) are scoring
 in the Near Target and Prepared areas overall.

SWD:

- The assessment scores for our 6th Grade SWD students in this
 content area indicate that 41% (9 of 22 students) are scoring in
 the Near Target area overall.
- The assessment scores for our 7th Grade SWD students in this
 content area indicate that 37% (7 of 19 students) are scoring in
 the Near Target and Prepared areas overall.
- The assessment scores for our 8th Grade SWD students in this content area indicate that 55% (16 of 29 students) are scoring in the Near Target and Prepared areas overall.

Grade Levels, ELs, and SWDs 6-8 (all students):

- Based on the Beacon results in ELA, our 6th-grade students have demonstrated weaknesses in the Vocabulary Acquisition and Use and Conventions reporting categories, 53% (108 students), and 59% (120 students) falling within Support Needed.
- Overall, 6th grade students need increased support within the two Writing Skills reporting categories: Text Types & Purposes and Conventions.
- Based on the Beacon results in ELA, our 7th-grade students have demonstrated weaknesses in two reporting categories (Vocabulary Acquisition and Use and Conventions), with 42% (101 students) and 55% (132 students) falling within Support Needed.
- Based on the Beacon results in ELA, our 8th-grade students have demonstrated weaknesses in two reporting categories (Vocabulary Acquisition and Use and Conventions), with 40% (96 students) and 55% (133 students) falling within Support Needed.

EL:

- The assessment scores for our 6th Grade EL students in this
 content area indicate that 76% (60 of 79 students) are scoring
 in the Support Needed area overall.
- The assessment scores for our 7th Grade EL students in this
 content area indicate that 76% (75 of 99 students) are scoring
 in the Support Needed area overall.
- The assessment scores for our 8th Grade EL students in this content area indicate that 62% (63 of 102 students) are scoring in the Support Needed area overall.

SWD:

- The assessment scores for our 6th Grade SWD students in this content area indicate that 59% (13 of 22 students) are scoring in the Support Needed area.
- The assessment scores for our 7th Grade SWD students in this content area indicate that 63% (12 of 19 students) are scoring in the Support Needed area.
- The assessment scores for our 8th Grade SWD students in this content area indicate that 45% (13 of 29 students) are scoring in the Support Needed area.

Check the system that contributes to the root cause:

☑ Coherent Instruction☐ Professional Capacity☐ Effective Leadership☐ Supportive Learning

Environment

Root Cause Explanation:

- The lack of consistent, explicit vocabulary instruction prevents Pearson students, especially ELL and SWD student groups, from fully accessing and engaging with academic content.
 - o In summary, over half of students in grades 6-8th need additional support in vocabulary acquisition and use, meaning they need help learning new words, understanding what those words mean, and using them correctly when they speak or write.
 - o The data tells us that our ELL and SWD populations need additional support to access, gain, and demonstrate grade-level literacy knowledge, especially our current 6th and 7th grade SWD and ELL cohorts. Low achievement for ELLs and SWDs is often linked to gaps in academic language development. Our instruction needs to consistently and systematically support vocabulary growth through research-based strategies so students can fully access content and demonstrate mastery. Research shows that gaps in academic vocabulary are one of the primary barriers preventing these student groups from accessing grade-level content and demonstrating their understanding.
- Pearson students are not consistently receiving explicit instruction in writing conventions across content areas, with ELLs and SWDs being disproportionately impacted.
 - Over half of students in grades 6- 8 need additional support in writing conventions, meaning they need help with the basic rules of writing, like spelling words correctly, using proper punctuation (like periods and commas), writing complete sentences, and using correct grammar. Helping students master writing conventions strengthens their overall writing skills because it allows their ideas to be communicated clearly and effectively. When students don't have to struggle with the basics, they can focus more on expressing creative, thoughtful, and complex ideas which leads to stronger, more confident writing across all subjects.
 - Research emphasizes the need for systematic instruction in grammar and mechanics to build strong writers. Prioritizing conventions instruction will improve writing clarity, support mastery across disciplines, and close achievement gaps for diverse learners.
 - o ELLs and SWDs often require more targeted, repeated, and structured support to master writing conventions due to language development needs or processing differences. Strengthening explicit instruction in conventions ensures these learners can more effectively demonstrate knowledge, participate fully in academic tasks, and meet grade-level writing standards.

ACCESS Scores (SY25)

(Grade Level Reading & Writing)

1. Listening Comprehension

- Schoolwide listening scores were consistently above 5.0 from SY22–SY24, peaking at 5.7 in SY24.
- All grades in **SY25** still performed strongest in listening, with 8th grade at **4.34**, even during a year of decline.

2. Current 8th Grade Cohort Shows Cumulative Growth

- In writing and reading, 8th grade outperformed 6th and 7th, suggesting students benefit from sustained language development over time.
- Composite scores in Data Set 2 show 8th grade at **3.24 overall**, the highest of all grade levels.

3. 6th Grade is on an Upward Trend

- Both writing and reading showed improvement in 6th grade from SY24 to SY25, signaling success in entry-level support or early intervention practices.
- 4. Based on ESOL exiting criteria, approximately 33 students achieved a composite score of 4.3 and above.

1. Speaking is the Lowest Performing Domain

- Grade-level speaking scores are the lowest across all grades.
- Schoolwide speaking also dropped from 3.7 in SY24 to 2.85 in SY25, a significant regression.

2. 7th Grade Underperformance Across the Board

- 7th grade scores declined in reading and writing from SY24 to SY25.
- 2. In Data Set 2, **7th grade** had the lowest averages in all domains except speaking, pointing to systemic instructional or support gaps at that grade level.

3. SY25 Schoolwide Scores Plummeted

 From SY24 to SY25, the school experienced a dramatic decline across all domains (Data Set #1)

Data	Set	#1

School Average by	Listening	Speaking	Reading	Writing
Domain				
(Longitudinal)				

		SY22		5.2	3.4	3.9	3.7	
		SY23		5.2	3.3	3.2	3.4	_
		SY24		5.7	3.7	4.2	4.2	
		SY25		4.3	2.85	2.67	3.12	
		Data Set #2						
				Grade L	evel Avera	ges by Dom	ain	
		Grade	Listenir	ng Spe	eaking	Reading	Writing	Composite
		Level 6 th	4.29	2	2.61	2.93	3.12	(Overall) 3.05
		7 th	4.25	2	2.64	2.41	2.98	2.86
		8 th	4.34	2	2.94	2.97	3.26	3.24
		Data Set #3	A 00555 L -		- L- (B !'			
		Grade I		ngitudinai Di	SY24	ng Grade Le	vel Average Sc	res) (25
		6 th	Le vei		1.89			.02
		7 th			2.03		1	.85
		8 th			2.44		2	.45
		Data Set #4						
						ng Grade Lev	el Average Sc	
		Grade Le	evel		SY24			/25
		6 th			2.37			.69
		7 th 8 th			2.50 2.63			.81
Check the system that contributes to the root cause: Coherent Instruction Professional Capacity Effective Leadership Supportive Learning	 Lack of language-rich Tier 1 instruction. In SY25, significant drops not consistently embedding language objectives into content-are Minimal integration of listening/speaking into content learning. I remained strong, the low speaking scores across the board revea across subjects, not just ESOL. ESOL teachers may be stretched too thin (caseloads, scheduling effectively. Limited progress monitoring by domain or subgroup. Leaders may be attributed to a higher enrollment of the content of the	ea teaching. Few authent Il a gap in or conflicts, cor	ic speakii al langua ntent area domain d	ng opport ge instruc as, etc.), li ata to driv	unities ir tion, wh miting the	n the classich should heir ability	room. Whi I be a daily	le listening practice
Environment			1 / 11 .					
Reading Common	Grade Levels (all students):	Grade Lev	-	-	£			aliana al t-
Assessments	Literary and informational text reading assessments indicate that at least 60% of students are performing proficiently an			•			nent items	•
(Grade Level Reading &	that at least 60% of students are performing proficiently on		-		-	_	-	ng standards
Writing)	the following standards in each grade level:				_			stered, with
	6 th Grade:					• .	•	percentages
	RL. 5 (text structure/development of theme/setting/plot) – 65%	0.	t student	s scoring a	at least 7	5% profic	iency are li	sted below:
	RL.7 (compare/contrast texts)- 70%		4		51.4	5) F T		BL 0 5: 5
	RL.1-9 (Literary standards overall) – 67%	Lit. RL.	.1 RL.2	RL.3	RL.4	RL.5 RL.	6 RL.7	RL.8 RL.9
	RI.1 (cite evidence/draw inferences/informational) – 61%							

7th Grade:

RL.1 (cite evidence/draw inferences/literary) – 77%

RL.1 & RL.2 (constructed response writing) – 77%

RI.1 (cite evidence/draw inferences/informational) – 79%

RI.2 (determine central idea) – 72%

8th Grade:

RL.1-9 (literary standards overall) – 62% RL.6 (analyze points of view, literary) - 65%

RI.1 (cite evidence/draw inferences/informational) - 81%

RI.6 (determine author's POV/purpose) - 75%

EL:

The assessment scores for our EL students indicate they are exhibiting growth percentages similar to those of their non-EL peers.

SWD:

The assessment scores for our SWD students indicate they are exhibiting growth percentages similar to those of their non-SWD peers.

6 th	51%	45%	30%	n/a		n/a			
7 th	55%		40%	47%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
8 th									

Inf.	RI.1	RI.2	RI.3	RI.4	RI.5	RI.6	RI.7	RI.8	RI.9
6 th		49%	29%	n/a	45%	26%	n/a	n/a	33%
7 th			28%	53%	n/a	45%	n/a	n/a	n/a
8 th		47%	41%	55%	27%		n/a	17%	n/a

EL:

While the assessment scores for our EL students indicate that they are exhibiting similar growth percentages as their non-EL peers, their proficiency averages are about 10-15% lower on reading grade-level standards.

 Common assessments reveal that ELs continue to struggle with understanding figurative or connotative language, text structures (e.g. cause/effect, problem/solution), and transitions that indicate shifts. Additionally, assessments reveal that limited background knowledge and schema impact their understanding of U.S.-based topics, literary and informational texts, or figures of speech (e.g. idioms).

SWD:

While the assessment scores for our SWD students indicate they are exhibiting similar growth percentages as their non-SWD peers, their proficiency averages are about 5-10% lower on reading grade-level standards.

- Common assessments reveal that SWDs need support in decoding and interpreting complex vocabulary and texts.
- Common assessments revealed that students struggle with utilizing metacognition strategies that require critical thinking, synthesis, and comparisons. These thinking tasks require students to utilize their working memory and attention skills, which are often impacted by learning disabilities.

Summary (EL/SWD):

Our ELLs and SWDs struggle with these standards because they require abstract reasoning, deep language skills, and analysis across multiple texts or formats. These skills are challenging due to linguistic, cognitive, or processing differences.

Check the system **Root Cause Explanation:** Limited opportunities for students to use higher-order thinking, analysis, and language comprehension skills beyond foundational and that contributes to basic reading skills (e.g. Comprehension, Determining Central Ideas, etc.) the root cause: Assessment Design & Data Discussions: Common assessments are not consistently created (collaboratively) among CCC members before instruction begins. Assessments are not consistently aligned to grade-level reading standards regarding rigor, depth, and what is taught and ☐ Coherent Instruction practiced formatively. ☐ Professional Capacity CCC Teams do not regularly analyze formative assessment data to adjust their instruction or provide targeted reteaching before ☐ Effective Leadership administering unit summative assessments. ☐ Supportive Learning Environment **Grade Levels (all students): Grade Levels (all students): ELA Common** ELA writing-based assessments indicate that at least 60% of ELA writing-based assessments indicate that at least 60% of Assessments students are not performing proficiently on the following students are performing proficiently on the following (Grade Level Reading & standards (W1, W2, W3) in each grade level: standards in each grade level: Writing) 6th Grade: W1 (argumentative), W2 (informational), W3 (narrative) 7th Grade: % of students scoring 75% 8th Grade: While there were not 60% of students demonstrating W1 W2 W3 and above on grade-level mastery for the listed standards, 52% of students demonstrated common cold-write (Argumentative) (Informational) (Narrative) mastery for the standard: W3 (narrative) 6th 68% 60% 98% 7th 8th 45% 49% 52% SWD: Narrative Writing is where our SWD students perform on par with their non-SWD grade-level peers. Proficiency averages are about 15-20% lower on writing grade-level standards than non-ELL students. SWD: Proficiency averages for informational and argumentative writing gradelevel standards are about 5-10% lower than those of non-SWD students. Check the system **Root Cause Explanation:** that contributes to Our SWD and ELL students are performing below peers across informational and argumentative writing genres due to persistent gaps in academic language production, organizational structure, and evidence elaboration skills, compounded by challenges with reading the root cause: comprehension, vocabulary acquisition, and executive functioning stamina. ☐ Coherent Instruction ☐ Professional Capacity ☐ Effective Leadership

Environment Write Score Grade Levels (all students): Grade Levels (all	students):
Assessments SY25 Informational (Winter) & Genre Genre 3) W Below (1- % Average (4- % Advanced (6- almost tr	le informational writing is the lowest performing, with wo-thirds below grade level: 64.2%.
I lifth llintormational lift 1% 1137 /% 113% 111	le informational writing shows improvement, but the almost split evenly between below and average.
1	le shows continued improvement, especially in
	ntative writing, even though informational writing is
8th Argumentative 34.2% 63.3% 2.5% about 45	5% below grade level.
 Weak foundational writing skills among diverse groups, leaving more instructional growthat contributes to the root cause: Limited Elaboration Skills amongst most students. Students have demonstrated struction analytical thinking. Informational and argumentative writing rely heavily on explana Low writing stamina across grade levels, producing average scores even when stude Few students are reaching the advanced level, indicating that our average writers may limited rigorous writing opportunities in the classroom. 	uggles with explaining text evidence with deeper, ation and elaboration writing skills. ents remain on topic.
Classroom: Classr	use of metacognitive strategies
Check the system Root Cause Explanation:	ts, social stories, structured breaks, first-then

the root cause: Coherent Instruction Professional Capacity Effective Leadership Supportive Learning Environment	 Across grade levels, the limited use of metacognitive strategies likely results from a lack of consistent modeling and professional development focused on teaching students how to think about their thinking. In shared teaching classrooms, the high use of whole group instruction (42%) and limited student choice suggest teacher-centered practices dominate due to insufficient co-teaching training, limited planning time, and unclear expectations for true collaboration. The frequent one-teach/one-assist model (34%) further reflects an imbalance in instructional roles. For EL students, limited speaking opportunities and scaffolded instruction stem from instruction prioritizing content coverage over integrated language development. Teachers may lack training or tools to embed structured language practice consistently into daily lessons. For SWD students, the inconsistent use of positive behavior supports (like checklists, structured breaks, and first-then boards) indicates a need for more systematic training in universal design and proactive behavior strategies. 				
Other Summary Data Teacher Survey Parent Survey Professional Learning Survey					
Check the system that contributes to the root cause: Coherent Instruction Professional Capacity Effective Leadership Supportive Learning Environment	Root Cause Explanation:				

	ELA - IMPROVEMENT PLAN									
	6 [™] GRADE		7 TH GRADE	8 th GRAD	E					
GOAL #1: ELA	Fall Beacon Data: - 220 students tested - 102 students in the support needed category (46%) - 118 students in the near target & prepared category (54%) - 23 students within 25pts of hear target - 26 students within 25pts of dropping to	category - 88 studen category - 21 student - 18 student	its in the support needed (55%) ts in the near target & prepared (45%) s within 25pts of near target s within 25pts of dropping to	Fall Beacon Data: - 252 students tested - 110 students in the support needed category (44%) - 142 students in the near target & prepared category (56%) - 19 students within 25pts of near target - 27 students within 25pts of dropping to						
	Goal: By the end of the 2025—2026 school year, the percentage of students scoring in the Near Target or Prepared categories will increase from 54% on the Fall administration to 64% on the Spring administration, as measured by the DRC Georgia ELA BEACON Assessment.	percentage of Target or Pre from 45% on the Spring add	Goal: the 2025—2026 school year, the students scoring in the Near pared categories will increase the Fall administration to 55% on ministration, as measured by the A BEACON Assessment.	Goal: By the end of the 2025—2026 school year, the percentage of students scoring in the Near Target or Prepared categories will increase from 56% on the Fall administration to 66% on the Spring administration, as measured by the DRC Georgia ELA BEACON Assessment.						
	Numbers Needed: - 141 students need to hit Near Target/Proficient by Spring assessment (at least 23 students needed)	Numbers Needo - 167 students need to hit Near Target/Proficient by Spring as least 25 students needed)	^							
Root Cause(s) to be Addressed:	• Lack of language-rich Tier 1 instruction. In \$225, significant drops in reading and writing suggest that general education.									
Funding Source(s) SWP Checklist 5.e	☐ Title I Funds ☐ Local School Fu	nds 🗆 (Other:							
Components	Components Implementation Plan SWP Checklist 3.a 34 CFR § 200.26		Evaluatio SWP Checklist 3.b :	=	Resources					
Who? One Action (Verb) What? Frequency	Implementation Performance Target: 100% of ELA and Reading teachers will implement explicit vocabulary instruction and supports 2-3 times per week as measured by classroom observations and CCC lesson plans. Evaluation Performance Target: 60% of students will score a 75% or higher on ELA and Reading unit vocabulary post-assessments. Evaluation Tool(s):									
Target Student Group	<u></u>									

☑ All Students☑ FI

⊠ SWD

Action Step

SWP Checklist 2.a, 2.b, 2.c(i), 2.c(ii), 2.c(ii), 2.c(iv), 2.c(v)

1. 6th–8th grade ELA and Reading teachers will implement explicit vocabulary instruction using grade-level "must have" vocabulary lists, the six-step Marzano-based vocabulary routine, and visual and linguistic supports (ELLevation) 2–3 times per week, emphasizing supporting language access for ELL and SWD student groups.

Implementation Plan:

Preplanning:

Tier 1 Explicit Vocabulary Instruction All Staff PL

- August:
 - Introduce SIP and vocabulary action steps to the staff.
 - Distribute "must-have" vocabulary lists by grade and unit.
 - CCC teams establish their interactive word walls.
 - Administer pre-assessment for the first unit.
- September:
 - Begin weekly explicit vocabulary instruction (1-2x/week)
 - Emphasize visuals, word parts, and studentfriendly definitions.
- October:
 - Continue explicit vocabulary instruction and embed vocabulary into reading and writing tasks.
 - Modeling of academic language use with sentence frames.
- November:
 - Incorporate student-led vocabulary activities (ex., semantic maps, word sorts)
 - CCC planning for ELL/SWD scaffolds for studentled activities.
- December:
 - Review and reinforce taught vocabulary.
 - Mid-year assessment and reflection.
- January-February:
 - Refresh explicit vocabulary instruction routines.
 - Connect vocabulary to EOG-style questions and writing prompts.
 - Emphasize structured academic conversation with vocabulary. (ex., discussion stems, collaborative tasks)
- March-April:
 - Spiral review of vocabulary for Milestones.
 - Vocabulary Test-prep (gamified, review tasks, retrieval practice)
- May:
 - Final post-assessment.
 - Final CCC reflections.

 Vocabulary assessments (5 post-assessments) based on each unit's vocabulary lists

Evaluation Plan:

Students will be assessed:

- ☐ Every 2 weeks
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ Every other month
- ☐ 3 times per year
- by unit (5 units)

Data Analysis Plan:

- 1. CCC Level -
 - Teachers will analyze post-assessment results to adjust instruction, reteach low-mastery words, and modify differentiation supports.
 - CCC teams will identify strengths and weaknesses in vocabulary acquisition and use, share effective scaffolds, and discuss subgroups' progress (ELL/SWD/Support Needed)
- 2. Admin. & Coach -
 - Will review post-assessment data by unit to identify patterns of low-performing terms or skills across grade levels.

- ☑ Principal
- ☑ Assistant Principals
- ☑ Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists
- □ CCC Leads

	Share out of student exemplars, growth, and effective strategies to continue. Artifacts to be Collected: Grade-level vocabulary lists Student work samples CCC Unit/Lesson plans Vocabulary tied to learning objectives Pre/post vocabulary assessment dates Word-learning routines Vocabulary Scaffolds (sentence frames, visuals, cognates) Photos of classroom interactive word walls. Informal and formal classroom observations. Person(s) Monitoring Implementation: □ Principal Assistant Principals Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists Frequency of Monitoring: Weekly		
Root Cause(s) to be Addressed:	 Assessments are not consistently aligned to grade-practiced formatively. CCC Teams do not regularly analyze formative asse administering unit summative assessments. Across grade levels, the limited use of metacognitive development focused on teaching students how to In shared teaching classrooms, the high use of who centered practices dominate due to insufficient co-collaboration. The frequent one-teach/one-assist new practices. 	le group instruction (42%) and limited student choice suggesteaching training, limited planning time, and unclear expect nodel (34%) further reflects an imbalance in instructional rol	eteaching before and professional st teacher- ations for true
Funding Source(s) SWP Checklist 5.e	☐ Title I Funds ☐ Local School Funds ☐ 0	Other:	
Components	Implementation Plan SWP Checklist 3.a 34 CFR § 200.26	Evaluation Plan SWP Checklist 3.b 34 CFR § 200.26	Resources
Who? One Action (Verb) What? Frequency	Implementation Performance Target: 100% of 6 th -8 th grade teachers will implement structured thinking routines/strategies 3-4 times per week as measured by classroom observations and CCC lesson plans.	Evaluation Performance Target: 60% of students will score a 75% or higher on grade-level ELA standards as measured by common assessments. Evaluation Tool(s):	Harvard's Project Zero Think Routine Toolbox

Target Student Group		ELA Common Assessment CTLS Reports	
⊠ Gen Ed	Implementation Plan:	Rubric for Student Thinking	
□EL	Preplanning: Problem of the SIR cool and the SIR cool and the six of the	■ Implementation Frequency Tracker	
□ SWD	Build a shared understanding of the SIP goal and boy structured thinking routines support student	Admin Summary Reflection of Walkthrough and CCC data:	
	how structured thinking routines support student engagement and depth of thinking. Establish the implementation timeline, shared	data: o % of teachers using routines consistently	
Action Step SWP Checklist 2.a, 2.b, 2.c(i), 2.c(ii), 2.c(iv),2.c(v)	 expectations, and introduce the monitoring tools. August: Staff professional learning integrating thinking routines/strategies and real-world tasks across 	 Growth in routine quality (authentic, real-world connection, rigor, standards-aligned) Alignment to action step and goal. 	
2. 6th-8th grade teachers will integrate structured thinking routines/strategies connected to authentic, real-world tasks as	the content areas. Teachers choose 2-3 routines to start using. CCC teams collaborate to create Q1 warm-ups and lesson openers aligned to their content area. September: Teachers will implement 1-2 routine weekly. Focus on building consistency and student	Evaluation Plan: Students will be assessed: ☑ Every 2 weeks ☐ Monthly ☐ Every other month	
lesson warm-ups and/or openers 3-4 times per week, as measured by	 engagement. CCC peer discussions of glows and grows. October: CCCs will continue aligning their thinking routines 	☐ 3 times per year ☐ Weekly formative assessments	
classroom observations and CCC lesson plans.	to current unit standards and/or real-world writing tasks. November: Teachers will increase the weekly frequency to 2-3 routines/week. CCC planning focused on adjusting routines for differentiation and scaffolded support. Incorporate culturally relevant-aligned prompts. December: Reflect on selected "go-to" routines and revise for effectiveness. (Utilize data to drive revisions.) Grade-level showcase of routines in action with student work samples. January: Refresh training on deepening rigor in routines. Teachers will increase the weekly frequency to 3-4 routines/week. Peer observation rounds for best practices. CCC planning focused on deepening rigor in routines and incorporating grade-level, ELA EOG assessment questions	■ August: ■ Data collection: Baseline teacher knowledge (survey), CCC lesson plan samples ■ Analysis Focus: Identify teacher readiness, existing routine use, and planning needs. ■ September: ■ Data collection: CCC lesson plans, initial walkthroughs ■ Analysis Focus: Evaluate early implementation consistency and instructional alignment. ■ Common Assessment Data Analysis: ELA and Reading Grade 6 Unit 1 (end of the month) ■ October: ■ Data collection: CCC lesson plans, routine reflections, and student artifacts. ■ Analysis Focus: Analyze student thinking patterns and frequency of usage. ■ Common Assessment Data Analysis: ELA and Reading Grade 7 Unit 1 (mid-month)	

- February:
 - CCC continues planning, focused on multimodal texts, writing prompts, and performance tasks.
 - Continue the peer observation rounds and feedback cycles.
 - Reflect on which routines students internalize most and adjust CCC planning accordingly.
- March:
 - Student feedback and ownership of thinking routines. (Choice prompts and reflections on strategies used.)
 - Align routines with test-prep.
- April: Align routines with test-prep and project-based learning.
- May:
 - Use routines to preview the next grade level's priority standards.
 - Final reflection of thinking routines/strategies.
 CCCs select the top 2-3 routines for the next school year.

Artifacts to be Collected:

Classroom Observations

CCC lesson plans and Routines Tracking Log

Student work samples

Person(s) Monitoring Implementation:

- ☐ Principal
- ☑ Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists

Frequency of Monitoring: Weekly

- Common Assessment Data Analysis: ELA and Reading Grade 8 Unit 1 (beginning of the month)
- November:
 - Data collection: Walkthroughs
 - Analysis Focus: Compare fidelity of use with students' perception of value and diagnostic data
 - Common Assessment Data Analysis: ELA and Reading Grade 6 Unit 2 (by the break)
- December:
 - Data collection: Teacher reflections, content exemplars across grade levels
 - Analysis Focus: Assess strengths, student needs, and areas for professional learning.
 - Common Assessment Data Analysis: ELA and Reading Grade 7 Unit 2 (by the break)
 - Common Assessment Data Analysis: ELA and Reading Grade 8 Unit 1 (mid-month)
- January-April:
 - Data collection: Ongoing walkthroughs, CCC reviews of student work, CCC planning docs.
 - Analysis Focus: Track growth in rigor, routine alignment, and student engagement.
- May:
 - Data collection: End-of-year teacher and student reflections, student samples
 - Analysis Focus: Summarize overall impact and whether to continue/scale up or discontinue action step.

- ☑ Principal
- Assistant Principals
- ☑ Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists
- ☑ CCC Leads

Root Cause(s) to be Addressed: Funding Source(s) SWP Checklist 5.e	 Pearson students are not consistently receiving explicit instruction in writing conventions across content areas, with ELLs and SWDs being disproportionately impacted. Weak foundational writing skills among diverse groups, leaving more instructional gaps to close to support students with grade-level writing-based assessments. Limited Elaboration Skills amongst most students. Students have demonstrated struggles with explaining text evidence with deeper, analytical thinking. Informational and argumentative writing rely heavily on explanation and elaboration writing skills. Few students are reaching the advanced level, indicating that our average writers may just be meeting the minimum proficiency due to limited rigorous writing opportunities in the classroom. 				
Components	Implementation Plan SWP Checklist 3.a 34 CFR § 200.26	Evaluation Plan SWP Checklist 3.b 34 CFR § 200.26	Resources		
Who? One Action (Verb) What? Frequency	Implementation Performance Target: 100% of 6 th – 8 th grade teachers will implement explicit reading and writing instruction for a minimum of 30 minutes, 3 times per week during the schoolwide intervention block (Pilot Block), using grade-level aligned	Evaluation Performance Target: 60% of students will score within the Near Target and Prepared achievement levels by the Spring administration of the ELA Beacon assessment.			
Target Student Group	strategies that target comprehension, conventions, elaboration, and analytical thinking, with differentiated Evaluation Tool(s): Pilot Block CFAs administered bi-weekly (on Progress)				
☑ Gen Ed ☑ EL ☑ SWD	supports for ELLs and SWDs. Implementation Plan: December:	Learning and/or CTLS) Weekly Progress Learning Assignments Beacon Diagnostic Assessment (Winter and Spring)			
Action Step SWP Checklist 2.a, 2.b, 2.c(i), 2.c(ii), 2.c(iv), 2.c(iv), 2.c(v) 3. 6th–8th grade teachers will implement schoolwide, explicit reading and writing instruction focused on comprehension, conventions, elaboration, and analytical thinking, with targeted supports for	 Create intervention groups for select students based on the Winter Beacon ELA assessment data. Train teaching staff on Literacy Pilot Block expectations- model lesson plans and Pilot Block tool kits for those teaching ELA/Reading Pilot Block. January: Begin the implementation of Reading/ELA focused Pilot Block for those students identified based on latest Beacon data. Begin walkthroughs and feedback cycles to ensure consistent delivery of explicit instruction across grades and monitor the use of the targeted supports. 	Evaluation Plan: Students will be assessed: ☑ Every 2 weeks ☐ Monthly ☐ Every other month ☑ 3 times per year ☐ Data Analysis Plan: 1. Biweekly Progress Monitoring (Pilot Block)			

ELLs and SWDs to
strengthen foundational
and grade-level literacy
skills. (Pilot Block)

- Follow up with teachers needing additional support to ensure provided lessons are implemented with fidelity.
- Bi-weekly CFAs that are aligned to focus skills begin.

February-March

- Continue intervention block implementation, as well as walkthrough and feedback cycles.
- Follow up with teachers needing additional support to ensure provided lessons are implemented with fidelity.
- April
 - Continue intervention block implementation.
 - Administer Spring ELA beacon assessment- measure growth and performance of students attending the Literacy Pilot Block.
- May
 - Reflection, Celebrations, and Feedback share glows, grows, and gain teacher and student input to refine intervention block for the next school year.

Artifacts to be Collected:

Walkthrough form data, Pilot Block lesson plans, teacher reflections, student work samples

Person(s) Monitoring Implementation:

- ☑ Principal
- Assistant Principals
- ☑ Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists

Frequency of Monitoring:

Weekly

- Student growth on specific focus skills (by subgroup: ELL, SWD, etc.).
- Identification of skill gaps and intervention group adjustments.
- 2. Triannual Diagnostic Data (Fall, Winter, Spring)
 - Assessment Tool: District ELA diagnostic (DRC Beacon).
 - Data Review Frequency: Post-assessment, 3x/year.
 - Analysis Focus:
 - Performance band movement (overall and by subgroup).
 - Comparison of reading vs. writing performance trends.
 - Goal progress: % of students improving one or more bands.
 - Correlation between intervention participation and diagnostic growth.
- 3. Schoolwide Data Talks
 - Frequency: At end of each diagnostic window
 - Participants: Admin, ELA teachers, reading teachers, ESOL/SPED.
 - Purpose: Celebrate gains, identify trends, and adjust supports.

- ☑ Principal
- ☑ Assistant Principals
- oxtimes Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists
- ☐ CCC Leads

Root Cause(s) to be Addressed: Funding Source(s)	 For EL students, limited speaking opportunities and scaffolded instruction stem from instruction prioritizing content coverage over integrated language development. Teachers may lack training or tools to embed structured language practice consistently into daily lessons. Minimal integration of listening/speaking into content learning. Few authentic speaking opportunities in the classroom. While listening remained strong, the low speaking scores across the board reveal a gap in oral language instruction, which should be a daily practice across subjects, not just ESOL. ESOL teachers may be stretched too thin (caseloads, scheduling conflicts, content areas, etc.), limiting their ability to co-plan or co-teach effectively. Limited progress monitoring by domain or subgroup. Leaders may not track domain data to drive decisions 					
SWP Checklist 5.e						
Components	Implementation Plan SWP Checklist 3.a 34 CFR § 200.26	Evaluation Plan SWP Checklist 3.b 34 CFR § 200.26	Resources			
Who? One Action (Verb) What? Frequency Target Student Group	Implementation Performance Target: 100% of ESOL bubble groups will be implemented with fidelity, with 85% student participation and monthly progress monitoring tied to ACCESS domains. Implementation Plan:	Evaluation Performance Target: Students in writing and reading bubble groups will demonstrate growth of at least 1 proficiency band in their respective domains on the 2026 ACCESS test, with at least 75% of participating students meeting or exceeding a 4.3 composite score.				
☐ Gen Ed ☑ EL ☐ SWD	 Preplanning: Implement three-tiered bubble groups for multilingual learners: Targeted Writing Group: Students with 	Evaluation Tool(s): 2026 Access Scores				
Action Step SWP Checklist 2.a, 2.b, 2.c(i), 2.c(ii), 2.c(iv),2.c(v)	ACCESS writing ≥ 3.0 and listening ≥ 4.5; focus on academic output and structured writing tasks.	 Pre/post writing samples (assessed with WIDA rubric) Read180 growth data 				
4. Establish targeted ESOL bubble literacy groups to support ACCESS growth in writing, reading, and composite scores for identified multilingual learners.	 Targeted Reading Group: Students with ACCESS reading scores between 2.5–4.0; instruction will focus on decoding, comprehension, and academic vocabulary. Read180 Program Placement: Students with ACCESS composite ≤ 2.9 and reading ≤ 2.5; emphasis on foundational literacy and fluency. Each group is capped at 20 students. Instruction delivered by designated staff, including Maria Ngong, for the literacy lab component. Curriculum aligned to WIDA standards and Georgia ELA standards. 	Evaluation Plan: Students will be assessed: □ Every 2 weeks ☑ Monthly □ Every other month □ 3 times per year □ Data Analysis Plan: 1. October: CCC teams, ESOL Lead, Admin, & Coach will complete a check-in to review progress on goals, make any early roster or				

August:

 CCC teams meet to review WIDA rubrics and complete grading calibration. Launch bubble groups, collect baseline reading and writing samples using WIDA rubrics, set individual student goals aligned to ACCESS domains, introduce ACCESS-style prompts for writing group.

September:

 Begin biweekly instructional walkthroughs, provide teachers with feedback, and continue ACCESS-style practice and targeted instruction.

October:

 Conduct progress monitoring using mock ACCESS reading and writing tasks. After the Q1 end date check in to adjust rosters if needed based on formative assessments, Vertical ESOL CCC to share the model's effectiveness, and conduct family conferences for Read180 students.

November:

 Administer interim reading probes for the Read180 group, continue ACCESS-style practice and targeted instruction, and intensify the language output activities in the writing group and the language input activities in the reading group.

December:

- First semester (Q1 & Q2) data review, revise instruction for Q3, conduct <u>formal</u> mock ACCESS assessment for all domains, review rubric scores with students.
- January

- instructional adjustments, ensure rubric calibration has occurred, and reflect on data as a team.
- 2. **December:** All bubble group teachers, ESOL Lead, Admin., and Coach will review Q1/Q2 data and Mock ACCESS scores
- May: CCC teams, bubble group teachers, ESOL Lead, Admin., and Coaches will review Q3/Q4 and SY2026 ACCESS data, discuss the year's growth summary, and any exits or enrichment recommendations.

- ☑ Principal
- Assistant Principals
- ☑ Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists
- **☒** ESOL Lead/ESOL Teachers

- Teachers reestablish group norms and academic goals, continue ACCESS-style practice and targeted instruction.
- February:
 - Continue ACCESS-style practice and targeted instruction, ACCESS Testing Window (dates)
- March-April:
 - Resume small groups post-ACCESS with an enrichment focus
- May:
 - Celebrate progress with student-led data reflections, final data review, track student performance against original goals, recommend continuation, enrichment, or exit from bubble groups for SY26-27.

Artifacts to be Collected:

Small group lesson plans
Student Goal-Setting Artifacts
Student Reflection & Data Talk Artifacts
Walk Form Feedback
Progress Monitoring Data (Read180 benchmarks, mock assessments, formative assessments)

Person(s) Monitoring Implementation:

- ☑ Principal
- □ Assistant Principals
- ☑ Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists
- ⊠ESOL Lead Mrs. Harper

Frequency of Monitoring:

Instructional Walkthroughs – Biweekly

Student goal tracker – Monthly

Progress Monitoring – Monthly

Student Reflections & data talks - October & December

MATH DATA					
MATH Milestones Longitudinal Data	SY22 % of students scoring proficient & distinguished	SY23 % of students scoring proficient & distinguished	SY24 % of students scoring proficient & distinguished	SY25 % of students scoring proficient & distinguished	
6 th Grade	7.3%	11.7%	16%	18%	
7 th Grade	7.7%	14%	10.8%	14%	
8 th Grade	15.1%	7.8%	18.1%	15%	

Beacon Math Data –	Num	erical Reas	soning	Patte	rning & Ala Reasonina	=		urement a			metric & S Reasonin	•
Spring Administration	Support Needed	Near Target	Prepared	Support Needed	Near Target	Prepared	Support Needed	Near Target	Prepared	Support Needed	Near Target	Prepared
6 th Grade	71	27	2	60	34	6	59	32	10	61	30	8
7 th Grade	65	29	6	61	31	9	59	29	12	52	39	9
8 th Grade	76	21	2	64	28	8	66	27	8	73	24	3

Source	Strengths	Weaknesses
SY24 MATH Milestones	Grade Levels (all students):	Grade Levels (all students):
(Data by grade & subgroup)	The 6 th grade cohort from SY 23 to SY 25 increased their	6th Grade
	proficient and distinguished percent from 11% to 15% as 8 th	There has been a consistent decline in 6 th grade math levels
	graders.	proficient & distinguished compared to their 5 th grade math
		levels.
	There was a 4% gain in the levels of proficient and distinguished	7th Grade
	levels for 7 th grade of the Math EOG.	45 students dropped 1 level lower than their previous domain
	35 grew a level3 students went from level 3 to 4	8 th Grade
		155 students stayed in the same level.
		41 students dropped 1 level

Beacon Assessment – MATH (Grade Level & Subgroups)

6-8 (all students):

- Based on the 6th grade Beacon results in Math, our **6th grade** students have demonstrated strengths in Measurement and Data Reasoning, with 42% (88 students) scoring **Near Target or Prepared.**
- Based on the 7th grade Beacon results in Math, our 7th grade students have demonstrated strengths in Geometric and Spatial Reasoning with 48% (116 students) scoring in the Near Target and Prepared areas.
- Based on the 8th grade Beacon results in Math, our 8th grade students have demonstrated strengths in Pattern and Algebraic Reasoning with 36% (87 students) scoring in the Near Target and **Prepared** areas.

EL:

- The Beacon scores for our **6**th **Grade** EL students in this content area indicate that 8% (6 students) are scoring in the **Near Target** area overall.
- The Beacon scores for our **7**th **Grade** EL students in this content area indicate that 13% (12 students) are scoring in the Near Target and Prepared areas overall.
- The Beacon scores for our **8**th **Grade** EL students in this content area indicate that 12% (12 students) are scoring in the **Near Target and Prepared** areas overall.

SWD:

- The Beacon scores for our **6**th **Grade** SWD students in this content area indicate that 18% (4 students) are scoring in the Near Target area overall.
- The Beacon scores for our **7**th **Grade** SWD students in this content area indicate that 21% (4 students) are scoring in the **Near Target and Prepared** areas overall.
- The Bacon scores for our **8**th **Grade** SWD students in this content area indicate that 15% (4 students) are scoring in the Near Target and Prepared areas overall.

- 6-8 (all students):

 Based on the 6th-grade Beacon results in Math, our 6th grade students have demonstrated weaknesses in Numerical Reasoning, with 71% (171 students) scoring Support Needed.
- Based on the 7th grade Beacon results in Math, our student's 7th grade students have demonstrated a weakness in Numerical Reasoning with 65% (156) scoring Support Needed.
- Based on the 8th grade Beacon results in Math, our student's 8th grade students have demonstrated a weakness in Numerical Reasoning with 76% (183) scoring Support Needed.

EL:

- The Beacon scores for our **6**th **Grade** EL students in this content area indicate that 92% (70 students) are scoring in the **Support Needed** area overall.
- The Beacon scores for our **7**th **Grade** EL students in this content area indicate that 87% (80 students) are scoring in the **Support Needed** area overall.
- The Beacon scores for our **8**th **Grade** EL students in this content area indicate that 88% (89 students) are scoring in the **Support Needed** area overall.

SWD:

- The Beacon scores for our 6th Grade SWD students in this content area indicate that 82% (18 students) are scoring in the Support Needed area.
- The Beacon scores for our 7th Grade SWD students in this content area indicate that 79% (15 students) are scoring in the Support Needed area.
- The Beacon scores for our 8th Grade SWD students in this content area indicate that 75% (23 students) are scoring in the Support Needed area

Check the system that **Root Cause Explanation:** contributes to the root cause:: **Lack of Differentiation** □ Coherent Instruction Instruction consistently doesn't meet the cognitive needs of ELLs and SWDs. ☑ Professional Capacity Based on classroom observations teachers may not have training in scaffolding. **Insufficient Collaboration Between General and Specialized Educators** ☐ Effective Leadership Limited co-planning between ESL, special education, and general education teachers leads to fragmented support. ☐ Supportive Learning Environment Math Anxiety and Self-Efficacy Repeated failure can reduce confidence, especially for SWDs with past negative experiences. ELLs may feel hesitant to participate due to fear of making language errors. **Professional Learning** Provide more opportunities for teachers to engage in professional learning focused on understanding the rigor of the standards and planning aligned learning experiences **Grade Levels (all students): Grade Levels (all students):** MATH Common Assessments (Grade Level Reading & Writing) 6th Grade • Less than 50% (35%) of students in each grade level scored 75% 59% of students in 6th grade scored 70% or higher on common or higher on most unit assessments assessments focused on Patterning and Algebraic Reasoning. 7th Grade **EL:** Pearson common assessment data shows ELL students 53% of students in 7th grade scored 70% or higher on common struggle with math assessments that are heavily languageassessments focused Numerical Reasoning dependent. Complex vocabulary, word problems, and unfamiliar 8th Grade sentence structures can create barriers that prevent ELLs from 69% of students in 8th grade scored 70% or higher on common fully demonstrating their knowledge. Additionally, many assessments focused on Patterning and Algebraic Reasoning assessments do not provide appropriate language supports or accommodations, putting ELLs at a disadvantage. As a result, their scores may not reflect their true mathematical ability. The assessment scores for our EL students indicate they are exhibiting growth percentages lower than their non-EL peers. SWD:

	The assessment scores for our SWD students indicate they are	SWD: Pearson common assessment data shows that SWD			
	exhibiting growth percentages similar to those of their non-SWD peers.	students at Pearson is similar to their peers, consistently staying			
		within a 5% range of non SWD common assessments average.			
Check the system that	Root Cause Explanation:				
contributes to the root cause::					
	Vocabulary Knowledge				
☑ Coherent Instruction☑ Professional Capacity	 Math-specific terms like "altogether," "difference," " instruction. 	'less than," or "per" can be confusing without explicit			
☐ Effective Leadership	Background Knowledge and Cultural Context				
☐ Supportive Learning Environment		., baseball stats, below sea level, etc) that disadvantage ELLs.			
	SWDs may also lack real-world experience that helps	s with problem interpretation.			
	 Language Proficiency ELLs: Students struggle with understanding academic vocabulary, complex sentence structures, or expressions in word problems. SWDs Students struggling with decoding or interpreting text accurately. Impact: Misunderstanding the problem leads to errors unrelated to mathematical reasoning. Professional Development Limited opportunities for SPED and ESOL teachers to engage in content related professional development to create a stronger understanding grade level standards. 				
School Instructional Walks	6-8 Math teachers have shown consistency in using district	Instructional walk data shows that there is room for growth			
(Grade Level)	resources provided via CTLS. Based on	in the area of "small group" instruction.			
	data/documentation teachers have consistently used	in the area of small group instruction.			
	manipulatives to address student math learning needs.	Instructional walk data shows there is room for group with			
		using the Math 360 boards as a creative instructional tool			
		to promote student engagement.			
Check the system that	Root Cause Explanation:	, ,			
contributes to the root cause::	•				
	Professional Development:				
☐ Coherent Instruction	Limited opportunities for teachers to engage in professional learning focused on Math 360				
☑ Professional Capacity	Limited opportunities for teachers to engage in professional	~			
☐ Effective Leadership					
☐ Supportive Learning Environment					

Other Summary Data ☐ Teacher Survey ☐ Parent Survey ☐ Professional Learning Survey ☐		
Check the system that	Root Cause Explanation:	
contributes to the root cause::		
contributes to the root cause:: ☐ Coherent Instruction		
☐ Coherent Instruction ☐ Professional Capacity		
☐ Coherent Instruction ☐ Professional Capacity ☐ Effective Leadership		
☐ Coherent Instruction ☐ Professional Capacity		

MATH - IMPROVEMENT PLAN GOAL #2: MATH 6th Grade: By the end of the 2025–2026 school year, at least 70% of 6th grade students will score at Level II or higher on the Georgia Milestones Math Assessment, as measured by state testing results in Spring 2025. • 7th Grade: By the end of the 2025–2026 school year, at least 65% of 7th grade students will score at Level II or higher on the Georgia Milestones Math Assessment, as measured by state testing results in Spring 2025.7 8th Grade: By the end of the 2025–2026 school year, at least 65% of 8th grade students will score at Level II or higher on the Georgia Milestones Math Assessment, as measured by state testing results in Spring 2025 Root Cause(s) to **Vocabulary Knowledge** • Math-specific terms like "altogether," "difference," "less than," or "per" can be confusing without explicit instruction. be Addressed: **Background Knowledge and Cultural Context** • Word problems may include unfamiliar contexts (e.g., baseball stats, below sea level, etc) that disadvantage ELLs. • SWDs may also lack real-world experience that helps with problem interpretation. **Funding Source(s)** ☐ Local School Funds ☐ Title I Funds ☐ Other: SWP Checklist 5.e **Implementation Plan Evaluation Plan** Components Resources SWP Checklist 3.a 34 CFR § 200.26 SWP Checklist 3.b 34 CFR § 200.26 Who? **Implementation Performance Target: Evaluation Performance Target:** One Action (Verb) By December 2025, at least 50% of students in each grade level What? 100% of math teachers will implement math vocabulary will score 50% or higher on vocabulary assessments/questions. Frequency instruction weekly as measured by CCC lesson plans, teacher By May 2026, at least 60% of students in each grade level will ppts, and CTLS assessments. **Target Student** score 60% or higher on vocabulary assessments/questions Group **Implementation Plan:** (targets will be adjusted in January 2026 based on December Preplanning: Teachers will identify vocabulary for each performance). ⊠ Gen Ed unit that will be implemented into CTLS assessments. ⊠ FI Plan instructional routines and create grade level word **Evaluation Tool(s):** ⊠ SWD CTLS formative and summative assessments. lists. **Action Step** SWP Checklist 2.a, 2.b, August-September: 2.c(i), 2.c(ii), 2.c(iv), 2.c(v)

6-8 th grade math teachers will implement math vocabulary instruction weekly as measured by CCC lesson plans, teacher ppts, and CTLS assessments.	 Create a consistent system for vocabulary instruction. Integrate words into bell ringers and exit tickets. Introduce a math word wall—update weekly/biweekly. Use visuals, manipulatives, and real-life contexts for abstract terms. October-December: Administer a mid-point vocabulary quiz/test. Start embedding vocabulary into math journaling and writing tasks. Use exit tickets to assess use of vocabulary in math reasoning. 		
	Implement vocabulary writing tasks (explain a term in your own words, math vocabulary stories). Continue weekly/biweekly formative checks March-April Continue weekly/biweekly formative checks Administer Vocabulary Post-Test (mirror format of pretest). Reflect on the implementation of the action step and determine if additional support and coaching is needed for full implementation. Artifacts to be Collected: CTLS assessment data and CCC minutes Person(s) Monitoring Implementation: Principal Assistant Principals Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists Frequency of Monitoring: Academic Coach will collect vocabulary data biweekly.	Data Analysis Plan: Results will be analyzed during CCCs and used to plan small group instruction and/or make adjustments to whole group instruction. Person(s) Collecting Evidence: □ Principal ☑ Assistant Principals ☑ Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists □ CCC Leads	

Root Cause(s) to be Addressed:	 Students' ability to apply multiple concepts tog To increase student understanding and usage o Student number sense 		
Funding Source(s) SWP Checklist 5.e	☐ Title I Funds	□ Other:	
Components	Implementation Plan SWP Checklist 3.a 34 CFR § 200.26	Evaluation Plan SWP Checklist 3.b 34 CFR § 200.26	Resources
Who?	Implementation Performance Target:	Evaluation Performance Target:	
One Action (Verb)	100% of math teachers will implement math number	By May 2026 50% of students will score a near target or higher	
What?	talks weekly <mark>on Friday</mark> as measured by CCC lesson	on Numerical Reasoning domain based on DRC Beacon data.	
Frequency	plans, teacher ppts, and CTLS assessments.		
		Evaluation Tool(s):	
Target Student	Insulancentation Diam.	 DRC Beacon Assessment (numerical reasoning domain) 	
Group	Implementation Plan: Preplanning:	Evaluation Plan:	
⊠ Gen Ed	r replanting.	Students will be assessed:	
□ EL	 Introduce Number Talks purpose and 	□ Every 2 weeks	
\square SWD	structure	☐ Monthly	
		□ Every other month	
Action Step		⊠ 3 times per year	
SWP Checklist 2.a, 2.b,	August-September:Establish class norms:		
2.c(i), 2.c(ii), 2.c(iv),2.c(v)	 Establish class norms: Evaluate grade-level frameworks to identify 		
6-8 th grade math	when numerical reasoning standards are		
teachers will	heaviest and focus number talks during that	Data Analysis Plan:	
implement math	time.	 Analyze formative and summative classroom 	
number talks weekly	Train and equip teachers with planning tools	assessment data to adjust instructionIdentify and analyze numerical reason standards at the	
on Friday as measured by CCC lesson plans,	 Evaluate and give consistent feedback 	end of each unit.	
teacher ppts, and	October-December:	Davison(s) Callasting Fuidance	
CTLS assessments.	Conduct a midpoint check-in survey: What's working? What's challenging?	Person(s) Collecting Evidence: Principal	
	Facilitate peer observations	☐ Assistant Principals	
	Tuentate peer observations	□ Assistant Finicipals □ Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists	
	January-February:	CCC Leads	
	 CCC continues planning, focused on creating 	d eee teaus	
	number talks.		
	Continue the peer observation rounds and foodback puels.		
	feedback cycles. Reflect on which routines students		
	internalize most and adjust CCC planning		
	accordingly.		

March-April: Empower students to take ownership of math talk. • Rotate student facilitators (with sentence stems and prompts as needed) • Use **student-created problems** occasionally May: Administer a teacher reflection survey Review/analyze survey data **Artifacts to be Collected:** CCC meeting minutes, SIP walk form data **Person(s) Monitoring Implementation:** ☑ Principal ☑ Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists

Frequency of Monitoring:

Weekly

Root Cause(s) to be Addressed: Funding Source(s)	 Common assessments are not consistently created (collaboratively) among CCC members before instruction begins. Assessments are not consistently aligned to grade-level reading standards regarding rigor, depth, and what is taught and practiced formatively. CCC Teams do not regularly analyze formative assessment data to adjust their instruction or provide targeted reteaching before administering unit summative assessments. Across grade levels, the limited use of metacognitive strategies likely results from a lack of consistent modeling and professional development focused on teaching students how to think about their thinking. In shared teaching classrooms, the high use of whole group instruction (42%) and limited student choice suggest teacher-centered practices dominate due to insufficient co-teaching training, limited planning time, and unclear expectations for true collaboration. The frequent one-teach/one-assist model (34%) further reflects an imbalance in instructional roles. 		
SWP Checklist 5.e	☐ Title I Funds ☐ Local School Funds	□ Other:	
Components	Implementation Plan SWP Checklist 3.a 34 CFR § 200.26	Evaluation Plan SWP Checklist 3.b 34 CFR § 200.26	Resources
Who?	Implementation Performance Target:	Evaluation Performance Target:	
One Action (Verb)	100% of 6-8 th grade math teams will implement	60% of students will score a 70% or higher on grade-level	
What?	structured CCC processes weekly as measured by CCC	Math standards as measured by common assessments.	
Frequency	minutes and common summative assessments.	·	
		Evaluation Tool(s):	
Target Student Group	Implementation Plan: • Preplanning:	 Math Common Assessment CTLS Reports 	
⊠ Gen Ed	 Introduce and review CCC document and 	Evaluation Plan:	
⊠ EL	processes.	Students will be assessed:	
⊠ SWD		☐ Every 2 weeks	
	August-September:	☐ Monthly	
A stiens Chair	 Initial CCC observations by local and District 	☐ Every other month	
Action Step	coaches using CCC observation form.	☐ 3 times per year	
SWP Checklist 2.a, 2.b, 2.c(i), 2.c(ii), 2.c(iv),2.c(v)		☑ Weekly formative assessments	

6-8th grade math teams will Provide feedback to grade-level CCCs on ☑ Unit Summative Assessments implement structured CCC implementation of processes. processes weekly as measured by CCC minutes and common October-December: **Data Analysis Plan:** Initial CCC observations by local and District summative assessments. CCCs will analyze formative and summative data after each coaches using CCC observation form. administration. Provide feedback to grade-level CCCs on implementation of processes. Person(s) Collecting Evidence: January-February: Principal Possible refresher PL on CCC processes by ■ Assistant Principals local academic coach. ☑ Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists CCC observations by local and District coaches using CCC observation form. Provide feedback to grade-level CCCs on implementation of processes. March-April: Initial CCC observations by local and District coaches using CCC observation form. Provide feedback to grade-level CCCs on implementation of processes. **Artifacts to be Collected: CCC Minutes** CCC Observation form data Person(s) Monitoring Implementation: ☐ Principal ☑ Assistant Principals ☑ Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists Frequency of Monitoring: Weekly CCC minutes check; quarterly CCC observations

 Address students lack of foundational concepts Address of lack real-world experience that helps with problem interpretation. Create meaningful math lessons for student engagement 		
☐ Title I Funds ☐ Local School Funds ☐ Other:		
Implementation Plan SWP Checklist 3.a 34 CFR § 200.26	Evaluation Plan SWP Checklist 3.b 34 CFR § 200.26	Resources
Implementation Performance Target: 100% of Math teachers will implement the use manipulatives to provide concrete math examples monthly as measured by administrative observation of	Evaluation Performance Target: 60% of students will score 70% or higher on common summative assessments. Evaluation Tool(s):	
weekly CCC lesson plans and monthly walk forms.	CTLS common assessment data/questions	
7-8 th grade math teachers will utilize Prisms software at least 3 times per semester.	linked to standards of manipulatives used. Math team manipulative data sheet/tracker	
Implementation Plan: Preplanning: Review manipulative spreadsheet from previous year to identify manipulatives usage in each unit. August-September: Set classroom norms for tool use 7-8 th grade teachers will evaluate the frameworks to identify the best times to implement Prisms lessons for first semester. Begin incorporating manipulatives October-December: Facilitate gallery walks or math talks using models Transition from teacher-directed to	Evaluation Plan: Students will be assessed: □ Every 2 weeks □ Monthly □ Every other month □ 3 times per year □ Data Analysis Plan: ■ Monthly: Data collection: CCC lesson plans, routine reflections, and student artifacts. Analysis Focus: Analyze student thinking patterns and frequency of usage. Person(s) Collecting Evidence:	
	■ Address of lack real-world experision ■ Create meaningful math lessons for Create math examples and monthly as measured by administrative observation of weekly CCC lesson plans and monthly walk forms. 7-8 th grade math teachers will utilize Prisms software at least 3 times per semester. Implementation Plan: ■ Preplanning: Review manipulative spreadsheet from previous year to identify manipulatives usage in each unit. ■ August-September: ■ Set classroom norms for tool use ■ 7-8 th grade teachers will evaluate the frameworks to identify the best times to implement Prisms lessons for first semester. ■ Begin incorporating manipulatives ■ October-December: ■ Facilitate gallery walks or math talks using models	■ Address of lack real-world experience that helps with problem interpretation. ■ Create meaningful math lessons for student engagement Title Funds

administration will walk classrooms to monitor the implementation of manipulatives during instruction Analyze data spreadsheet in correlation with assessment data. Administer feedback and ensure spreadsheet is up to data. ■ Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists □ CCC Leads	
 January-February: Analyze data spreadsheet in correlation with assessment data. Administer feedback and ensure spreadsheet is up to data. 7-8th grade teachers will evaluate the frameworks to identify the best times to implement Prisms lessons for second semester. Academic coach and administration will continue walk classrooms to monitor the implementation of manipulatives during instruction. 	
 March-April: Academic coach and administration will walk classrooms to monitor the implementation of manipulatives during instruction. May: Reflect and plan: Which units next year would benefit most from manipulatives 	
Artifacts to be Collected:	
Manipulative data spread sheet/tracker CCC minutes template	

Person(s) Monitoring Implementation: ☐ Principal ☐ Assistant Principals ☐ Academic Coaches/ Instructional Support Specialists	
Frequency of Monitoring:	

Family Engagement Plan to Support School Improvement	nt (<u>Required Comp</u>	onents)		
Family Engagement Activities (Must be listed in the school policy)	Date(s) Scheduled	Date Completed	Stand	all" ard(s) essed
1. Required Annual Title I Meeting — Deadline Parents will learn about Title I, how our school spends Title funds (budget snapshot), highlights of the schoolwide plan, description of curriculum and assessments used, our school compacts and policies, professional qualifications of our teachers, and opportunities for family engagement including use of the family resource center.	9/12/2025 3/19/2026	9/12/2025	⊠ 1 □ 2 □ 3	□ 4 □ 5 □ 6
2. Required Fall Input Survey/ Evaluation (secondary method) – Deadline Parents will have the opportunity to assist in planning future family engagement activities, revising our school policy and compact, and considering how to spend our family engagement funds.	10/13/2025- 10/17/2025	10/13/2025- 10/17/2025	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3	□ 4 □ 5 ⊠ 6
3. Required Spring Input Meeting and Survey (primary method) – Deadline Parents will have the opportunity to assist in planning future family engagement activities, revising our school policy and compact, and considering how to spend our family engagement funds.	4/17/2026		□ 1 □ 2 □ 3	□ 4 □ 5 ⊠ 6
4 Partition FOLID Building Connectity Opportunities (Do not need to be listed in the Believ)	9/19/2025			
4. Required FOUR Building Capacity Opportunities (Do not need to be listed in the Policy) Teacher will continue to learn about the value and utility of contributions of parents including how to reach, communicate with, and work with parents to implement parent programs and build ties between the parents and school	2/5/2026		□ 1 □ 2 図 3	□ 4 □ 5 □ 6
5. Required Transition Activities for parents of students entering or exiting our school (Multiple options, not just visit the school) Parents will have an opportunity to learn about the next grade level in their child's education. Briefly describe the transition activities here:			□ 1 □ 2 □ 3	⊠ 4 □ 5 □ 6
6. Required: Provide information related to school and parent/programs meetings in a format and language parents can understand. SWP Checklist 5.d	List documents trans	slated for parents:	□ 1 □ 2 □ 3	□ 4 ⊠ 5 □ 6

School Developed Family Engagement Activities (Required for "Shall's" 2 and 6) How is the activity monitored, **Funding School Developed Family** "Shall" Goal(s) and evaluated? Include Team Source(s) **Engagement Activities** Date Resources **Addressed** Addressed data/artifacts to be collected as Lead SWP (Must be listed in the school policy) Checklist 5.e evidence. \Box 1 ☐ Goal 1 ⊠ 2 ☐ Goal 2 □ 3 ☐ Goal 3 □ 4 ☐ Goal 4 □ 5 ⊠ 6 \Box 1 ⊠ 2 ☐ Goal 1 □ 3 ☐ Goal 2 □ 4 ☐ Goal 3 □ 5 ☐ Goal 4 ⊠ 6 □1 ⊠ 2 ☐ Goal 1 ☐ Goal 2 \square 3 □ 4 ☐ Goal 3 □ 5 ☐ Goal 4 ⊠ 6

GaDOE required six "Shall's". Each shall must be addressed at least once during the school year:

- 1. Assist parents in understanding state academic standards, state and local assessments, and how to monitor their child's academic progress.
- 2. Provide materials and training to help parents work with their child to improve academic achievement. (Ex. Literacy training, technology training)
- 3. Educate school staff in the value and utility of the contributions of parents, and how to reach, communicate with, and partner with parents to implement parent programs to build ties between parents and the school.
- 4. Coordinate and integrate parent programs and activities with other Federal, State, and local programs (Preschool to Kindergarten, transitions, parent resource centers, etc.) to support parents in more fully participating in their child's education.
- 5. Ensure information related to school and parent programs/meetings are sent in a format and language parents can understand.
- 6. Provide other reasonable support for parental involvement activities as parents may request. These are school developed activities based upon parent input. (#14 in list of "shalls" and "mays")

School Improvement Plan Required Questions

Schoolwide Plan Development – Section 1114(2)(B) (i-iv)

- 1. Cobb County's schoolwide plans are developed during a 1-year period; unless the school is operating a schoolwide program on the day before the date of the enactment of Every Student Succeeds Act, in which case such school may continue to operate such program but shall develop amendments to its existing plan during the first year of assistance after that date to reflect the provisions of the section. **Evidence to support this statement includes: The dated schoolwide plans, dated budget meeting agendas and signature pages, and dated committee and input meeting signature pages.** SWP Checklist 5(a)
- 2. Cobb County's schoolwide plans are developed with the involvement of parents and other members of the community to be served and individuals who will carry out such plan, including teachers, principals, other school leaders, paraprofessionals present in the school, administrators (including administrators of programs described in other parts of this title), the local educational agency, to the extent feasible, tribes and tribal organizations present in the community, and , if appropriate specialized instructional support personnel, technical assistance providers, school staff, if the plan relates to a secondary school, students, and other individuals determined by the school. Evidence to support this statement includes: The schoolwide plan committee signature page and the Family Engagement fall and spring input meetings. Schoolwide Checklist 5(b)
- 3. Cobb County's schoolwide plans remains in effect for the duration of the school's participation under Sec. 114(b)(1-5) of ESSA, except that the plan and its implementation shall be regularly monitored and revised as necessary based on student needs to ensure that all students are provided opportunities to meet the challenging State academic standards. Evidence to support this statement includes: The Title I midyear and end of year monitoring of SWP goals, monitoring and approving all Title I expenditures, and revision dates listed on the SWP cover page. SWP Checklist 5(c)
- 4. Cobb County's schoolwide plans are available to the local education agency, parents, and the public, and the information contained in such plan shall be in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language that the parents can understand. Evidence to support this statement includes: Every Title I school post the Title I plan, Title I budget, and Family Engagement Components on the school's website and in multiple languages. SWP Checklist 5(d)
- 5. Describe how the schoolwide plan has been developed in coordination and integration with other Federal, State and local services, resources, and programs, such as programs supported under this Act, violence prevention programs, nutrition programs, housing programs, Head Start programs, adult education programs, career and technical education programs, and schools implementing comprehensive support and improvement activities or targeted support and improvement activities under section 1111 (d), if appropriate and applicable. *SWP Checklist 5(e)* Include district initiatives that are supported with Title I Funds (For example: Early Literacy Framework (ELF), Math Fluency Initiative (MFI), LETRS, Read 180, etc.)

SCHOOL RESPONSE: Pearson Middle School will integrate state and local funds and community support in several ways. Title II will provide professional development support, including staff and PL opportunities. Title III will provide language proficiency support. Pearson will utilize Twenty-day funds for tutoring support of our students struggling to meet state standards. The Student Assistance Programs department will continue supporting our Positive Behavioral Intervention and Support program (PBIS). Community Partners (Woodmen Financial, Georgia Highlands College, Life University, Keller Williams EF2, and Gracepoint Church) will provide volunteers and support for our parent nights and our Pearson Parent University monthly nights. These programs will work together to meet the needs of the students and families identified in the CNA and through our parent and family surveys.

ESSA Requirements to Include in the Schoolwide Plan – *Section* 1116(B)(1)

6. Jointly develop with, and distribute to, parents and family members of participating children a written parental and family engagement involvement policy, agreed on by such parents, that shall describe the means for carrying out the requirements of Subsections (c) through (f). Parents shall be notified of the policy in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, provided in a language the parents can understand. Such policy shall be made available to the local community and updated periodically to meet the changing needs of parents and the school. Evidence to support this statement includes Posting every Title I school's parent policy on the school's website in multiple languages where practicable, Fall and Spring input meeting agendas and sign in sheets providing parents the opportunity to assist in the development of the school's parent policy, compact and parent engagement budget.

SWP Checklist 4

Evaluation of the Schoolwide Plan - 34 CFR § 200.26

7. Describe how the school regularly monitors and the implementation of, and results achieved by, the schoolwide program, using data from the State's annual assessments and other indicators of academic achievement. SWP Checklist 3(a)

SCHOOL RESPONSE: The Pearson administrative team and faculty will regularly monitor the growth of the students through formative, summative and standardized assessments and adjust instructional strategies as needed. The Pearson administrative team will provide the time for and monitor weekly professional learning communities where the teachers regularly monitor and discuss student progress, appropriate strategies, and adjustments to instructional practices.

8. Describe how the school determines whether the schoolwide program has been effective in increasing the achievement of students in meeting the challenging State academic standards, particularly for those students who had been farther from achieving the standards. SWP Checklist 3(b)

SCHOOL RESPONSE: Through pre and post scores on local and state assessments, student and parent surveys, classroom observations.

9. Describe how the schoolwide plan will be revised, as necessary, based on regular monitoring to ensure continuous improvement of students in the schoolwide program. SWP Checklist 3(c)

SCHOOL RESPONSE: The Building Leadership Team will review the plan monthly to see if we, as a school, are implementing the strategies in place to ensure student success and parent involvement. If strategies are being followed, but are not being successful, revisions will be made as needed to support and promote student achievement and parent involvement.

Schoolwide Plan Reform Strategies – *Section 1114(b)(7)(A)(i-iii)(I-V)*

10. Address the reform strategies the school will implement to meet the school needs, including a description of how such strategies will: Provide opportunities for all children, including all subgroups defined in section 1111 (c)(2), to meet the State's challenging academic standards. Evidence to support this statement includes: Specific schoolwide plan action steps, the method for monitoring and evaluating those action steps and the schoolwide plan student groups page specifically identifying supports to assist various student groups in meeting the State's challenging academic standards, where applicable. SWP Checklist 2(a)

- 11. Address the reform strategies the school will implement to meet the school needs, including a description of how such strategies will: use methods and instructional strategies that strengthen an academic program in the school, will increase the amount and quality of learning time, and help provide an enriched and accelerated curriculum, which may include programs, activities, and courses necessary to provide a well-rounded education. **Evidence to support this statement includes: Specific schoolwide plan action steps, the method for monitoring and evaluating those action steps, where applicable.** *SWP Checklist 2(b)*
- 12. Address the reform strategies the school will implement to meet the school needs, including a description of how such strategies will: address the needs of all children in the school, but particularly the needs of those at risk of not meeting the challenging State academic standards through activities which may include counseling, school-based mental health programs, specialized instructional support services and other strategies to improve students' skills outside the academic subject areas. Evidence to support this statement includes: Specific schoolwide plan action steps, the method for monitoring and evaluating those action steps, where applicable. SWP Checklist 2(c)(i)
- 13. Describe the implementation of your schoolwide tiered model to prevent and address problem behavior and early intervening services, coordinated with similar activities and services carried out under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1400 et seq.). SWP Checklist 2.c(iii)

SCHOOL RESPONSE: The PBIS philosophy involves teaching behavior expectations and reinforcing them with positive rewards. This is implemented school-wide to reduce discipline and promote positive school culture. Various incentives are provided to promote and encourage positive behavior. Some of the incentives include:

- Fresh Air Friday
- Grade level dances
- Monthly/Quarterly celebrations/festivals
- Afterschool clubs and activities
- Field Trips

Also, Pearson Middle implements Restorative Circles and Restorative Conferencing that strengthen relationships between individuals and social connections within communities, thereby reducing traditional discipline. Our counselors provide professional learning based on culturally responsive frameworks to support the whole child. Lastly, Pearson Middle is entering our second year of AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) that provides additional academic and social emotional support to help improve student achievement and peer-to-peer relationships.

14. <u>Describe professional development</u> and other activities for teachers, paraprofessionals, and other school personnel to improve instruction and use of data from academic assessments, and to recruit and retain effective teachers, particularly in high need subjects. *SWP Checklist 2.c(iv)*

SCHOOL RESPONSE: Cobb Collaborative Communities- Focused professional development based on high standards of teaching and learning is essential to improving teaching and increasing student achievement. It must be focused on what teachers' district-wide and in the individual schools need to know and be able to do for their students. Professional development should build "professional communities" committed to higher

student learning. Continuous learning opportunities that are focused, reflective, and coherent are essential. The following are research-based practices in professional development that support career-long development of teaching and student learning:

- Provide on-going learning opportunities for all
- Improve teaching and learning
- Target higher student outcomes and instructional goals of schools that fit our profile
- Set time aside to allow teachers to implement new techniques learned and to plan collaboratively
- Establish study groups (e.g., book studies, professional magazine articles, etc.)
- Involve all teachers including, Special Education, ESOL, paraprofessionals and specialists (music, art, science, math, and physical education)

The following initiatives will be used to improve instruction and use of data from academic assessments:

- Mentor support from veteran teachers to those teachers that are new to our building
- Instructional Coaching for any other teacher in need of support
- Continue the implementation of AVID teaching strategies in the classroom
- Weekly collaborative team meetings focused on instruction and common assessment data
- Targeted professional learning, facilitated by the academic coaches, that is aligned to Pearson's academic goals
- Monthly school-wide research-based instructional strategies presented by teacher leaders as needed.
- Monthly instructional technology trainings as needed.
- District continued ESOL instructional training and support.
- 15. **ONLY MIDDLE AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RESPONSE REQUIRED** Describe the transition activities provided for preschool children to kindergarten, 5^{th} grade students to 6^{th} grade and 8^{th} grade students to 9^{th} grade. *SWP Checklist 2.c(v)*
 - **SCHOOL RESPONSE**: 8th Grade Articulation
 - Local school counselors will meet with students to discuss high school course offerings, activities, and high school operations
 - Vertical Alignment with 9th grade teachers
 - 8th and 9th grade Teachers will meet and discuss the student's performance on standards and which standards students are having trouble mastering and the supports that will need to be put in place to assist students with mastering the standards.
 - Families with rising 9th graders are provided the opportunity to attend a Welcome and Orientation evening where graduation requirements, course offerings, CITA (Cobb Innovation and Technology Academy) program opportunities, and general information is provided.
 - 8th Grade CTAE Pathways Fair with Osborne and Campbell High Schools

- Pearson offers the following classes to all students grades 6-8 that will lead into the high school CTAE courses and increase awareness of opportunities for post-secondary education and the workforce.
- Business education and computer science
- Engineering
- Family and Consumer Science
- AVID
- Families also can attend the CTAE pathways fairs at both Osborne and Campbell High Schools
- 8th Grade Magnet Presentation
- District leaders' partner with local school counselors to provide students with an overview of the different high school magnet program opportunities and the application process. The High school magnet program curriculums are designed to expose and train students for post-secondary career opportunities and education.
- 8th Grade CITA Presentation (Cobb Innovation and Technology Academy)
- District leaders' partner with local school counselors to provide students with an overview of the different CITA program opportunities and the application process.
- CITA is a state-of-the-art learning environment and a tuition-free Academy for 9th-12th graders, designed to prepare students to lead tomorrow's workforce and increase the awareness of opportunities for post-secondary education. Students at the Academy will have access to work-based learning opportunities and internships, job shadowing, career-specific honor societies & even career certifications.
- Counselors visit students in classrooms throughout the year to assist students in establishing Naviance accounts and review Naviance lessons. Naviance is a planning tool that prepares students for college, career, and life readiness after high school. It creates connections between their strengths and interests to success after high school. Each year from 6th grade through 12th grade students will participate in various learning activities that will introduce them to both career opportunities, colleges of interest, and life skills. Students can access Naviance from home and school using their school login. (Sample lessons include learning styles inventory, career matchmaker, strengths explorer, dual enrollment, advanced placement, and Individualized Graduation Plan (IGP)
- 6th Grade Open House End of August
- Families are invited to attend a meeting where they will meet their student's teachers, learn about grade level curriculum, and school wide expectations.
- Rising 6th Grade School Visits in March or April 5th graders from our feeder elementary school will take a bus over to Pearson and take a tour of the building and hear essential information from our faculty and administration.
- Rising 6th Grade Informational Night in May-Hosted by the school administration to provide families with grade level curriculum standards, school wide expectations, and answer questions.

16. **ONLY HIGH SCHOOL RESPONSE REQUIRED** Describe how the school prepares and makes aware of opportunities for postsecondary education and the workforce, which may include career and technical education programs and broadening secondary school students' access to coursework to earn postsecondary credit while still in high school (such as Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, dual or concurrent enrollment, or early college high schools. *SWP Checklist 2.c(ii)*

SCHOOL RESPONSE: N/A

Comprehensive Needs Assessment – Section 1114(b)(1)(A)

17. Cobb County's schoolwide plans are based on a comprehensive needs assessment of the entire school, that considers information on the academic achievement of children in relation to the challenging State academic standards, particularly the needs of those children who are failing, or are at-risk of failing, to meet the State academic standards and any other factors as determined by the local educational agency. **Evidence to support this statement includes: The comprehensive needs assessment section of the schoolwide plan.** *SWP Checklist 1*

Title I Personnel/Positions Hired to Support the School Improvement Goals SWP Checklist 2.c(iv) - Section 1114(b)(7)(A)(i-iii)(I-V) How will the primary actions of this position support the **Supports Position** Supports which system(s) Goal(s) implementation of the School Improvement Plan? Develop, implement, and facilitate standard-based instruction that supports ☐ Coherent Instruction students understanding and mastering grade-level Standards. ☐ Goal 1 ☐ Professional Capacity ☐ Goal 2 Teacher ☐ Effective Leadership ☐ Goal 3 ☐ Supportive Learning Environment ☐ Goal 4 ☐ Family Engagement Develop, implement, and facilitate standard-based instruction that supports ☐ Coherent Instruction students understanding and mastering grade-level Standards. ☐ Goal 1 ☐ Professional Capacity ☐ Goal 2 Teacher ☐ Effective Leadership ☐ Goal 3 ☐ Supportive Learning Environment ☐ Goal 4 ☐ Family Engagement The Parent Facilitator will support the overall instructional program at Pearson ☐ Coherent Instruction Middle School by creating community and family partnerships, conducting ☐ Goal 1 ☐ Professional Capacity professional learning sessions to parents, teachers, and staff, and providing ☐ Goal 2 Parent Facilitator frequent communications to parents on the academic programs, events, and ☐ Effective Leadership ☐ Goal 3 student information. ☐ Supportive Learning Environment ☐ Goal 4 ☐ Family Engagement ☐ Coherent Instruction ☐ Goal 1 ☐ Professional Capacity ☐ Goal 2 ☐ Effective Leadership ☐ Goal 3 ☐ Supportive Learning Environment

☐ Goal 4

☐ Family Engagement

School Improvement Goals

Include goals on the parent compacts and policy

	6™ GRADE	7 TH GRADE	8TH GRADE	
Goal #1	Fall Beacon Data: - 220 students tested - 102 students in the support needed category (46%) - 118 students in the near target & prepared category (54%) - 23 students within 25pts of near target - 26 students within 25pts of dropping to support needed	Fall Beacon Data: - 197 students tested - 109 students in the support needed category (55%) - 88 students in the near target & prepared category (45%) - 21 students within 25pts of near target - 18 students within 25pts of dropping to support needed	Fall Beacon Data: - 252 students tested - 110 students in the support needed category (44%) - 141 students in the near target & prepared category (56%) - 19 students within 25pts of near target - 27 students within 25pts of dropping to support needed	
	Goal: By the end of the 2025—2026 school year, the percentage of students scoring in the Near Target or Prepared categories will increase from 54% on the Fall administration to 64% or the Spring administration, as measured by the DRC Georgia ELA BEACON Assessment.	Goal: By the end of the 2025—2026 school year, the percentage of students scoring in the Near Target or Prepared categories will increase from 45% on the Fall administration to 55% on the Spring administration, as measured by the DRC Georgia ELA BEACON Assessment.	Goal: By the end of the 2025—2026 school year, the percentage of students scoring in the Near Target or Prepared categories will increase from 56% on the fall administration to 66% on the Spring administration, as measured by the DRC Georgia ELA BEACON Assessment.	
	Numbers Needed: - 141 students need to hit Near Target/Proficient by Spring assessment (at least 23 students needed)	Numbers Needed: - 108 students need to hit Near Target/Proficient by Spring assessment (at least 20 students needed)	Numbers Needed: - 141 students need to hit Near Target/Proficient by Spring assessment (at least 25 students needed)	
Goal #2	 Milestones Math Assessment, as med 7th Grade: By the end of the 2024–2 Milestones Math Assessment, as med 8th Grade: By the end of the 2024–2 	asured by state testing results in Spring 2025. 025 school year, at least 65% of 7th grade stu asured by state testing results in Spring 2025.	udents will score at Level II or higher on the G udents will score at Level II or higher on the G	