



ABRAHAM PIERSON SCHOOL

2014-2015 BUDGET TALKING POINTS

Curriculum and Instruction:

- In year one using the new Common Core aligned Envisions Mathematics program
- In year two using Journeys Language Arts Program
- In year two of intensive Reading, Math, and Behavior intervention models
- Focus on increased student engagement, technology integration, and cross-curricular connections
- Preparing for SBAC assessment of Common Core State Standards
- Refining effective Student Assistance Team processes and procedures
- Materials for an additional Grade 4 class

Professional Development

- Improving instructional practices by setting effective lesson objectives
- Implementing year 2 of Teacher Evaluation Plan with a focus on multi-goal Professional Learning Plans
- Exploring “Co-Teaching” inclusion model between Special and General Education teachers

Enrichment and Support

- Provision of a “Pierson PM Enrichment Program”
- Provision of a “Rise and Shine Tutorial Program”
- Expanded math and intervention support
- Continued commitment to developing the “whole child” i.e. participation in the “Food For All Jr.” community garden which supports the Shoreline Food Pantry

Operational highlights: Request for an increase of \$13, 933 in operational budget for new textbooks, new copier, additional instructional materials, math and reading lab resources, continued support for building security and safety plans, and funds to reflect cost increases

Personnel Implications: an additional Grade 4 teacher, staffing for “Pierson PM” and “Rise and Shine” programs, expanded math intervention and support

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