School Improvement Plan

School Year: 2011 - 2012	
School District: Bullock Creek School District	
ISD/RESA: Midland County Educational Service Agency	
School Name: Pine River Elementary School	
Grades Served: 3,4,5	
Principal: Mrs. Debra S. Bradford	
Building Code: 03048	
District Approval of Plan:	Authorized Official Signature and Date
Board of Education Approval of Plan:	Authorized Official Signature and Date

School Improvement Plan

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Introduction

The SIP is a planning tool designed to address student achievement and system needs identified through the school's comprehensive needs assessment (CNA). Additionally, the SIP provides a method for schools to address the school improvement planning requirements of Public Act 25 of the Revised School Code and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as applicable. The SIP is a planning tool designed to address student achievement and system needs identified through the school?s comprehensive needs assessment (CNA). Additionally, the SIP provides a method for schools to address the school improvement planning requirements of Public Act 25 of the Revised School Code and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as applicable.

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School Information

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Public/Non-Public: Public

Grades: 3,4,5

School Code Number: 03048

City: MIDLAND

State/Province: Michigan

Country: United States

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Vision, Mission and Beliefs

Vision Statement

You BELONG at Bullock Creek!

Mission Statement

Together with our students, families and community, the Bullock Creek School District ensures a safe and positive environment. We promote creativity and excellence in teaching and learning that challenges our students to achieve their full potential.

Beliefs Statement

Collaboration is achieved through communication and cooperation.

Accountability for...

- -Providing a physically and emotionally safe environment by being aware of potential safety issues, as well as planning and implementing safety procedures.
- -Ethical Practices that promote the staff's ability to educate and the students' ability to learn.
- -Student Achievement that meets or exceeds the current standards.

Respect for...

- -Diversity that promotes understanding, values individualiasm, and encourages trust, compassion, fairness and dignity.
- -Tradition that reflects on our past, while building a foundation for our future.

Excellence in...

- _Teaching in a caring and creative environment. Staff members will be knowledgeable and self disciplined and will make every effort to be flexible and adaptable as they help students reach the desired goals.
- -Innovative Programs that build creative thinking, support curriculum, capture interest, and boraden perspectives.
- -Learning that places responsibility on the students, staff and families.

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Goals

Name	Development Status	Progress Status
Math	Complete	Open
Reading	Complete	Open
Writing Expression	Complete	Open

Goal 1: Math

Content Area: Math

Development Status: Complete

Student Goal Statement: By the 2013-2014 school year we will see a 25% increase in the number of students performing at an 80% accuracy level in Mathematics at each grade level.

Gap Statement: Third Grade

Needs:

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 37% of our fourth grade students scored 80% or above in the strand of multiplication and division. Based on this data 43% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy goal for multiplication and division fluency. The strand of multiplication and division accounts for 22% of the overall Mathematics MEAP assessment for fourth grade.

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 15% of our fourth grade students scored 80% or above in the strand of Understanding Area and Perimeter. Based on this data 65% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy goal for area and perimeter fluency. The strand of understanding area and perimeter accounts for 22% of the overall Mathematics MEAP assessment for fourth grade.

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 15% of our fourth grade students scored 80% or above in the strand of Understanding Fractions. Based on this data 65% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy goal for fraction fluency. The strand understanding fractions accounts for 14% of the overall Mathematics MEAP assessment for fourth grade.

Fourth Grade

Needs:

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 12% of our fifth grade students scored 80% or above in the strand of Decimals and Fractions. Based on this data 68% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy goal for decimal and fraction fluency. The strand decimals and fractions account for 37% of the overall Mathematics MEAP assessment for fifth grade.

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 16% of our fifth grade students scored 80% or above in the strand Wholenumber Multiplication. Based on this data 64% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy goal for whole-number multiplication fluency. The strand whole-number multiplication accounts for 31% of the overall Mathematics MEAP assessment for fifth grade.

Fifth Grade

Needs:

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 31% of our sixth grade students scored 80% or above in the strand

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Decimals and Fractions. Based on this data 49% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy goal for decimal and fraction fluency. The strand decimals and fractions account for 15% of the overall Mathematics MEAP assessment for sixth grade.

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 11% of our sixth grade students scored 80% or above in the strand Wholenumber Division. Based on this data 69% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy goal for whole-number division fluency. The strand whole-number division accounts for 37% of the overall Mathematics MEAP assessment for sixth grade.

Cause for Gap: Based upon our review of the data it is clear that more time needs to be given to specific focus areas at each grade level. The inconsistency in the mathematics programming has led to a lack of mastering skills necessary to achieve at least an 80% proficiency in any focus areas. Plans are being made to alter our mathematics delivery model for the upcoming school year.

Multiple measures/sources of data you used to identify this gap in student achievement: The 2010 MEAP/MI-Access test was administered to grades 3-6 and those findings have been used to drive the school improvement plan to show areas of concern that need to be addressed so that our students can achieve success in these areas. Local assessments developed within district, were used at the end of each math unit in each grade to assess concepts for areas of concern that need to be addressed and to drive instruction for our students' success. Data Director was used to compile the information and disaggregate for School Improvement purposes. The easyCBM for grades 3-5 will be administered.

What are the criteria for success and what data or multiple measures of assessment will be used to monitor progress and success of this goal? The MEAP/MI-Access test administered in Fall 2011 for grades 3-6, will continue to be used by the school improvement group to show areas of concern that need to be addressed and to monitor the success of our instruction. The DIBELS test will be administered 3 times a years in grade 3, DRA will be used in grades 4 and 5, as well as easyCBM for grades 3-5. Local assessments will continue to be utilized, but they will be revised this year to increase the rigor of the test to replicate the formula used by the NAEP for our student success.

Contact Name: Debra Bradford

List of Objectives:

Name	Objective
Increase	Teachers will increase the amount of instructional time spent on the focus areas identified for
instructional time	their grade level to represent a ratio equivalent to that which is assessed by the state and local
on focus areas	evaluations (i.e. third grade will spend 22% of instructional time on the Multiplication and
	Division strand) as measured and demonstrated by the nine week outline that is submitted to
	the building administrator and assess by the local assessment given after that nine week period.

1.1. Objective: Increase instructional time on focus areas

Measurable Objective Statement to Support Goal: Teachers will increase the amount of instructional time spent on the focus areas identified for their grade level to represent a ratio equivalent to that which is assessed

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by the state and local evaluations (i.e. third grade will spend 22% of instructional time on the Multiplication and Division strand) as measured and demonstrated by the nine week outline that is submitted to the building administrator and assess by the local assessment given after that nine week period.

List of Strategies:

Name	Strategy
Constructivist	Teachers will implement constructivist teaching strategies in the identified focus areas
Instruction	for their grade level.
Explicit Teaching of	Each grade level teacher will identify and intentionally teach to mastery level critical
Vocabulary	vocabulary for the area of Mathematics using the strategies identified by Marzano
	(2007) and Beck (2009).

1.1.1. Strategy: Constructivist Instruction

Strategy Statement: Teachers will implement constructivist teaching strategies in the identified focus areas for their grade level.

Selected Target Areas

Other Required Information for Strategy

Poncy, Brian C.; McCallum, Elizabeth; Schmitt, Ara J.; A Comparison of Behavioral and Constructivist Interventions for Increasing math-fact Fluency in a Seoncd-Grade Classroom (EJ903129) Psychology in the Schools, v47 n9 p917-930 Nov 2010

List of Activities:

Activity	Begin Date	End Date	Staff Responsible
Collaborative Planning	2011-08-29	2012-06-08	Principal, Classroom teachers

1.1.1.1. Activity: Collaborative Planning

Activity Type: Professional Development

Activity Description: Each grade level teacher, including special education teachers, will meet each nine weeks under the direction of the building administrator to plan the constructivist lessons appropriately.

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Planned staff responsible for implementing activity: Principal, Classroom teachers

Actual staff responsible for implementing activity:

Planned Timeline: Begin Date - 2011-08-29, End Date - 2012-06-08

Actual Timeline: Begin Date - N/A, End Date - N/A

Fiscal Resources Needed for Activity:

Resource	Funding Source	Planned	Actual
		Amount	Amount
Grade Level Collaborative Planning	General Funds	3,520.00	

1.1.2. Strategy: Explicit Teaching of Vocabulary

Strategy Statement: Each grade level teacher will identify and intentionally teach to mastery level critical vocabulary for the area of Mathematics using the strategies identified by Marzano (2007) and Beck (2009).

Selected Target Areas

I.1.A.3 The school's curriculum documents are designed in a way that ensures cohesion within and across grade levels and content areas.

Other Required Information for Strategy

Will and Posamentier "What Successful Math Teachers Do" and Marzano and Pickering "Building Academic Vocabulary." Both books present research regarding the essential role that vocabulary plays in increasing student achievement. "The influence of academic background knowledge on academic achievement is fully and firmly documented in research. It stands to reason, then, that enhancing students' background knowledge would be one sure, strong way to improve students' academic performance and narrow the achievement gap."

List of Activities:

Activity	Begin Date	End Date	Staff Responsible
Implementation of Vocabulary Strategies	2010-02-	2012-06-	Trainer, Principal and
	12	10	Teachers
Professional Development in Vocabulary	2010-02-	2012-06-	Trainer, Principal, Teachers
Development	12	10	

1.1.2.1. Activity: Implementation of Vocabulary Strategies

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Activity Description: Teachers will implement strategies from "Building Academic Vocabulary" when teaching academic vocabulary in the area of mathematics upon receiving training and into the 2010-11 and 2011-2012 school year.

Planned staff responsible for implementing activity: Trainer, Principal and Teachers

Actual staff responsible for implementing activity:

Planned Timeline: Begin Date - 2010-02-12, End Date - 2012-06-10

Actual Timeline: Begin Date - N/A, End Date - N/A

Fiscal Resources Needed for Activity:

Resource	Funding Source	Planned	Actual
		Amount	Amount
Building Academic Vocabulary	Title II Part A	800.00	0.00
Trainer	Title II Part A	1,000.00	0.00

1.1.2.2. Activity: Professional Development in Vocabulary Development

Activity Description: A trainer will present information to teaching staff on different strategies of teaching academic vocabulary. The training will occur in February 2010 and May 2010.

Planned staff responsible for implementing activity: Trainer, Principal, Teachers

Actual staff responsible for implementing activity:

Planned Timeline: Begin Date - 2010-02-12, End Date - 2012-06-10

Actual Timeline: Begin Date - N/A, End Date - N/A

Fiscal Resources Needed for Activity:

Resource	Funding Source	Planned	Actual
		Amount	Amount
Trainer,	Title II Part A	1,000.00	0.00

Goal 2: Reading

Content Area: English Language Arts Development Status: Complete

Student Goal Statement: By the 2013-2014 school year we will see a 25% increase in the number of students at

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each grade level performing at an 80% accuracy level in reading.

Gap Statement: Third Grade:

Needs:

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 45% of our fourth grade students scored 80% or above in the reading strand of Comprehension. Based on this data 35% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy goal for comprehension. The comprehension strand accounts for 58% of the overall reading MEAP assessment for fourth grade.

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 33% of our fourth grade students scored 80% or above in the reading strand of Informational Text. Based on this data 47% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy goal for informational text. The informational text strand accounts for 9% of the overall reading MEAP assessment for fourth grade.

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 57% of our fourth grade students scored 80% or above in the reading strand of Narrative Text. Based on this data 23% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy goal for narrative text. The narrative text strand accounts for 21% of the overall reading MEAP assessment for fourth grade.

Fourth Grade:

Needs:

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 36% of our fifth grade students scored 80% or above in the reading strand of Comprehension. Based on this data 44% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy goal for comprehension. The comprehension strand accounts for 45% of the overall reading MEAP assessment for fifth grade.

Fifth Grade:

Needs:

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 45% of our sixth grade students scored 80% or above in the reading strand of Comprehension. Based on this data 35% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy goal for comprehension. The comprehension strand accounts for 48% of the overall reading MEAP assessment for sixth grade.

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 25% of our sixth grade students scored 80% or above in the reading strand of Narrative Text. Based on this data 55% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy goal for narrative text. The narrative text strand accounts for 33% of the overall reading MEAP assessment for sixth grade.

Cause for Gap: As we transition to the Common Core standards, we have learned through Professional Development that the rigor of our questions on the common assessments that were compiled by the district staff, need to be increased to more fully represent the types of questions that the students will encounter on state assessments. Using the NAEP test as our guide, we will be including more moderate and extended questions to our assessments thus giving teachers and administrators a better guide as to how our students are achieving thoughout the year.

Multiple measures/sources of data you used to identify this gap in student achievement: The DIBELS assessment given in reading three times during the school year was used as an indicator of growth and showed areas of concern to be addressed. The 2010 MEAP/MI-Access test was administered to grades 3-6 and those findings have been used to drive the school improvement plan to show areas of concern that need to be addressed so that our students can achieve success in areas of weakness.

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What are the criteria for success and what data or multiple measures of assessment will be used to monitor progress and success of this goal? DIBELS will continue to be used in grade 3, three times a year as an indicator of growth and to show areas of concern to be addressed and monitor the success of our instruction. The MEAP/MI-Access test administered in 2011, in grades 3-6, will continue to be used by the school improvement group to show areas of concern that need to be addressed and monitor success of our instruction. DRA testing will be used in grades 4-5 in place of DIBELS, to assess students' independent reading levels to drive instruction and guarantee continued success for students.

Contact Name: Debra Bradford

List of Objectives:

Name	Objective
Increase	Teachers will increase the amount of instructional time spent on the focus areas identified to
instructional time	represent a ratio equivalent to that which is assessed by the state and local evaluations (i.e.
on focus area	third grade will spend 58% of instructional time on the reading strand of comprehension) as
	demonstrated by the ELA pacing guides, lesson plans, and administrator observations, and
	measured by state and local assessments.

2.1. Objective: Increase instructional time on focus area

Measurable Objective Statement to Support Goal: Teachers will increase the amount of instructional time spent on the focus areas identified to represent a ratio equivalent to that which is assessed by the state and local evaluations (i.e. third grade will spend 58% of instructional time on the reading strand of comprehension) as demonstrated by the ELA pacing guides, lesson plans, and administrator observations, and measured by state and local assessments.

List of Strategies:

Dist of Strategies:	
Name	Strategy
Implementation of Explicit Vocabulary Instruction	Teachers will implement explicit strategy instruction by using strategies from Building Academic Vocabulary, Marzano and Pickering.
Research- based instruction	Teachers of 3-5 students will utilize Thinking Maps and other research-based practices as mandated by the school improvement team and monitored by the building principal to promote higher level thinking skills connected to reading all texts and to provide instruction regarding text structures.

2.1.1. Strategy: Implementation of Explicit Vocabulary Instruction

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Strategy Statement: Teachers will implement explicit strategy instruction by using strategies from Building Academic Vocabulary, Marzano and Pickering.

Selected Target Areas

- I.1.B.1 Communication and articulation about the curriculum is a high priority for the entire staff. A dialog is promoted between and across grade levels and content areas. Particular emphasis is paid to the curriculum dialog of teachers from one instructional level to another.
- I.2.A.2 Instructional planning is focused upon ensuring student success. Instructional practice is designed around the needs, interests and aptitudes of the individual students. The result is a curriculum that allows students to derive meaning from all of their educational experiences.

Other Required Information for Strategy

Provide high quality vocabulary instruction throughout the day. Teach essential content words in-depth. In addition, use instructional time to address the meanings of common words, phrases, and expressions not yet learned.

Effective Literacy and English Language Instruction for English Learners in the Elementary Grades

http://mca.gennet.us/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp?tab_tab_group_id=null&url=/webapps/blackboard/execute/-

List of Activities:

Activity	Begin Date	End Date	Staff Responsible
Implementation of Explicit Vocabulary Instruction	2010-03-01	2011-06-10	Principal and teachers

2.1.1.1. Activity: Implementation of Explicit Vocabulary Instruction

Activity Description: Through the information learned during staff meetings, professional development and collegial conversations, teachers will implement effective vocabulary instruction strategies in the content areas.

Planned staff responsible for implementing activity: Principal and teachers

Actual staff responsible for implementing activity:

Planned Timeline: Begin Date - 2010-03-01, End Date - 2011-06-10

Actual Timeline: Begin Date - N/A, End Date - N/A

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Fiscal Resources Needed for Activity:

Resource	Funding Source		Actual Amount
Building Academic Vocabulary, Marzano	Title II Part A	400.00	0.00

2.1.2. Strategy: Research- based instruction

Strategy Statement: Teachers of 3-5 students will utilize Thinking Maps and other research-based practices as mandated by the school improvement team and monitored by the building principal to promote higher level thinking skills connected to reading all texts and to provide instruction regarding text structures.

Selected Target Areas

Other Required Information for Strategy

Allington, R. (2009). What really matters in response to intervention. Research-based designs. Boston, MA: Allyn & Bacon.

Hyerle, D., & Piercy, T. (2007). Thinking maps: The cognitive bridge to literacy a visual language for bridging reading rext structures to writing prompts. Berkeley, CA: Thinking Maps, Inc.

List of Activities:

Activity	Begin Date	End Date	Staff Responsible
Research-Based Instruction	2011-09-01	2012-06-08	Teachers, ESA staff, Principal

2.1.2.1. Activity: Research-Based Instruction

Activity Type: Professional Development

Activity Description: Midland County ESA staff will provide professional development regarding Thinking Maps.

Planned staff responsible for implementing activity: Teachers, ESA staff, Principal

Actual staff responsible for implementing activity: Principal

Planned Timeline: Begin Date - 2011-09-01, End Date - 2012-06-08

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Actual Timeline: Begin Date - N/A, End Date - N/A

Fiscal Resources Needed for Activity:

Resource	Funding Source	Planned Amount	Actual Amount
Thinking Map Trainer	Title II Part A	700.00	

Goal 3: Writing Expression

Content Area: English Language Arts Development Status: Complete

Student Goal Statement: By the 2013-2014 school year we will see a 25% increase in the number of students at each grade level performing at an 80% accuracy level in writing.

Gap Statement: Third Grade

Needs:

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 39% of our fourth grade students scored 80% or above in the Grammar Usage strand. Based on this data 41% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy level in grammar usage. The grammar usage strand accounts for 18% of the overall writing MEAP assessment for fourth grade.

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 7% of our fourth grade students scored 80% or above in the Personal Style strand. Based on this data 73% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy level in personal style. The personal style strand accounts for 15% of the overall writing MEAP assessment for fourth grade.

Fourth and Fifth Grade

Needs:

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 1% of our seventh grade students scored 80% or above in the Writing Process strand. Based on this data 79% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy level in the writing process. The writing process accounts for 25% of the overall writing MEAP assessment for seventh grade.

Based on 2010-2011 MEAP data only 33% of our seventh grade students scored 80% or above in the writing strand Personal Style. Based on this data 47% of our students need to improve their scores to reach the 80% accuracy level in personal style. The personal style strand accounts for 23% of the overall writing MEAP assessment for seventh grade.

Cause for Gap: Historically the amount of time spent in writing has been low and inconsistent. Resources, instructional strategies and focus areas varied by instructor. We have lacked a cohesive, researched based approach to the teaching of writing. This has led to fragmentation of skills which has inhibited our students achieveing at high levels.

Multiple measures/sources of data you used to identify this gap in student achievement: The 2010 MEAP test was administered to grades 4 and 7 and those findings have been used to drive the school improvement plan to show areas of concern that need to be addressed so that our students can achieve success on state assessments.

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MLPP Writing in grades K-2 is done 3 times a year to show areas of concern and to then drive instruction. Local Assessments designed by the district are used to assist in the direction of instruction through the teachings of Lucy Calkins.

What are the criteria for success and what data or multiple measures of assessment will be used to monitor progress and success of this goal? The 2011 MEAP Writing Assessment will be administered to grades 4 and 7 and will continue to be used by the school improvement team to show areas of concern that need to be addressed to monitor the success of our instruction.

Contact Name: Debra Bradford

List of Objectives:

Name	Objective
Increase	Teachers will increase the amount of instructional time spent on the focus areas identified for
Instructional Time	their grade level to represent a ratio equivalent to that which is assessed by the state and local
on Focus Areas	evaluations (i.e. third grade will spend 13% of instructional time on the writing process and
	4th and 5th grades will spend 25% on the writing process). This will be measured and
	demonstrated through the pacing guides for each grade level.

3.1. Objective: Increase Instructional Time on Focus Areas

Measurable Objective Statement to Support Goal: Teachers will increase the amount of instructional time spent on the focus areas identified for their grade level to represent a ratio equivalent to that which is assessed by the state and local evaluations (i.e. third grade will spend 13% of instructional time on the writing process and 4th and 5th grades will spend 25% on the writing process). This will be measured and demonstrated through the pacing guides for each grade level.

List of Strategies:

Name	Strategy
Writing	Teachers will implement writing workshop consistently with particular attention to focus
Workshop	areas within their grade level.

3.1.1. Strategy: Writing Workshop

Strategy Statement: Teachers will implement writing workshop consistently with particular attention to focus areas within their grade level.

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Selected Target Areas

I.1.B.1 Communication and articulation about the curriculum is a high priority for the entire staff. A dialog is promoted between and across grade levels and content areas. Particular emphasis is paid to the curriculum dialog of teachers from one instructional level to another.

III.1.B.5 Instruction at the school is student-centered. Staff views each student in a holistic manner and teach to individual learning styles, interests, and cultural backgrounds.

Other Required Information for Strategy

Scharer, Patricia L;. Su Pinnel, Gay Guiding K-3 Writers to Independence The New Essentials. Scholastic, 2008. Print.

Calkins, Lucy; Units of Study for Primary Writing (includes K-2); Units of Study for Primary Writing (includes 3-5), 2003. Print.

List of Activities:

Activity	Begin	End	Staff Responsible
	Date	Date	
Professional	2011-	2012-	Teachers from each grade level will participate in the professional
Development	08-25	06-08	development and in developing lessons and activities to improve skills
			in identified areas.

3.1.1.1. Activity: Professional Development

Activity Type: Professional Development

Activity Description: Staff will participate in professional development to enhance writing instruction. This will include Alicia Kubacki, a Thinking Map trainer, to overview the various Thinking Maps and how to best utilize the Thinking Maps as a strategy. Staff will then be given time to work with pacing guides to connect Thinking Maps to writing and other core areas.

Writing coach, Theresa Schroeder, will partner with teachers to enhance implementation with Writing Workshop.

At staff meetings and grade level meetings, teachers will review pacing guides and share lessons within their grade level.

Planned staff responsible for implementing activity: Teachers from each grade level will participate in the professional development and in developing lessons and activities to improve skills in identified areas.

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Actual staff responsible for implementing activity: Teachers, principal and ESA staff.

Planned Timeline: Begin Date - 2011-08-25, End Date - 2012-06-08

Actual Timeline: Begin Date - N/A, End Date - N/A

Fiscal Resources Needed for Activity:

	Resource	Funding Source	Planned	Actual
			Amount	Amount
[Professional Development	Title II Part A	35,000.00	0.00

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Resource Profile

Funding Source	Planned Amount	Actual Amount
Title II Part A	\$38,900.00	\$0.00
General Funds	\$3,520.00	\$0.00

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Additional Requirements

Comprehensive Needs Assessment

The comprehensive needs assessment (CNA) requirement is met by completing a School Data Profile/Analysis (SDP/A), School Process Profile, and Summary Report. The comprehensive needs assessment must be completed prior to creating a new plan or annually updating an existing school improvement plan.

Use the results of the comprehensive needs assessment to develop Goals/Objectives/Strategies and Activities. Ensure that the Gap Statements and Causes for Gaps included in the Goals information address all four measures of data: student achievement data, school programs/process data, perceptions data (must include teachers and parents; student data is encouraged), and demographic data.

1. How was the comprehensive needs assessment conducted?

The Comprehensive Needs Assessment was conducted by a team of staff members and parents examining the data to look for areas of improvement. Teachers then discussed the possible causes for the gaps. Discussions were held to determine the best course of action to close the gap and increase student achievement.

Curriculum Alignment that Corresponds to the Goals

1. Describe how the curriculum is aligned with State standards and how this alignment will help the school meet the academic Goals. Describe the process for review and revision of the curriculum; evidence could include a timeline for curriculum review or a description of the review process.

On a continuing basis, Pine River Elementary reviews its curriculum alignment with the Michigan Department of Education model core curriculum and national standards. In recent years, this examination has included the following areas: Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies, Health and Physical Education, Science and Technology. In order to do this, the district relies heavily upon the services of the Midlanc County ESA, the Clare-Gladwin RESD, and to some extent the Bay-Arenac ISD. Our collegues from those institutions provide timely information not only to the administrative staff, but also the the teaching staff as well.

2. Describe how decisions about curriculum, instruction and assessment are made at this school, and how all stakeholders are involved in the process.

Decisions regarding curriculum, instruction and assessment are made through a collaborative process between the curriculum leaders of the district, building principals and teaching staff.

With the Grade Level Content Expectations, curriculum is very well defined. Discussions regarding the instruction of the curriculum occur during staff meetings and grade level team meetings. Assessments have been designed by district teaching staff and are used throughout the district.

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Staff Development

Use the results of the comprehensive needs assessment to create a written professional development plan that identifies ongoing, sustained professional development that is aligned to the Goals, Objectives and Strategies. These specific professional development activities must be included as Activities under the Goals section. District professional development activities that align to the school's CNA should also be included in the school-level Activities section.

Alternative Measures of Assessment

1. Describe the process for developing, or the alternative measures of assessment used, that will provide authentic assessment of pupils' achievements, skills, and competencies.

Teachers at Pine River Elementary are involved in the development of accommodated and alternative measures that are used in the classroom as authentic assessments of the pupils' skills, achievements, and competencies.

Effective Use of Technology

1. Describe the methods for effective use of technology as a way of improving learning and delivery of services and for integration of involving technology in the curriculum.

Through the use of Data for Student Success, the district has the resource available to analyze data for gaps in curriculum and gaps between sub groups. Collection of data throughout the year using Data for Success allows the teachers to monitor progress throughout the year.

Evaluation of the School Improvement Plan

1. Describe how the school annually evaluates the implementation of, and results achieved by, the SIP, using data from the State's annual assessments and other indicators of academic achievement.

In addition to the data collected from the state assessment, staff at Pine River Elementary also examine the local assessments to help determine the best course of action in improvement of student achievement. Teachers meet as a grade level and plan units of study to address the needs of the students, based upon the data.

Data is regularly reviewed and explained at meetings to help inform staff when making curricular decisions.

2. Describe how school and student information and progress will be shared with all stakeholders in a language that they can understand.

Information regarding student progress is shared with teaching staff through staff meetings, school improvement meetings and district wide meetings. This information is also shared with parents via the Annual Report, at parent teacher conferences, informational meetings, and newsletters home to parents.

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Building Level Decision-Making

1. Describe how school stakeholders are engaged in the decision-making process, including, but not limited to the development of the Goals, Objectives, Strategies and Activities included in the school improvement plan. School board members, school building administrators, teachers and other school employees, pupils, parents of pupils attending that school, parents of pupils attending that school, and other residents of the school district shall be invited and allowed to voluntarily participate in the development, review and evaluation of the district's school improvement plans.

Members of the School Improvement team analyze the data from student assessments to determine the goals of the School Improvement Team. The principal monitors the implementation of the goals and provides professional development in the areas of need. In addition, the principal meets with teachers to ensure the fidelty of the implementation of goals. The School Improvement Team gathers information from staff and assessment data in order to analyze the effectiveness of the program.

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Assurances

EdYES!

1. Literacy and math are tested annually in grades 1-5 (MCL 380.1280b)

Response: Yes

Comments: In addition to the MEAP Assessment, the district also uses DIBELS for literacy and local

assessments for math.

2. Our school published a fully compliant annual report. (The Annual Education Report (AER) satisfies this). If yes, please provide a link to the report on your website in the comments field (if applicable).

Response: Yes

Comments: http://www.bcreek.k12.mi.us/pineriver/forms/FullAnnualEducationReport-BCPR.pdf

Educational Development Plan (EDP)

1. Our school has the 8th grade parent approved Educational Development Plans (EDPs) on file.

Response: N/A (our school does not have grade 8)

Comments:

2. Our school reviews and annually updates the EDPs to ensure academic course work alignment.

Response: No

Comments: Not applicable to this building.

Health and Safety (HSAT)

The following assurances come directly from the Healthy School Action Tool (HSAT) Assessment (http://www.mihealthtools.org/hsat), an online tool for school buildings to assess their school health environments. If your school completed the HSAT in the past year, you may refer back to your report to answer the following assurances. Responses to these assurances are necessary - whether you've completed the HSAT or not. These assurances are designed to help school improvement teams think about conditions for learning in their school, specifically related to student health and safety, and develop strategies in their school improvement plan to address any identified needs.

1. Our School has a written policy on school safety that supports proactive, preventative approaches to ensure a safe school environment.

Response: Written policy, fully implemented

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2. All teachers in our school have received professional development in management techniques to create calm, orderly classrooms.

Response: Yes

Comments: CPI Training.

3. Our school communicates all of our health and safety policies to students, staff, substitute teachers, parents and visitors through the parent handbook or newsletter at least once a year.

Response: *Yes*Comments:

4. Our school has used data from a student health/safety assessment at least once in the past two years to assist in planning actions that will improve our school's environment and/or to determine the impact of changes that we have made on student attitudes and behaviors.

Response: Yes

Comments:

5. Our school has taken action on the Michigan State Board of Education Policy on Comprehensive School Health Education.

Response: Reviewed policy, but not yet adopted

Comments:

6. All teachers who provide health education instruction received annual professional development/continuing education specifically related to health education.

Response: Yes

Comments:

7. The health education curriculum used in our school is the Michigan Model for Health® Curriculum.

Response: Yes

Comments:

8. The health education curriculum used in our school involves student interaction with their families and their community.

Response: *Yes* Comments:

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9. Our school has taken action on the Michigan State Board of Education Policy on Quality Physical Education.
Response: Reviewed policy, but not yet adopted Comments:
10. At our school, physical education teachers annually participate in professional development specific to physical education.
Response: Yes Comments:
11. The physical education curriculum used in our school is:
Response: Exemplary Physical Education Curriculum (EPEC) Comments:
12. At least three times during the past 12 months, our school offered programs, activities or events for families about physical activity.
Response: Yes Comments:
13. Our school offers the following amount of total weekly minutes of physical education throughout the year.
Response: 59 minutes or less at elementary level, 105 minutes or less at middle/high level Comments:
14. Our school has taken action on the Michigan State Board of Education Policy on Nutrition Standards.
Response: Adopted policy, fully implemented Comments:
15. The food service director/manager participated in professional development related to food or nutrition during the past 12 months.
Response: Yes

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16. The food service director/manager supports/reinforces in the cafeteria what is taught in health education.

Comments:

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	Response: No Comments:
17.	During the past 12 months, our school collected information from parents to help evaluate/improve school meals or foods offered a la carte, in concessions, school stores, vending machines, or as a part of classroom celebrations/parties or at school events.
	Response: <i>No</i> Comments:
18.	Our school makes a good faith effort to ensure that federally reimbursable school nutrition programs are the main source of nutrition at school rather than vending or a la carte.
	Response: Yes Comments:
19.	Our school has a health services provider or school nurse accessible to students.
	Response: Yes, we have a health services provider or school nurse for every 650 students Comments:
20.	Our school has a written policy on school safety that involves parents, and broader community, in collaborative efforts to help ensure a safe school environment.
	Response: Written policy, fully implemented Comments:
21.	Our school has a system in place for collecting relevant student medical information.
	Response: <i>Yes</i> Comments:
22.	Our school has taken action on the Michigan State Board of Education Positive Behavior Support Policy.
	Response: Adopted policy, fully implemented Comments:
23.	During the past 12 months, the school counseling staff has provided professional development to school health staff about identification and referral of students related to violence and suicide prevention.

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Response: *Yes* Comments:

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24.	During the past 12 months, the school counselor/psychologist/social worker offered information to students (presentations, materials, individual or group counseling activities, events) about bullying, harassment and other peer to peer aggression.
	Response: Yes Comments:
25.	During the past 12 months, the school counselor/psychologist/social worker has collaborated with appropriate school staff or community agencies to implement programs or activities related to bullying, harassment and other peer to peer aggression.
	Response: Yes Comments:
26.	During the past 12 months, the school counseling staff identified students who are at risk of being victims or perpetrators of violence.
	Response: Yes Comments:
27.	. Our school's mission statement includes the support of employee health and safety.
	Response: <i>No</i> Comments:
28.	During the past year, our school supported staff participation in health promotion programs by having a budget for staff health promotion.
	Response: Yes Comments:
29.	During the past year, our school supported staff in healthy eating by providing healthy food choices at staff meetings.
	Response: Yes Comments:
30.	Our school has a written family involvement policy that advocates for strong connections between the home, school and the community as a means of reducing barriers to student achievement.

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Response: Written policy, fully implemented

Comments:

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Response: *Yes* Comments:

32. During the past 12 months, our school collected information from parents to help evaluate/improve school health education in our school.

Response: *No* Comments:

33. During non school hours the community has access to indoor facilities for physical activity (such as gym, weight room, hallway for walking, pool, basketball court).

Response: Access to all indoor facilities

Comments:

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Stakeholders

List of names, positions and e-mail addresses of the stakeholders (staff, parents, community/business members and, as appropriate, students) who were involved in the planning, design, monitoring, and evaluation of this plan.

Title	First Name	Last Name	Position	E-mail
Mrs.	Susan	Fisher	Paraprofessional	susiedg@yahoo.com
Mrs.	Lynn	Adams	Parent	elmcclymont@dow.com
Mrs.	Debbie	Bradford	Principal	bradford@bcreek.k12.mi.us
Mrs.	Becky	Dubuque	Teacher	dubuquer@bcreek.k12.mi.us
Mrs.	Pat	Hertema	Teacher	hertemap@bcreek.k12.mi.us
Mrs.	Deneal	Johnson	Teacher	deneal.johnson@bcreek.k12.mi.us
Mrs.	Susan	Laskowski	Parent	no email

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Statement of Non-Discrimination

Federal Office for Civil Rights

The institution complies with all federal laws and regulations prohibiting discrimination and with all requirements and regulations of the U.S. Department of Education. It is the policy of this school that no person on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, gender, height, weight, marital status or disability shall be subjected to discrimination in any program, service or activity for which the district/school is responsible, or for which it receives financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Education.

Contact Information

Schools/Districts are required to designate an employee to coordinate efforts to comply with and carry out non-discrimination responsibilities.

Name/Position:	Debra Bradford	
Address:	1894 E. Pine River Road	
Telephone Number:	989-631-5121	

References

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964
- The Age Discrimination Act of 1975
- The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990
- Elliott-Larsen prohibits discrimination against religion

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Supporting Documentation

No documentation was attached.

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