Lowell Public Schools **Strategic Plan Update** May 6, 2020 1 + 4 Year Strategic Plan 2020 - 2021 + PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### LPS Strategic Plan 2020 - 2021

Part I) Overview of Strategic Plan:

- 1. Components of Strategic Plan and Overarching Goals
- 2. COVID-19 LPS Strategy: Responsiveness and Readiness
  - 3. Actionables/Measurables
- 4. Progressing Monitoring and Key Data, Sample Scorecards

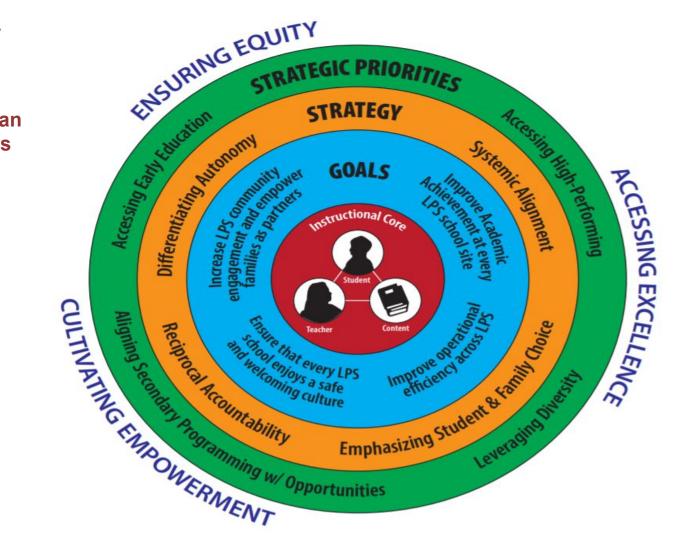


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Planning for a difficult year while laying the ground for future progress.



### Strategic Planning Initiative: Overarching Goal Areas

| Improve <b>academic</b><br><b>achievement</b> at every LPS<br>school site. | Improve <b>operational</b><br><b>efficiency</b> across LPS.               |
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| Ensure that every LPS school enjoys a <b>safe and welcoming culture.</b>   | Increase LPS community<br>engagement and empower<br>families as partners. |

### These have not changed either.



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In converting from a 5-year planning process to a 1 + 4year strategic plan focusing on next year's (2020 – 2021) actionable objectives, it is important that the principles of the long-term plan remain intact.

#### **Core Beliefs:**

- A high-quality education is a fundamental civil right of every child.
- Teaching and Learning is the core of work.
- Families are and students' first teachers.
- Sustainable school improvement requires hard and steady work over time.
- Every adult in the system is accountable for the success of all students; the entire community is responsible for their success.

#### Strategy:

- Employing differentiated levels of autonomy.
- Implementing systemic and instructional alignment.
- Empowering students and families through choice.
- Ensuring reciprocal accountability by all stakeholders.

#### **Fundamental Commitments:**

- Eliminate the racial, ethnic and linguistic achievement and opportunity gaps among all students.
- Provide equitable funding and resources among the district's diverse schools.
- Engage all families with courtesy, dignity, respect and cultural understanding.

#### **Strategic Priorities:**

- Increasing access to early learning opportunities.
- Increasing access to high-performing seats.
- Aligning secondary programming with post-secondary opportunities.
- Leveraging the rich diversity of the Lowell community to serve the interests of LPS students.

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COVID-19 public health crisis and related school closures has altered reality of LPS and the world.

While the 1 + 4 year plan envisions future progress, it is premised on a **four-part strategy of COVID-19 readiness and responsiveness**.

### **Physical Health:**

LPS facilities will undergo robust disinfectant sanitation and other **enhanced cleaning tactics**.

Strict **hygiene requirements** will be imposed at all grade levels.

Logistical modifications with be made to account for any **physical distancing** strategies advised by public health officials.

### **Fiscal Prudence:**

LPS will conduct itself with **heightened cautiousness** due to revenue uncertainties at both the state and municipal level.

All investments will be scrutinized for implications regarding **long-term goals** and any basis for **immediate urgency**.

### Mental Wellness:

LPS will prioritize **trauma informed practices** in anticipation of students' mental health challenges precipitated by or exacerbated by the crisis.

School leaders will be advised on practices to **support both staff and families** experiencing anxiety related to the crisis.

**SEL support systems** will continue to be emphasized for the purpose of ensuring students' educational needs continue to be met in the wake of the 2020 closure and amid ongoing uncertainty.

### Maintaining Flexibility:

LPS will employ strategies to **maintain programmatic and organizational flexibility** both to meet the needs of students in the wake of the 2020 closures and to ensure maximum adaptability to logistical challenges and/or additional disruptions during the 2020 - 2021 school year.



Increase access to and coordination of **early learning opportunities** for children from birth to age 5 by supporting the work of community partners to ensure that every child in Lowell is academically, emotionally, and socially prepared for Kindergarten. (Priority # 1)

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| LPS will work w/ EEC and ESE to<br>develop professional development<br>opportunities focusing on support for<br>high-need learners; invite all providers<br>LPS will collaborate where mmun<br>partners to articulate earft man<br>metrics consistent where ESI<br>guidance to share with community<br>LPS will engage in LPS staff working in<br>Kindergarten and early grades to<br>further strategize around how to serve<br>learners without preK experience. | LPS will complete the work of the<br>feasibility study contemplated by the<br>January 2020 RFP and determine<br>viable options for expansion of preK<br>search the LF<br>LPS when gag wall will learning<br>provident to denome total sinitia<br>capacit within the Louil formula y.<br>LPS will develop estimated costs and<br>timelines related to internal expansion. | LPS will provide traditional literature<br>and electronic literature and contact<br>information at city and community<br>points of contact for new families.<br>S will be perice of forus<br>ecifically agein arena to<br>byic and antion elatectione y<br>LPS will establish Prospective Family<br>Council with parents of non-LPS<br>students yet to enroll to confer with and<br>help target future LPS families from<br>different backgrounds. | LPS will collaborate with early learning<br>providers to create catalogue of early<br>and education and care options that<br>clearly explains implications of each<br>and education and care options that<br>clearly explains implications of each<br>and the early earning<br>the early collaborate with early learning<br>the early conclusion of the early learning<br>and best practices to support new<br>parents. Roll out of system will occur<br>by the conclusion of the 2020 -2021<br>school year. |
| <ul> <li># of providers with whom LPS is actively engaged in a dialogue remetrics.</li> <li># of PD opportunities provide the LPS</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <ul> <li>Completion of feasibility study and assessment of external capacity mroughest Love a.</li> <li>Presenting of estimated section of estimated sections for example.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                    | <ul> <li>Increased dissemination of info<br/>regarding early education and care.</li> <li>Jof court mity arms of LLS<br/>slates and y clucation and care.</li> <li>Establishment of Prospective<br/>Family Council.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <ul> <li>Creation and dissemination of<br/>catalogue of early learning provider<br/>options.</li> <li>Creation and roll out of First 2000<br/>rent/Caregiver Support System.</li> <li>System to evaluate efficacy of both.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

Increase access for all students **to high performing seats** through the continuous improvement of all schools, the expansion of high demand programs, and an intensive focus on turning around historically underperforming schools. (Priority # 2)

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| <ul> <li>LPS will develop a comprehensive strategy for COVID-19 disruptions, including the use of blended learning and the equitable distribution of technology, monitorable learning schedules, and robust family engagement.</li> <li>Steering Committee prongages a dialogue over the denits of high-quality in conjunction with reportrait of a Graduce initiative. Definition will include distinct roles of both SEL and mental health.</li> <li>LPS will continue to deploy additional oversight and support to Renaissance Network in order to identify structural barriers and cultivate conditions conducive to continuous improvement.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>LPS will continue building out and<br/>employing inclusive school site<br/>councils for use in budget<br/>development consistent with<br/>respective school community needs<br/>and priorities.</li> <li>LPS will identify budgeters capacity<br/>for an communication public about<br/>timeling species the ach burning<br/>community rearded 1:1 discul-<br/>learning environment.</li> <li>LPS will identify a technology<br/>utilization strategy and begin steps<br/>toward implementation, including<br/>device transitions and staff training.</li> <li>School site councils will be asked to<br/>produce facility improvement<br/>reports to identify key infrastructure<br/>priorities for each school<br/>community.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>LPS will continue conducting school safety inspections.</li> <li>School leaders will report on strategies being employed to enhance school culture and climate conditions within each school community and be given portuge s to so re be opraced in ofer ions elevel pmen groups in over to e grant district wide effort toward eliminating burdensome disciplinary challenges.</li> <li>All LPS staff will undergo year-long professional development focused on culturally and linguistically sustaining practices (cultural responsiveness).</li> </ul> | - LPS administration will engage in a community dialogue and convey to the Lowell School Committee recommendations concerning the current school assignment process. |
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| <ul> <li>Production of blended learning plan<br/>in anticipation of potential future<br/>disruptions due to public health<br/>crisis.</li> <li>Procurement and use of new data<br/>visualization system.</li> <li>Portion of professional preference<br/>programming focused<br/>competencies and related<br/>integration.</li> <li>Expansion of K-8 enrichment<br/>activities including arts and athletics<br/>programming opportunities in order<br/>to ensure district's programming is<br/>equitably allocated across school<br/>communities, with a particular focus<br/>on a determination of whether feed<br/>programming is equitably distributed<br/>across LPS for co-curricular<br/>programming at the high school<br/>level.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Participation and frequency of meeting data for school site councils.</li> <li>Expansion of 1:1 digital learning environments in the context of blended learning and presentation of timeline forecasting achievement of 1:1 wital learning environments acros 12.5.</li> <li>Preventation of counciloogy utilization strategy including costs and timeline of full adoption and training (for staff).</li> <li>Production of facility improvement reports identifying key infrastructure priorities for each school community on timeline consistent with Lowell's capital improvement cycle.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Data related to the completion of all school safety inspections.</li> <li>Presentation of best practices identified within specific LPS school communities concerning school culture and climate and identification of next steps regarding plicate elsemere.</li> <li>Compute by unstand of training or battanally and linguest ally sustaining practices (cultural responsiveness).</li> <li>Development of district-wide and school-based systems for monitoring mental health concerns for students in the the wake of COVID-19 public health crisis.</li> </ul> | - Documented efforts at robust<br>community engagement in order to<br>demonstrate community awareness<br>of the implications of potential<br>changes to school assignment<br>processes and presentation of<br>recommendation(s) to the Lowell<br>School Committee. |

Increase access for all students **to high performing seats** through the continuous improvement of all schools, the expansion of high demand programs, and an intensive focus on turning around historically underperforming schools. (# 2 Cont.: Objectives specific to English Learners and Special Education)

| Improve <b>academic achievement</b><br>at every LPS school site.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Improve <b>operational efficiency</b><br>across LPS.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Ensure that every LPS school<br>enjoys a <b>safe and welcoming</b><br>culture.                                                                                                                                                       | Increase LPS <b>community</b><br>engagement and empower<br>families as partners.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| <ul> <li>LPS will examine monthly disciplinary and attendance data to determine trends as they relate to disproportionality among high-need students.</li> <li>LPS students preparing for transitions between the ages of 18-22 will be afforded more CTE programming opportunities and opportunities to participate in hands on learning within the Loncommunity outside of trulit mal classroom settings.</li> <li>LPS will examine and report to the school committee on trends with regard to ELD progression for students.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>LPS will examine on a quarterly basis what transportation systems are in place for students in alternative education settings and determine whether any additional accommodations are being requested and/or can/should be granted.</li> <li>LPS will continue to monitor substantially separate learning vironments, parculary in godes 7-12+ to asure indexs for wirm inclusion ettings are aported those opportunities are aported those.</li> <li>LPS will examine opportunities to expand</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>LPS will continue to work with<br/>educators, families, and community<br/>partners to ensure that inclusive<br/>settings are providing<br/>comprehensive support to students<br/>both academically and socially.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>LPS will gauge interest of families<br/>and educators in the possible<br/>reinstitution of dual language<br/>programming based on<br/>organizational capacity and family<br/>interest.</li> <li>LPS will continue to engage through<br/>the English Learner Parent Advisory<br/>Council to determine more ways to<br/>engage families of Els in full school<br/>an manny partnerships.</li> </ul> |
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Increase access for all students **to high performing seats** through the continuous improvement of all schools, the expansion of high demand programs, and an intensive focus on turning around historically underperforming schools. (# 2 Cont.: Objectives specific high-need learners, including EL and SWDs)

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| <ul> <li>Reduction in disproportionality in both disciplinary infraction data and chronic absenteeism for both students with disabilities and English Learners, particularly at Lowell High School.</li> <li>Participation in 18-22 ye students in employment opportunities that reached 50.</li> <li>Participation by 18-22 year old LPS students in CTE programming.</li> <li>Presentation to Lowell School Committee on trends as they related to ELD progression for English Learners.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Periodic reporting on initiatives<br/>related to transportation for students<br/>whose educational needs require<br/>them to be offsite.</li> <li>Presentation of trends and plans as<br/>they related the attorned sudentian<br/>obstantial separate environments<br/>as compared to inclus in sutting an<br/>guides 7 – 1.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Documented engagement with<br/>Special Education Parent Advisory<br/>Council and English Learner Parent<br/>Advisory Council on the social and<br/>emotional learning supports being<br/>provided to high-need learners with<br/>particular cention rocured of any<br/>fullent is used in a state of a social state<br/>and examining of the results of<br/>social social states of a social state of a social<br/>settings.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Documented engagement in<br/>discussions with educators and<br/>families about possible<br/>implementation of dual language<br/>programming with presentation to<br/>the Lowell School Committee on<br/>potential pros and cons of that<br/>bice.</li> <li>Lumented additional methods<br/>and tactics of engaging English<br/>Learner families and evidence of<br/>more robust school and family<br/>partnerships.</li> </ul> |
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### Align secondary school curriculum and programs for all students with post-secondary opportunities so that they are college, career, and life ready upon graduation. (Priority # 3)

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| <ul> <li>LPS will engage a comprehensive redesign strategy centered MassCore and three avenues:         <ul> <li>A) University-level rigor (early college)</li> <li>B) Alternative Education Options (non-trad. environments)</li> <li>C) Career and Technical Education (CTF</li> </ul> </li> <li>LPS will incorporate rate redes in staffing and supplet systems recognizing many students not perfectly suited at present for those three avenues as constituted.</li> <li>LPS will deepen opportunities for intra-district collaboration focused on both vertical and horizontal alignment, including among alternative ed.options.</li> <li>During redesign process, LPS will consider tactics for rapid reversal of declining graduation/dropout data.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>LPS develop and communicate to community detailed contingency planning for each phase of high school construction project, particularly in the context of COVID-19 responsiveness and readiness strategies.</li> <li>LPS will iden up prential expansion opporties up a nities and further and the new prential expansion opporties up and student interest and further engagement with Greater Lowell Technical High School, particularly with respect to any opportunities yielded by the HS construction project.</li> <li>LPS will message and promote the concept of LHS as both the LPS flagship and the epicenter of the Lowell educational community.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>LPS will review options with regard<br/>to expanded Alternative Education<br/>Options programming and<br/>communicate about expansion to<br/>prospective LHS students and<br/>families.</li> <li>LPS will continue to expand<br/>opport to es for their to their<br/>interación netwer al LHS students<br/>and the Schlent in rough<br/>co-miniculation or amminum uner<br/>to build positive associations with<br/>LHS community and develop<br/>greater engagement with<br/>prospective LHS students.</li> <li>LPS will improve coordination of<br/>and support for existing LHS<br/>partners, including Gear UP, JAG,<br/>MassHire, MCC, PALs, and several<br/>others.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>LPS will continue to expand<br/>partnership opportunities with<br/>higher education institutions in the<br/>Lowell community for potential<br/>career pathways.</li> <li>LPS though Steering Committee will<br/>operation a community-wide effort<br/>orderine "student success" in<br/>a strait of a Graduate initiative that<br/>based on relevant, 21st century<br/>cill sets and capacities.</li> <li>LPS will deepen engage in robust<br/>family engagement, particularly<br/>through Special Education Advisory<br/>Council, to try to reverse troubling<br/>data regarding chronic<br/>absenteeism.</li> </ul> |

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| <ul> <li>Produce timeline and associated costs for comprehensive high school redesign that includes adoption of MassCore, expansion of Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment opportunities, expansion of alternative educational options portfolio, and expansion of career and technical educational programming opportaties</li> <li>Document strategies for the for appropriate levels of choice both during and after high school redesign process.</li> <li>Documented structured time for intra-district collaboration among elementary school, middle school and secondary educators.</li> <li>Present tactics for rapid reversal of dropout and graduation data.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Present detailed contingency<br/>planning for each phase of high<br/>school construction project with<br/>regard to logistical and educational<br/>challenges posed by project,<br/>especially with regard to COVID-19<br/>strategies.</li> <li>Present a detailed report on the<br/>discuss CT expansion and proof<br/>portil a with regard to both iter<br/>holds and an and though<br/>partnerships wan GLTHS.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Documented efforts to expand<br/>dialogue with families of both LHS<br/>students and prospective LHS<br/>students with regard to educational<br/>needs of students who may explore<br/>potentially expanded portfolio of<br/>alternative educational options.</li> <li>Documented expansion of peer to<br/>peerseract and peers<br/>student and PS<br/>miniformer tary the student<br/>though enables to inform<br/>prospective LHS students about the<br/>programming opportunities within<br/>LHS.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Documented exploration of<br/>partnership expansions with higher<br/>education to realize opportunities<br/>for career paths including educator<br/>pipelines.</li> <li>Completion of community-driven<br/>process to define "student success"<br/>through Portrait of a Graduate<br/>initiative that includes relevant, 21st<br/>century skill sets and capacities.</li> <li>Documented family engagement<br/>efforts through Special Education<br/>Advisory Council, to try to reverse<br/>troubling data regarding chronic<br/>absenteeism.</li> </ul> |

**Leverage the rich diversity** that defines the Lowell community through a fundamental commitment to equity so that all students access the full benefits of growing up in a truly global community. (Priority # 4)

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| <ul> <li>LPS will intentionally commit to celebrating and affirming Lowell's racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity through culturally relevant and sustaining curricular and programmatic choices across all grade levels.</li> <li>LPS will work to ensure that engagement with funcies is effective and consistent with the needs of the portunation that LPS is serving through the entite of appropriate staffing support with respect to translation services and family liaison support.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>LPS will work to ensure<br/>budgetary decisions are<br/>consistent with needs of each<br/>school community's diverse<br/>population of students and<br/>families through site-based<br/>budgeting.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>LPS will renew its focus on recruitment and the cultivation of diversity through a multifaceted strategy to deepen its pool of prospective employees.</li> <li>LPS employees will participate in cultural awareness and responsiveness training tailored o earch import of the organization, in a multifacet of the organization, in a multifacet or making initial contact with prospective LPS families.</li> <li>LPS will improve communications with families and community partners to establish sturdier and more sustainable relationships with both.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>LPS will continue utilization of school site councils in order to cultivate methods of shared decision-making and collaboration with parent communities.</li> <li>LPS will continue collaboration with the Superintendent's Stearing Committee to ensure verse community stakeholders aged and providing tedback on district decisions.</li> </ul> |

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| <ul> <li>Present exemplars of curriculum artifacts consistent with renewed effort toward celebrating Lowell's racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity.</li> <li>Documentation of staffing structures consistent with the evolving demographics of students and families targ served by LPS.</li> <li>Documentation of staffing structures consistent with the evolving demographics of students and families targ served by LPS.</li> <li>Documentation of staffing structures consistent with the evolving demographics of students and families targ served by LPS.</li> <li>Documentation of staffing structures consistent with the evolving demographics of students and families targ served by LPS.</li> <li>Documentation of staffing structures consistent with the evolving demographics of students and families targ served by LPS.</li> <li>Documentation of staffing served by LPS.</li> <li>Documentation served served served served served by LPS.</li> <li>Documentation served serv</li></ul> | Improve <b>academic achievement</b> at every LPS school site.                                                                                                                                                                                     | Improve <b>operational efficiency</b><br>across LPS.                                                                     | Ensure that every LPS school<br>enjoys a <b>safe and welcoming</b><br>culture.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Increase LPS <b>community</b><br>engagement and empower<br>families as partners.                                                              |
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Next Steps (immediate)

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Progress monitoring (SY 2020 - 2021)

## **Next Steps:**

- Development of measurables scorecards (examples following) in conjunction with finalization of strategic plan narrative.
- Production of companion literature and electronic platforms to communicate overarching goals and Strategic Priorities.

# Progress monitoring:

 Quarterly updates to the Lowell School Committee detailing actions taken in the context of the measurable outcomes presented herein.

Updates tied to academic cycle:

- Summer planning for impending school year
- Convocation school opening, articulation of year's goals.
- State of the Schools:
   Mid-year update to community on progress/challenges
- Year-end annual report

### Improve **academic achievement** at every LPS school site:

- # early education providers with whom LPS is coordinating its approach to services based on EEC and ESE metrics
- % of Lowell families with whom contact is made
- # of First 2000 Day Parent and Caregiver Support Program is made available.
- % of staff who are confident in the quality and quantity of social and emotional support being afforded to students.
- % of students involved in significant disciplinary interactions and utilization of restorative justice practices.
- % of students developing clear and decisive post-secondary plan
- The reduction and/or elimination of lagging achievement data and disproportionality among all student subgroups.
- Increase in % of students completing MassCore program of studies.
- LHS/District-wide four-year and five-year cohort graduation and dropout rates.
- % of students successfully completing Advanced Placement or Early College programming.

#### Improve operational efficiency across LPS.

- % of fulfilled facilities and maintenance related priorities identified in schools' annual facilities improvement reports.
- Timeline by which all schools can expect to enjoy a 1:1 digital learning environment.
- Increase in recruitment efforts and the deepening of diverse applicants.
- The percentage of K-8 students participating in extracurricular/enrichment activities.

### Ensure that every LPS school enjoys a **safe and welcoming culture**.

- Percentage of professional development time at the school and district level being devoted to social and emotional support practices.
- Reduction of # chronic absenteeism for all secondary students and among high-need subgroups, especially students with disabilities.

### Increase LPS community engagement and empower families as partners.

- % of families enrolling in a school/pathway of their choice.
- Increase in # of students participating in # of CTE programs.
- Methodologies utilized to establish regular and substantive communication with families, particularly families of high-need subgroups.
- Increase in stakeholders participating in opportunities to contribute to school communities.
- % of families for whom regular and substantive communication channels are established within the school community.
- # of events that are specifically related to a celebration of the racial and ethnic composition of the school community.
- *#* in the partner organizations enjoying existing relationships within diverse communities within Lowell.

#### District – Goals: Academic Improvement

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| Measures 2019-20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 2016-2017                   | 2017-2018                   | 2018-2019                   | End of Year<br>Target (2019-<br>2020)          | End of Year<br>Target (2020-<br>2021)         | End of Year<br>Target (2021-<br>2022)         | End of Year<br>Target (2022-<br>2023)         |
| MCAS Growth/Gap Reduction                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | ELA: 491.8<br>Math: 492.8   | ELA: 492.8<br>Math: 492.3   | ELA: 494.6<br>Math: 492.8   | Target:<br>ELA: 495.8<br>Math                  | Target:<br>ELA: 497.0<br>494.8                | Target:<br>ELA: 498.2<br>Math: 495.8          | Target:<br>ELA: 499.4                         |
| School Sc |                             |                             |                             | Actua<br>Targe<br>Actua                        | Actu<br>Tar 2<br>Actual:                      | Actual:<br>Target: 1<br>Actual:               | Actual:<br>Actual:                            |
| ELL Accxited                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 28.1%                       | 2%                          | 45.1%                       | Targe 7%<br>Actual:                            | Target: 50%<br>Actual:                        | Actual:                                       | Actual:                                       |
| Early learning enrollment (pre-k?)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 566                         | 556                         | 562                         | Target:<br>Actual: 603                         | Target: 504<br>Actual:                        | Target: 550<br>Actual:                        | Target: 600<br>Actual:                        |
| Attendance ADA/Chronic Truancy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Non-HS:<br>11.7<br>HS: 23.2 | Non-HS:<br>11.8<br>HS: 25.5 | Non-HS:<br>12.1<br>HS: 27.3 | Target:<br>Non-HS: 10.8<br>HS: 23.9<br>Actual: | Target:<br>Non-HS: 9.5<br>HS: 20.5<br>Actual: | Target:<br>Non-HS: 8.2<br>HS: 17.1<br>Actual: | Target:<br>Non-HS: 6.9<br>HS: 13.7<br>Actual: |

|                                                | Baselin      | e Data – 3 yea     | r Trend                 |                                         | Eviden                        | ce of Success                                 |                                    |
|------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Measures 2019-20                               | 2016-2017    | 2017-2018          | 2018-2019               | End of Year                             | End of Year                   | End of Year                                   | End of Year                        |
|                                                |              |                    |                         | Target<br>(2019-2020)                   | Target<br>(2020-2021)         | Target<br>(2021-2022)                         | Target<br>(2022-2023)              |
| Graduation/Dropout                             | Grad: 82.4   | Grad: 79.6<br>Drop | Grad: 78.0<br>Drop: 8.9 | Target:<br>rad: 8(<br>rop: 5.<br>:tual: | Target:<br>Drag. 5<br>Drop: 3 | Target:<br>Grad: 85.0<br>Drop: 2.6<br>Actual: | Target:<br>Drad. 87.5<br>Drop: 1.4 |
| MassCore Completion                            |              | 30                 | 35                      | rget: 4<br>:tual:                       | Target: 59.6<br>Actual:       | Target: 69.6<br>Actual:                       | Target: 79.6<br>Actual:            |
| AP Offerings Enronment/Scores                  | N/A          | 1617<br>enrolled   | 1626<br>enrolled        | Target: 1636<br>Actual:                 | Target: 1646<br>Actual:       | Target: 1656<br>Actual:                       | larget: 1666<br>Actual:            |
| College Course Enrollment/Credits<br>Earned    |              |                    |                         | Target:<br>Actual:                      | Target:<br>Actual:            | Target:<br>Actual:                            | Target:<br>Actual:                 |
| Chapter 74 Enrollment/Certifications<br>Earned | 128 enrolled | 241 enrolled       | 181 enrolled            | Target:<br>Actual: 224<br>enrolled      | Target: 267<br>Actual:        | Target: 310<br>Actual:                        | Target: 353<br>Actual:             |

#### District – Goals: College and Career Access

### District – Goals: Leveraging Diversity

| Measures 2019-20                                                                                                                                                                       | Baseline Data – 3 year Trend                                     |                                                                   |                                                                   | Evidence of Success                     |                                         |                                         |                                         |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                        | 2016-2017                                                        | 2017-2018                                                         | 2018-2019                                                         | End of Year<br>Target<br>(2010-2020)    | End of Year<br>Target<br>(2020-2021)    | End of Year<br>Target<br>(2021-2022)    | End of Year<br>Target<br>(2022-2023)    |
| CLP staff ning/% train                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                  |                                                                   |                                                                   | Targ<br>Actu                            | Tal<br>Ar                               | Target:<br>Actual:                      | Target:                                 |
| Diversity hiring/staff den aphic<br>gap reducing*<br>*dependent on the gap we have n                                                                                                   | African:                                                         | Afri<br>Amean:                                                    | Afri<br>r rican:                                                  | Targo<br>AA: 4<br>A: 85                 | Target:<br>AA: 52<br>A: 102             | Target:<br>AA: 61                       | Target:<br>AA: 70                       |
| order to meet target we need to<br>have at least 72 openings (includes<br>all subcategory races indicated)<br>*not exponential growth-adding 25%<br>for all non-white races and 1% for | Asian: 66<br>Hispanic<br>/Latino: 109<br>White: 1735<br>Other: 9 | Asian: 68<br>Hispanic<br>/Latino: 102<br>White: 1736<br>Other: 13 | Asian: 68<br>Hispanic<br>/Latino: 102<br>White: 1737<br>Other: 13 | H/L: 128<br>W: 1754<br>O: 16<br>Actual: | H/L: 154<br>W: 1771<br>O: 19<br>Actual: | H/L: 180<br>W: 1788<br>O: 22<br>Actual: | H/L: 206<br>W: 1805<br>O: 25<br>Actual: |

### District – Goals: Community Empowerment

| Measures 2019-20                                      | Baseline Data – 3 year Trend |           |           | Evidence of Success                     |                                      |                                      |                       |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
|                                                       | 2016-2017                    | 2017-2018 | 2018-2019 | End of Year<br>Target<br>(2019-0000)    | End of Year<br>Target<br>(2020-2021) | End of Year<br>Target<br>(2021-2022) | End of Year<br>Target |  |
| School choice 6 choosing/%enrolled<br>in top 3 choice |                              |           |           | arget:<br>.ctual:                       | Targe                                | Target:<br>Actual:                   | Target:               |  |
| Staff moral urvey                                     |                              |           | V         | arget:<br>.ctual:                       | Target:<br>Actual:                   | Target:                              | Target:               |  |
| Parent satisfaction survey                            | N/A                          | N/A       | N/A       | Measures and<br>baseline<br>established | Target TBD                           | Target TBD                           | Target TBD            |  |

# For additional information and details please see the presentations to the Policy Subcommittee from **April 23, 2020 and April 30, 2020**, respectively.

