EVANSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

CONTINUOUS SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT (CSI)
Continuous System Improvement

Definition

An ongoing effort to improve services and/or processes. These efforts seek "incremental" improvement over time and are evaluated through a PLAN-DO-STUDY-ACT cycle.
Proposed Structure

After reviewing several strategic plans, the model we will implement is recommended based on the following rationale:

- Comprehensive model
- Capacity to implement the plan
- Success of the District using this model
Continuous System Improvement Plan Components

- Vision Statement (Completed)
- Priorities (Board approved, July 2014)
- Strategic Objectives (Completed)
- Strategic Focus (Committee work)
- Strategic Focus Goal (Committee work)
- Action Planning (Committee work)
- Implementation (After Board approval)
- Evaluation (Committee work)
- Revision (Committee work)
ECSD Priorities

- Teaching and Learning
- Workforce Engagement and Development
- Communication and Community Engagement
- Technology
- Facilities and Operations
- Climate and Culture
Six Strategic Objectives
Strategic Objective #1  
Teaching and Learning

The ECSD will provide a rigorous and relevant curriculum delivered by highly effective staff who use innovative, research-based strategies to prepare students to compete/succeed in a 21st century global environment.
Strategic Objective #2
Workforce Engagement and Development

The ECSD will utilize best practices to hire, retain, engage, and develop a skilled and talented workforce that will enable the District to achieve its mission.
Strategic Objective #3
Communication and Community Engagement

The ECSD will communicate, engage and develop partnerships with students, parents, staff and citizens to achieve academic excellence and positive citizenship for all students.
Strategic Objective #4

Technology

The ECSD will support a culture in which the educational community continually develops the capacity to successfully live, learn, and work in a rapidly-changing world.
Strategic Objective #5
Facilities and Operations

The ECSD will provide safe, healthy and efficiently operated schools to ensure the success of all students and accountability for all stakeholders.
Strategic Objective #6
Climate and Culture

The ECSD is committed to working as a team to ensure a safe, respectful, nurturing, and invigorating environment where learning is a shared responsibility.
SMART Goals
# WHAT ARE SMART GOALS

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<th><strong>Strategic</strong></th>
<th>Identify and focus on the “vital few” high leverage areas where the largest gaps between vision and reality exist.</th>
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<td><strong>Specific</strong></td>
<td>Identify and focus on specific, identifiable student or skill targets for improvement. (e.g. targets that are specifically measured by a variety of assessments.)</td>
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<td><strong>Measurable</strong></td>
<td>Consider multiple means to measure a goal in order to get a more complete picture of learning. (e.g. state, local, and classroom assessments that measure specific skills.)</td>
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<td><strong>Attainable</strong></td>
<td>Goals should motivate us by being just within our reach. Goals should not seem overwhelming and unattainable. Attainability is correlated with how large the gap is that we want to close, and how much focus, time, energy, and resources we are prepared to put into attaining the goal. (e.g. Increasing reading achievement by 3% points in 3 years.)</td>
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<td><strong>Results-Based</strong></td>
<td>Focus on results-based goals with concrete benchmarks against which to measure efforts. (e.g. results can be tracked by assessment over time) Process goals. (e.g. implementation of a new text series.)</td>
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<td><strong>Time-Bound</strong></td>
<td>Set a specific time-frame for the goal. (e.g. one year, three years, five years.)</td>
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A System of $S^2$.M.A.R.T. Goals

SMART goals can be developed for different levels of a system. To maintain the strategic aspect of SMART goals, schools and teams of educators should align their SMART goals as a system. If a district’s long-term goal is to ensure that all students are reading on grade level, and reading is a great area of need, then the school improvement goal should focus on reading, as should the collaborative classroom goals. This type of goal alignment allows different levels of a system to work together toward the same outcome, and focus resources on that outcome.
System-Wide SMART Goals

**District Goal**
5 Years - challenging, inspiring, strategic, and far-reaching

**School Goal**
2-3 Years - prioritized target area(s), based on our unique student needs

**Team Goal**
Quarterly, Each Semester, Yearly - focused on specific skills/knowledge, within a shorter time frame

**Student Goal**
Unit, Course, Skill - based on the individual needs of the student and set collaboratively between student, teacher, and family
SMART GOAL PROCESS

Step #1: Isolate Need
Step #2: Create School S.M.A.R.T. Goal
Step #3: Select Strategies
Step #4: Develop Action Plans
Step #5: Analyze & Refocus

Between Steps: Gather & Analyze Data
Between Steps: Investigate Effective Practices
Between Steps: Explore Professional Learning Options
Between Steps: Implement Plans
BEGIN AGAIN!
Sample SMART Goals

School Level:
All sixth grade students will meet or exceed the state average in reading on the 2014-2015 STAR reading assessment by spring 2015.

District Level:
Teaching and Learning - By June 2018, 85% of all students will meet or exceed grade level standards as measured by the STAR tests in reading and mathematics.

Facilities - By June 2016, all four District schools will have an upgraded (District server) camera system in place along with door access (FOB) system on all exterior doors.

Technology - By June 2018, ECSD Grade 8 students will increase technology proficiency from 44% to 100% as measured by the Technology Proficiency Assessment.

Communication and Community Engagement - By June 2017, the District will enhance the website for more efficient use as measured by a District developed stakeholder survey.

Climate and Culture – By June 2018, school climate will improve from 1.9 to 3.0 on a four point scale as measured by a District developed employee survey.

Workforce Engagement and Development – By June of 2018, 100% of staff will complete at least one professional development training per year and track it using an online tool.
# Continuous Improvement Plan

**Evansville Community School District**

## Continuous Improvement Plan

**2015-2016**

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<th>Priority Area:</th>
<th>Strategic Objective</th>
<th>Strategic Focus:</th>
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<td>Teaching and Learning</td>
<td>The ECSD will provide a rigorous and relevant curriculum delivered by highly effective staff who use innovative, research-based strategies to prepare students to compete/succeed in a 21st century global environment</td>
<td>Reading Achievement for Students with Disabilities</td>
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### PLAN: Identify the Data Measures and Performance Gap

- **Strategic Focus Goal:** By 2016 reading achievement for students with disabilities will increase by 5 percentage points as measured by the WKCE and STAR reading assessments.

- **Timeline For Completion:** One year

### DATA ANALYSIS – IDENTIFY GAP/NEED:

Identify data sources that will be used to assess the impact, fidelity, and completion of the Plan-Do-Study-Act cycle of continuous system improvement for this strategic focus area.

1. What work has already been completed to meet the long term goal in this strategic focus area?
   - Special education teachers have received training in effective reading strategies.
   - Reading strategies have been implemented in pullout classrooms.

2. What gaps or needs still exist in this strategic focus area?
   - Longitudinal data show that students with disabilities are not achieving at a desired level.

3. Which data points identify the gaps or needs identified in question 2?
   - WKCE
   - STAR
   - ACT

4. Which strategy will we use to reduce the gap or improve the need identified in question 2?
   - We will develop a team teaching model at the middle level so that we eliminate pullout classes.
DATA ANALYSIS – DATA SOURCES: Identify the Measures That Will Determine the Effectiveness of the Plan

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<th>Ending Measure/Date</th>
<th>Analysis of Change in Data</th>
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<td>1. WKCE</td>
<td>14.4 % SWD Prof/Adv Reading grade 8 2014</td>
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<td>2. STAR</td>
<td>15% SWD Prof/Adv Reading grades 6-8 2014</td>
<td>17% SWD prof/adv May 2016</td>
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<td>3. SRI</td>
<td>565 Lexile for SWD grade 9 2015</td>
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<td>4. ACT</td>
<td>1/15 12th graders tested 2014</td>
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<td>5. ACT</td>
<td>Score of 20/36 Reading 2014</td>
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Data that Determines if Strategy Was Completed:

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Measures that Determine if the Goal Was Met:

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Do: Create an action plan based upon Data Analysis – **ACTION PLAN #1** (Multiple Check-in Points)

What action steps will need to be taken to reach the goal?

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<th>ACTION STEP</th>
<th>MEASURE/INDICATOR</th>
<th>END DATE</th>
<th>PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE</th>
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| What steps will you and your team take? | What data will be collected? How will you know when the step is completed? | September 30, 2015 | Building principal  
Director of C/I  
Director of Student Services |
| 1. Professional learning for all staff on team teaching models | Handouts and notes for P.D. sessions | September 30, 2015 | Building principal  
Director of C/I  
Director of Student Services |
<p>| 2. Develop team teaching partnerships | List of partners | September 30, 2015 | Building principal |
| 3. Provide common planning time | Building schedule | September 30, 2015 | Building principal |</p>
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<th>Action Plan</th>
<th>Description</th>
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| **Study:** Analyze Data After Implementing Action Plan Steps **November.**<br>**Act:** Continue or Revise Action Implementation Based Upon Data Analysis for the next check-in date – **ACTION PLAN #2**
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<th><strong>Action Plan</strong></th>
<th><strong>Measure/Indicator</strong>&lt;br&gt;What data will be collected? How will you know when the step is completed?</th>
<th><strong>End Date</strong>&lt;br&gt;When will the work be completed?</th>
<th><strong>Person(s) Responsible</strong></th>
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<td>1. SRI</td>
<td>Evidence of Progress/Effectiveness (include data)</td>
<td>365 Lexile grade 6 November 2015&lt;br&gt;425 Lexile grade 7 November 2015&lt;br&gt;505 Lexile grade 8 November 2015</td>
<td>No progress after 2 months of implementation</td>
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| **Study:** Analyze Data After Implementing Action Plan Steps **February.**<br>**Act:** Continue or Revise Action Implementation Based Upon Data Analysis for the next check-in date – **ACTION PLAN #3**
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<th><strong>Action Plan</strong></th>
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<td>1. SRI</td>
<td>Evidence of Progress/Effectiveness (include data)</td>
<td>390 Lexile grade 6 November 2015&lt;br&gt;480 Lexile grade 7 November 2015&lt;br&gt;545 Lexile grade 8 November 2015</td>
<td>Lexile levels at grades 6-8 have increased&lt;br&gt;Differentiation within the inclusive general ed classrooms for grades 6-8 has improved reading achievement for SWD</td>
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<td>2. STAR</td>
<td>16% SWD prof/adv grades 6-8 February 2016</td>
<td>Differentiation within the inclusive general ed classrooms for grades 6-8 has improved reading achievement for SWD</td>
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<td>Study: Analyze Data After Implementing Action Plan Approach</td>
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<td>To be completed by <strong>May</strong></td>
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<th>MEASURE/INDICATOR (from Act step Plan #3 above)</th>
<th>Evidence of Progress/Effectiveness (include data)</th>
<th>Analysis of Evidence (Describe why this evidence shows the action step was effective)</th>
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| 1. SRI | 425 Lexile grade 6 May 2016  
530 Lexile grade 7 May 2016  
605 Lexile grade 8 May 2016 | Lexile levels at grades 6-8 have increased  
Differentiation within the inclusive general ed classrooms for grades 6-8 has improved reading achievement for SWD |
| 2. STAR | 17% SWD prof/adv grade 6-8 February 2016 | Differentiation within the inclusive general ed classrooms for grades 6-8 has improved reading achievement for SWD |

**Act - Year-End Conclusion:** At the end of the year, reflect on your progress and determine the focus for the coming year. Select the option that this strategic planning team will pursue in 2016-2017 with this strategic focus area:

1. Year-long target goal **has been met** and will be changed to a new target goal in the strategic focus area
2. Year-long target goal **has not been met**, but the current plan is effective and will be continued
3. **X** Year-long target goal **has not been met**, but the plan will continue with new strategies applied
4. Year-long target goal **has not been met** and the team will move in a different direction
5. Other – please explain in space below
Committee Structure

**Standing Committee**
Board and Administrative Team

**Subcommittees – Strategic Focus and Goal Development**
Co-Chairs: Board and Administration
Members: Staff, Parents, Community

**Subcommittees – Action Plan Development**
Co-Chairs: Administration and Board
Members: Staff, Parents, Community
Committee Membership

Committees will be comprised of:

Board Member(s)
Administrator(s)
Staff Member(s)
Parent(s)
Community Member(s)

Board members and Administrators will co-chair their committee and select their members.
Committee Assignments

**Teaching and Learning**
- Board Member – Melissa Hammann
- Administrator – Paula Landers & Vaunce Ashby

**Workforce Engagement and Development**
- Board Member – Sandi Spanton-Nelson
- Administrator – Joanie Dobbs & Barb Dorn

**Communication and Community Engagement**
- Board Member – Kathi Swanson
- Administrator – Jerry Roth

**Technology**
- Board Member – Eric Busse
- Administrator – Jason Knott & Larry Martin

**Facilities and Operations**
- Board Member – John Rasmussen & Tina Rossmiller
- Administrator – Doreen Treuden & Brian Cashore & B&G Dir.

**Climate and Culture**
- Board Member – Amanda Koenecke
- Administrator – Scott Everson
Collaborative Norms

Agreed upon behaviors accepted by the group.
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<th>Meeting Norms</th>
<th>Behaviors – Commitments to Each Other</th>
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<td>• Agendas provided ahead of meeting</td>
<td>• Professionalism</td>
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<td>• Be on time</td>
<td>• -Approach questions, issues, comments in a</td>
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<td>• Respect the work</td>
<td>professional manner that continues to support</td>
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<td>• -Support the process</td>
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<td>• Demonstrate and support the broader</td>
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<td>• Acknowledge and celebrate successes</td>
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<td>• Build trust by adhering to the agreed upon</td>
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<td>norms and commitment to the work of the team</td>
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<td>-Honor individual differences</td>
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<td>-Respect differences in opinion</td>
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<td>-Embrace different points of view</td>
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<td>-Value personal perspectives and feelings</td>
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<td>• Meeting roles</td>
<td>• Evaluate the meeting process at the end of each</td>
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<td>• Professionalism</td>
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Timeline

July 16, 2014 – Overview and Board approval of first steps

September 24, 2014 – Outline details and tools for developing Continuous System Improvement Plan

December 10, 2014 – Presentation of Goals/Approval by the Board

March 25, 2015 – Presentation of Action Plans/Approval by the Board

September 2015 – Implementation of Goals

2015-2016 School Year – Evaluation/Review of Goals