

EDUCATION LEAGUE PRESENTS

The Turnaround: AASB

INTRODUCTION

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5 Levers of Change

- Mindset
- Systems
- Instruction
- Monitoring
- Capacity Building

Where We Were

Malcolm X Shabazz High School 2009 – 2011 119 fire alarm pulls 25 in school arrest 1,492 F's issued on Q1 report cards 20 out of 810 students made honor roll LAL proficiency 37% Math proficiency 17% Graduation rate 53% NJ school ranking 314 out of 328

Where We Were



LEVER 1:

"Mindset"

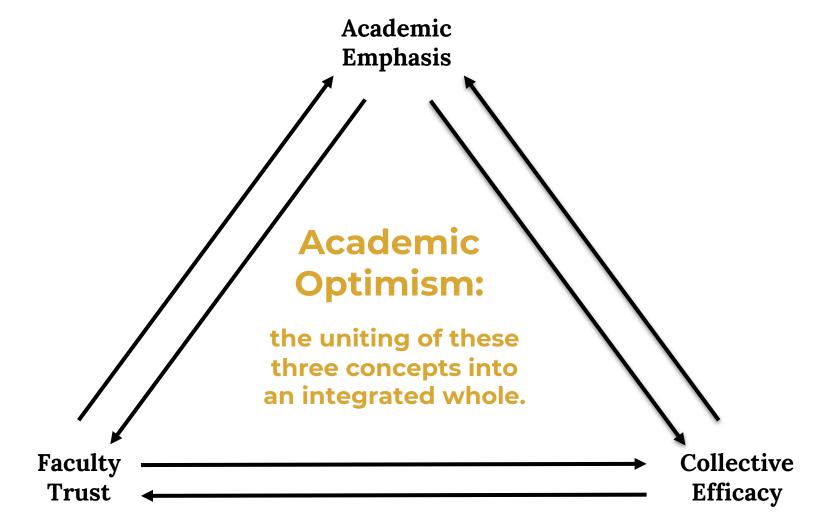


STORYTIME:

"GOD DOESN'T EXIST"







Academic Optimism

Collective Efficacy is the belief that faculty can make a positive contribution to student learning: **teachers believe in themselves**.

Faculty Trust is the belief that students, parents, teachers can cooperate to improve student learning: **teachers believe in their students**.

Academic Emphasis is the academic enactment of these beliefs: teachers act to improve academic success of students.

Academic Optimism is the collective belief that that:

- :: The faculty can make a difference cognitive facet.
- :: Students can learn affective and emotional side.
- :: Academic performance can be achieved behavioral enacted.

Malcolm X Shabazz Core Beliefs

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There is no excuse for poor quality instruction.

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STAKEHOLDERS:

Who is more important the school board, staff, or students?



Model Employee



LEVER 2:

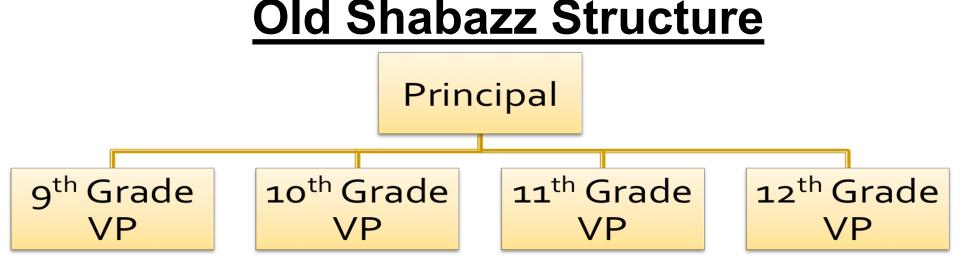
"Systems"



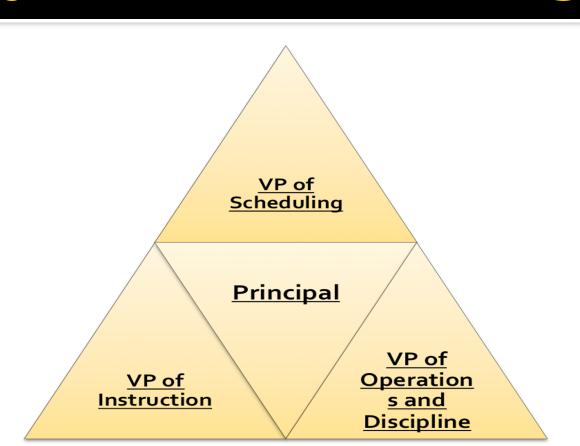
Structural Frame

- Policies to ensure safety and accountability
- 2. Establish goals and objectives
- 3. Roles
- 4. Technology
 - a. Oncourse
 - b. Social media
 - c. Celebratory Environment

Key Structural Changes



Key Structural changes



Systems



LEVER 3:

"Instruction"



Curriculum Choice

The eight year study

- Project conducted between 1930 to 1942 by the Progressive Education Association (PEA)
- Thirty schools were freed to revise their secondary curriculum
- Over 250 colleges agreed to suspend their admissions requirements for graduates of the participating high schools
- During the initial years of the study, each school staff developed its own curricular program-core curriculumwhich sought to integrate and unify the separate academic subjects.

Curriculum choice and Design

Language Arts and History

- Standards based rubric
- **Document Based Questions**
- Non-Fiction reading cross content
- District selected curriculum
- Lexile Level assessments (English, History, and Bio.)

PE and Language Arts

Persuasive Writing on CRT in all Health class

Math and Science

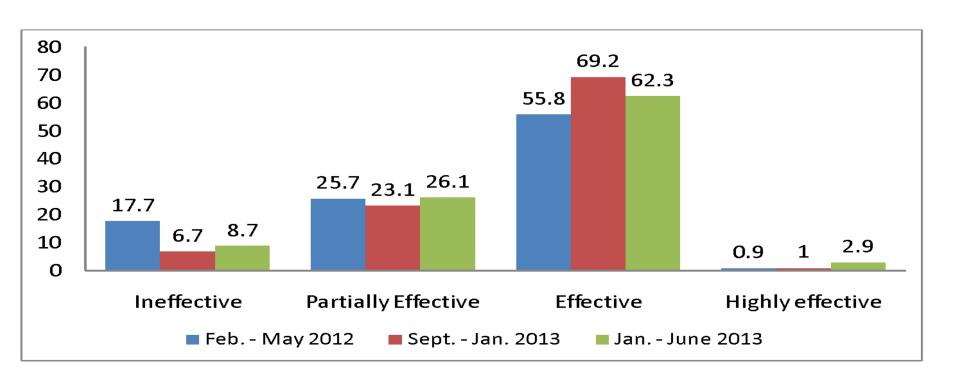
- PSI Physics (Algebra based science curriculum)
- Integrated Calculus and Physics

LEVER 4:

"Monitoring"



Teacher evaluation 2012 - 2013



Walkthrough Focus Areas

Three-Part Lesson Objective (DOL's)

Three-part lesson objective is posted, written in student-friendly language and articulated in the lesson

Student Interviews (Students are selected at random.)

What are you working on? Or: What are you doing?

How do you assess your own learning? Are you called upon to respond for understanding?

What do you do when you need help or assistance?

Preparation for Instruction

Lesson plans closely align to curriculum Uses common core state standards Differentiates activities to meet the needs of all learners

Student Engagement (Instruction)

Engages students within one minute of bell

Engages all students in the lesson

Uses smooth transitions and provides closure

Selects multiple instructional strategies that maintain focus and engage students

Solicits multiple responses from all students to check for understanding

Lesson focus on rigorous content, relevant to the grade level

LEVER 5:

"Capacity Building"



CAPACITY BUILDING

On-Demand Mini-Courses

Small groups of teachers can request a focused 80-minute mini-course on a pedagogical strategy that might not be part of the existing PLC focus.

Start date: Nov. 1, 2011

Core Subject-Area PLCs

Facilitated by Pedagogy Specialists & School Staff;

Meet 2x/month during common planning 2011-12

Classroom-based mission shaped by school goals, PLC member goals, administration, and pedagogy specialist input.

(Special Education staff can choose to work with a subject area or create one PLC.)

Shabazz Professional Development Academy

Catalogue of PD experiences (½-day to multi-day) based on a fixed set of topics.

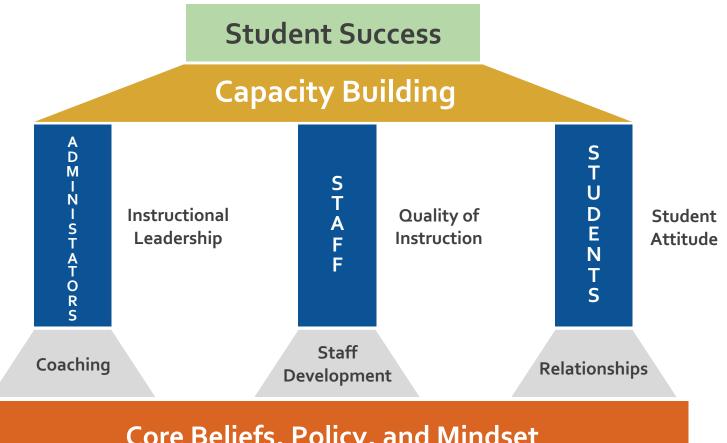
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Classroom Action Research

Peer Coaching

Group Project Individual Professional Development Project



Core Beliefs, Policy, and Mindset

Instruction, Monitoring, and Capacity Building



Present day:

"College Achieve Public Schools"





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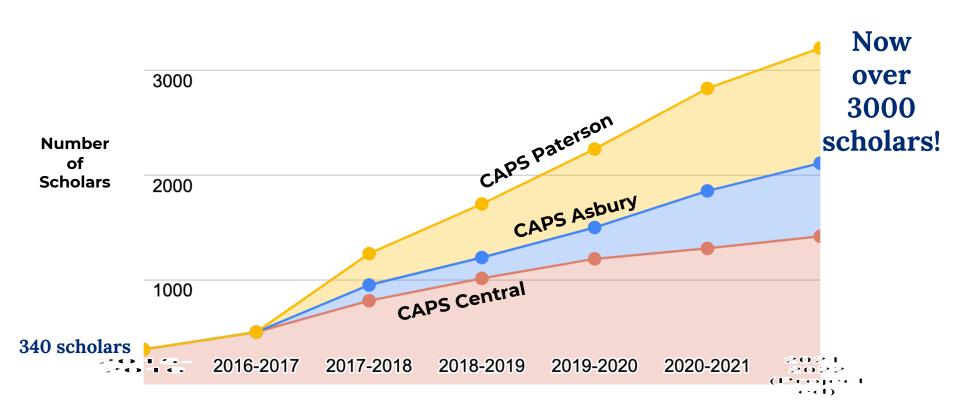
OUR MISSION

Every scholar will be prepared to excel in and graduate from one of the top colleges and universities in the nation.

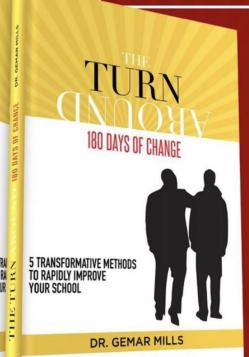




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