



Providence Schools

**Council of Education
Back to School Update**

September 14, 2022

Back to School

We're excited to have students back after working hard to get schools ready for reopening!

Reopening TAP Priorities

Efficient District Systems

Excellence in Learning

World Class Talent



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Efficient District System Highlights

Recent Progress

Facilities

- Completed **deep cleanings and maintenance at all schools**
- Broke ground on the **Narducci Learning Center**, a critical part of PPSD's mission to renovate and modernize the District's schools
 - Completed phase one of **Classical High School** renovation
- Successfully co-located D'Abate Elementary with Lauro Elementary to support **extensive renovations at D'Abate**, which will reopen in 2023-2024
- Invested \$8M in district facilities through the district's newly established **revolving fund**, which will return up to 91% back to the district to conduct additional capital investments in FY23. This includes:
 - 2-5 water filling stations at 25 schools (2 additional schools in progress)
 - 5 gym floor repaired and refinished (2 in progress & 5 additional gyms are being scheduled for this fall)
 - 6 school boilers (high-efficiency) replaced
 - Completed over \$200K of upgrades to fire alarms & sprinkler systems
 - Completed over \$200K of masonry repairs throughout the district



Narducci Learning Center groundbreaking



DeSesto Middle School gym

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Efficient District System Highlights



Water Filling stations at Juanita Sanchez



Water filling stations at Gregorian



Masonry Repairs at MLK (Before)



Masonry Repairs at MLK (After)

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Efficient District System Highlights (continued)

Recent Progress

Health and Safety

- Updated health and safety protocols based on new CDC and RIDOH guidance
- Delivered additional rounds of PPE to schools including masks, sanitizer, and HEPA filters

IT, Communications and Operations

- Procured **5,600 Chromebooks** for start of school
 - PPSD's student-to-device ratio is better than 1:1
- IT Department won national award for sustainable electronics
- Launched a **Principal Resource Hub**, a centralized location for school administrators to access critical district resources, calendars, and key points of contact
- Hired high potential **Directors of School Operations** at high need schools to support school-based teams with operational needs



PPSD Principal Resource Hub

Welcome to the Resource Hub for Principals and School Leaders! Click on the buttons below or on the sitemap on the left to navigate to a specific department or section.

*Note: you will need to be signed into your @providenceschools.org Google Account to access these documents.

[*Start of School Issue Tracker*](#)

[Opening Day SMART Card](#)



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Recent Progress

- Young-Woods Elementary earned **PPSD's first-ever 5 star Pre-K**
- Provided five days of professional development targeting new core instructional resources and our student support roles
- **98% of teachers** that attended the Teacher Academy sessions in August 2022 responded that the sessions supported their daily instructional practices
 - 97% of teachers responded that they gained new strategies and tools to implement in their classroom
- Instructional support leaders and specialists began sessions with our K-12 coaches on September 8th to focus on CSIP goals; designing coaching cycles that align with instructional focus
- Teaching & Learning created a website as a **central resource hub** that provides access to all high quality curricular materials and resources
- All central office administrators were deployed to support arrival and dismissal at every school



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Excellence in Learning

Recent Progress

Office of Multilingual Learners:

- Began using the **LAS Links Assessment to guide instruction** and ensure all MLL K-12 students are grouped properly
- Implemented a new English Language Development (ELD) resource for elementary schools: Connect by Vista Higher Learning
- Provided **professional development** in: Refugee & Newcomer supports, Sheltered Content Instruction strategies, ELD resources, and Dual Language program design and partnerships

Office of Specialized Instruction & Exceptional Student Services:

- **New Program Managers** to support schools, teachers, and students
- New Guidebook from PPSD Office of Special Instruction & Exceptional Student Services outlining all procedures and resources
- Professional Development topics including: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Pre-School, CPI Nonviolent Crisis Prevention



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Engaged Communities and Communications

Recent Progress

- Expansion of **parent ambassador program**, which empowers parent volunteers to deliver information to other parents
- Conducting a **district-wide attendance campaign** focused on early, often, and equitable intervention
 - Began canvassing neighborhoods around schools before the start of the school year
- Launched a **Back to School website** with vital information for families like schedules, transportation, and support services
 - The Back to School site accounted for 16% of all PPSD web traffic in August, and it was only active for two weeks
- Overhauled the District's emergency communications procedures to ensure that families and staff have a shared set of expectations

Attendance Strategy-Third Week of School (10 Day Consecutive Absence)

Documented Intervention

- ❖ **Be Sure to Document the Following Before Student Withdrawal:**
 - > Tier 1 attendance intervention
 - Phone call
 - Email - Include parent name, student name, Sample Verbiage: The first week of school has passed and the second week of school is important to establish the continued success of all students. If you need assistance with back to school information or attendance please reach out to: Contact at your school.
 - Text Message - Using personal phone numbers is not recommended.
 - Kinvo Message
 - Home Visit

Out of District Students

- ❖ **Verify if the Student is Enrolled in Another School District**
 - > Utilize the [eRIDE](#) tool for students attending other RI school districts
 - > Use [eRIDE instructions](#) if needed
 - > If a parent verifies the student has been withdrawn, utilize the "Student Withdrawal Form"
 - > If the student is attending an **out of state school**, please request an enrollment letter from that school district
 - > Document all information and intervention


10 Consecutive Days Missed

- ❖ **No Contact With Student or Family**
 - > Document all outreach attempts in the Community Outreach Form
 - > Students who are enrolled but do not attend the first five (5) consecutive school days of the year will be considered a no-show.
 - > If you can verify that the student does not live at the address in Skyward, begin the withdrawal process
 - > Per the first week attendance strategy, interventions should be documented, and certified attendance letters created
 - > If the school has verified through documented intervention or home visit, and certified letter that the student does not live at the address, the student withdrawal process can begin
 - > Should a student arrive during this 10-day period, the student must remain enrolled

Community Outreach Form

- ❖ **Documentation of Attendance Intervention**
 - > The district is gathering attendance outreach data using the community outreach form. All other attendance intervention tracking can not be extracted from Skyward for district reporting
 - > Backlog any outreach attempts in the [Community Outreach Form](#)
 - > Administrators can monitor Community Outreach Form data by following these [instructions](#)
 - > Use all contact methods
 - > Prepare Home Visit list for students who will potentially miss their 3rd day
 - > Gather volunteer staff to do home visits before, during, or after school

****Always adhere to [RI Attendance Law](#)**



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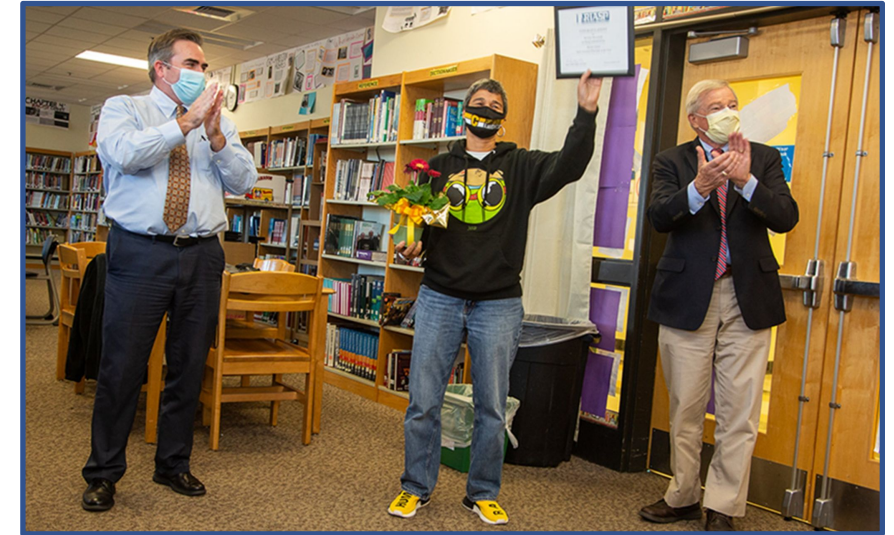
Learn more at providenceschools.org/attendance

Turnaround Action Plan Metrics

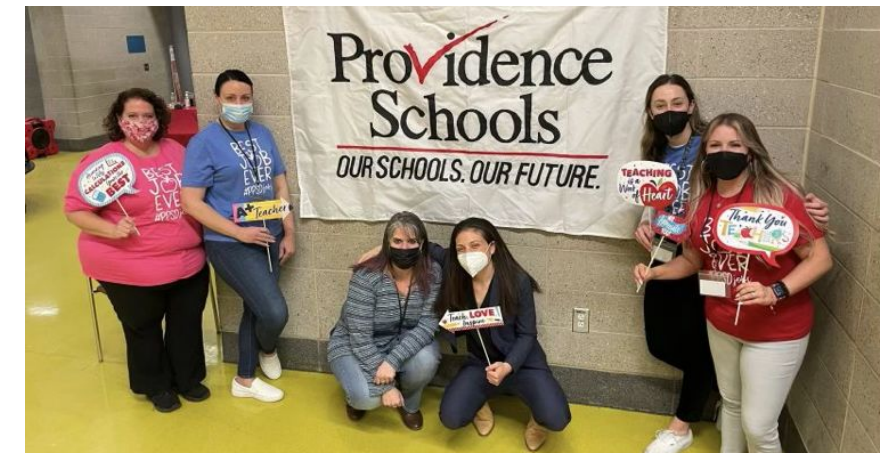
World Class Talent Highlights

Recent Progress

- Increased external hiring by over 45% percent compared to previous years by leveraging early posting, extensive recruitment and marketing, employee referrals, and incentives
- Partnered with Local 1033 to provide **incentives for PPSD graduates to return and become teacher assistants in PPSD**, as well as support teacher assistants seeking to become classroom teachers
- Extended offers to prospective principal fellows for our second **Principal Leadership Cohort**, a two-year, highly-selective, principal certification program that prepares aspiring PPSD principals to be transformational school leaders
- Launching a **Superintendent's Teacher Cabinet** to elevate teacher voice and collaboration in the district
- Provided weeklong new teacher induction professional development and ongoing monthly professional development



RI Assistant Principal of the Year Renee Walker



The HR team at a recent recruiting event

Questions?



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