

The TIME Collaborative

Creating Schools with More & Better Learning Time



Session 4 – Priorities for Redesign









Today's Objectives

Content

- Build an understanding of the <u>key implications</u> of your priorities for students and teachers, and how they will <u>drive your school redesign</u>
- Build an understanding of <u>sustainable re-engineering strategies</u> that support the design of a <u>bold, innovative expanded-time school</u>

Process

 Develop a plan to <u>communicate to key stakeholders</u>, including the district, to build support for your Focused School-wide Priorities and key implications

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2:25 – 3:00	Next Steps Planning and Closing

Keeping Track of It All

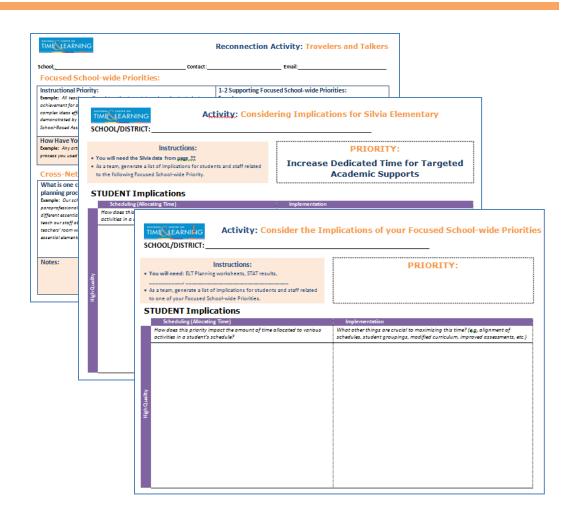
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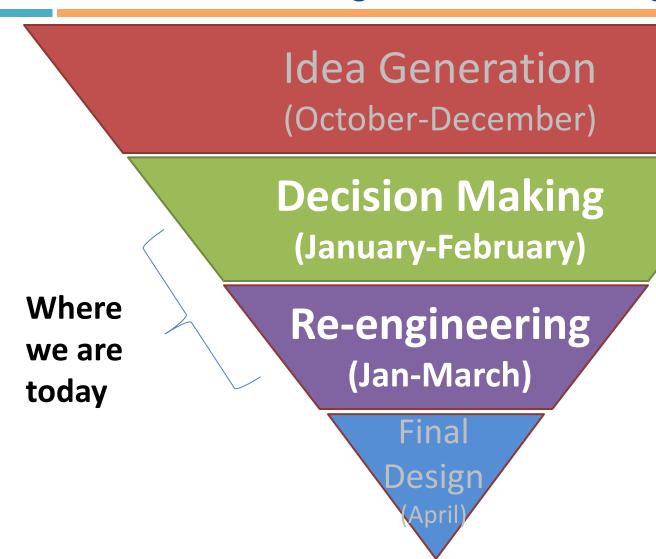
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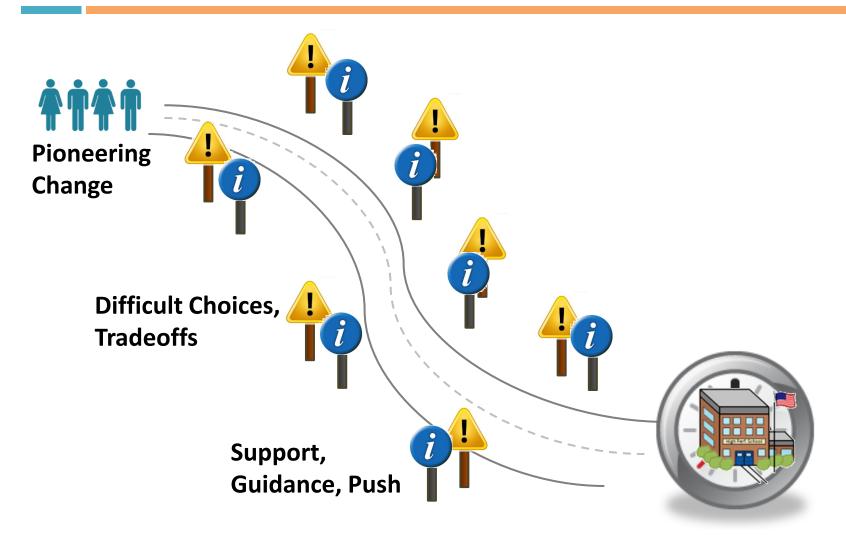


TIME Collaborative: Getting to a Coherent Redesign Plan





The Path Gets Tougher



Focus on Your "Sphere of Influence"

State

Ensure funding flexibilities, extend autonomies to districts and schools, and build support at the state level

NCTL

Develop and deliver technical assistance and facilitate the planning process across all groups TL

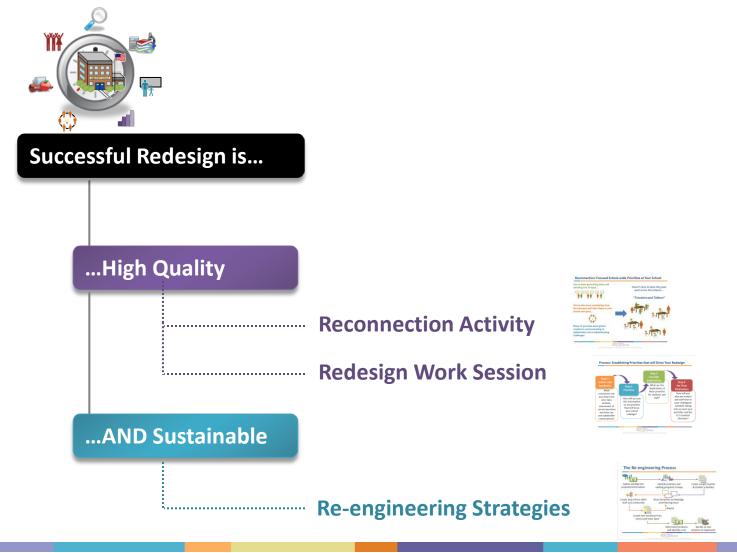
School Teams

District

Build support for schools'
plans, develop a funding plan
for each school, and break
down barriers to the
successful execution of your
redesign plan

Develop and build support for sustainable redesign plans that serve your Focused School-wide Priorities and reflect the essential elements of high-quality ELT

Today's Activities Address High Quality AND Sustainability



Reconnection: Focused School-wide Priorities at Your School

You've been generating ideas and soliciting lots of input...

and considering how the elements will take shape at your school...

and communicating to stakeholders...

all while troubleshooting challenges!



Now it's time to share your great work across the network.



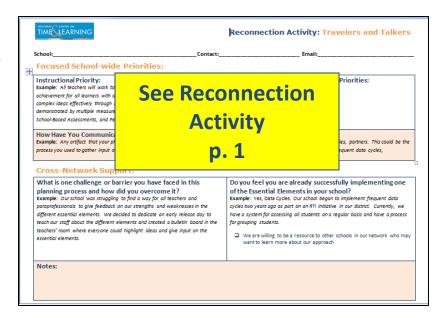
Reconnection Activity: Travelers and Talkers

Directions:

5 Minutes

1) Prepare for Travelers and Talkers Activity.
Get organized. Select 1 or 2 team
members to stay with your Reconnection
Activity chart, to present your ideas and
answer questions.

Half of your team will visit one school and half will visit another school.



15 Minutes

2) Travelers:

Listen to each Talker's presentation and take notes in your note taker. This is also your chance to ask questions!

Talkers:

Walk through each component on your reconnection chart. Leave some time for Q&A.



What Stood Out For You? (20 minutes to Share with your Team)



Share an "aha!" moment that happened for you during a presentation



Who do you want to talk with more –

- to hear more about their plans,
- how they have overcome challenges, or
- to learn how they are successfully implementing one of the essential elements?

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Using Focused School-wide Priorities to Drive School Redesign

Objectives:

- Provide a process for identifying the implications of Focused School-wide
 Priorities for student and staff schedules
- Support teams in engaging in this process with their own priorities

Activities:

- Share a process and walk through a school example
- School teams engage in an activity to identify the implications of their instructional priorities



You will not finish all of this work today but it will help you understand the work that needs to happen back at your school

Process: Establishing Priorities that will Drive Your Redesign

Step 1
Gather and
Synthesize

What conclusions can you draw from your data analysis, assessment of current practices and time use, and stakeholder conversations?

Step 2
Prioritize

How will you use this information to set priorities that will focus your school redesign?

Step 3
Consider
Implications

What are the implications of these priorities for students and staff?

Step 4
Set Time
Parameters

How will you allocate student and staff time in your redesigned schedule taking into account your priorities and the ELT Essential Elements?



Step 1: Gather and Synthesize



You have already completed Step 1 by gathering information over the past several months.



Data Review

SESSION 1

- ✓ Standardized Test Data
- ✓ Interim and Teacher-Created Assessments
- ✓ Informal Assessments of Student Needs



STAT Review

SESSION 2

✓ School-Level Results from the School Time Analysis Tool



Stakeholder Feedback

- ✓ Teacher Feedback
- **ALL SESSIONS**
- ✓ Parent Forums and Surveys
- ✓ Dialogue with Community Partners
- ✓ Student Focus Groups



Assessing School Practices

SESSIONS 2 & 3

- ✓ Assessment of School Practices against NCTL Frameworks
- ✓ ELT Planning Worksheets/Checklists



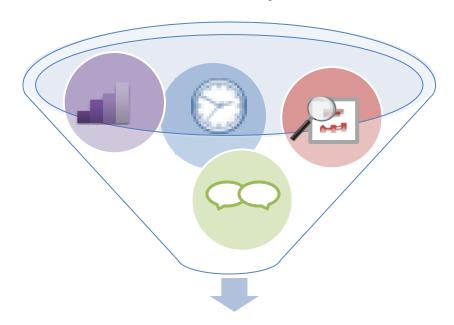
Step 2: Prioritize

Step 1
Gather and Synthesize

Step 2
Prioritize

Step 3
Consider Implications
Set Time Parameters

You have already started to prioritize by developing your Instructional Priority



Focused School-wide Priority #1 (Instructional):

All students will show <u>measurable growth</u> in their <u>reading comprehension</u> <u>skills</u>, by applying basic reading strategies to diverse texts.



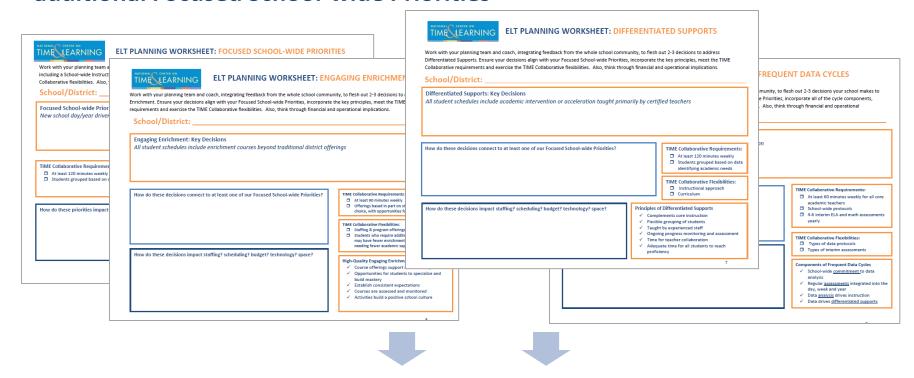
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Step 3
Consider Implications
Set Time Parameters

You have also started to make choices about additional Focused School-wide Priorities



Focused School-wide Priority #2:

Increase and Enhance Time Spent in Academic Support Classes for All Students



Step 3: Consider Implications



These priorities have implications for the scheduling and implementation of the redesigned school day for students and staff

Key Implications for Student Schedules:



Scheduling:

How does this priority impact the amount of time allocated to various activities in students' schedules?



Implementation:

What other things are crucial to maximizing this time and using it well? (e.g. alignment of schedules, student groupings, improved assessments, etc.)

Key Implications for Staff Schedules:



Scheduling:

How does this priority impact the amount of time allocated to various activities in staff schedules?



Implementation:

What other things are crucial to maximizing this time and using it well? (e.g. alignment of schedules, training for support staff, collaboration/prep time, etc.)





Data Review

- More than half of students struggling with reading comprehension
- Some students have very specific skill deficits in ELA



STAT Review

- Students only spend 50 min/day in literacy instruction;
- Teachers only spend 45 min/wk in collab.
 and 60 min/mo in PD



Stakeholder Feedback

 Teachers have suggested more integration of history, science, math, and arts content into literacy instruction



Assessing School Practices

- Lack of school-wide best practices for teaching reading comprehension
- Inadequate interim assessments

Instructional Priority: "All students will show measurable growth in their reading comprehension skills, by applying reading strategies to diverse texts. All teachers will implement shared instructional techniques and dedicate time to building and applying reading strategies across all subject areas to support our instructional priority. Success will be measured by performance on MCAS exams and school-created assessments."

<u>Instructional Priority</u>: All students will show <u>measurable growth</u> in their <u>reading</u> <u>comprehension skills</u>. <u>All teachers</u> will implement <u>shared instructional techniques</u> and dedicate time to building and applying reading strategies across all subject areas.

Key Implications for Student Schedules



- Increase to ≥ 90 min/day for literacy
- Separate 30-40 min writing period to demonstrate reading comprehension



Implementation:

- Regroup students based on needs
- Review data with students to track progress
- Increase in collab = Increase in specials

Key Implications for Staff Schedules

Scheduling:

- Add 45 min/wk of grade-level collab to develop new reading assessments and use data to improve instruction
- Repurpose after-school meetings into weekly PD time focused on building shared instructional strategies



Implementation:

- Train teachers on how to divide and maximize time in longer literacy blocks
- Schedule coaches to facilitate collab meetings/support assessment development
- Schedule time/coverage for peer observations







Data Review

- Some students have very specific skill deficits in math and ELA
- Many math concepts inadequately covered by the district's math curriculum



STAT Review

 Students only spend 50 min/day in literacy and 45 min/day in math (inadequate to differentiate instruction)



Stakeholder Feedback

 Teachers voice frustration with the lack of time for tiered supports and targeted interventions



Assessing School Practices

- Inadequate interim assessments
- Coaches and paraprofessionals rarely facilitate small group instruction

Focused School-wide Priority #2:

Increase Dedicated Time for Targeted Academic Supports



Activity: Considering Implications for Silvia Elementary

The Silvia team has set the following 2 Focused School-wide Priorities:

- 1) Instructional Priority: Increase Reading Comprehension Skills
- 2) Increase Dedicated Time for Targeted Academic Supports

Now it's your turn to practice identifying implications.

- 1. Use the Silvia data conclusions
- 2. Brainstorm a few possible implications for **Priority #2**: Increasing Dedicated Time for Targeted Academic Supports

See Graphic Organizer p. 2



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Focused School-wide Priority #2:

Increase Dedicated Time for Targeted Academic Supports

Key Implications for Student Schedules



- Add 120 min/wk for academic support classes for all students
- Increase to 30 min/day for Calendar
 Math to further address student needs

Implementation:

 Schedule academic support classes at the same time across the grade (students can be regrouped based on needs)



Key Implications for Staff Schedules

Scheduling:

 Add 60 min/wk of grade-level collaboration time to review student data, flexibly group students, and tailor instruction in support classes



Implementation:

- Core teachers, coaches, SPED teachers, and paras used to facilitate small groups (all must participate in collab time)
- Spread support classes in various grades throughout the day (same coaches/ paras can be used)
- Train paras to facilitate small groups

Considering Implications that will Drive Your Redesign

Step 1
Gather and
Synthesize

Step 2
Prioritize

Step 3
Consider
Implications

Now that we have modeled transitioning from Step 2 to Step 3 with an existing ELT school, it is time to apply the same process to your school's redesign plans

Step 4
Set Time
Parameters

We will get to Step 4 later

Activity: Considering Implications that will Drive Your Redesign



Instructions

- 1. Start with your Focused School-wide Instructional Priority.
- 2. Describe the implications of this priority for student and teacher schedules and record these implications on your graphic organizer.
 - One person from each team should use chart paper
 - If you finish, move on to your school's next priority.

Please take out your ELT Planning Worksheets for this section

Use Graphic Organizer p. 3-5



Step 4: Set Time Parameters

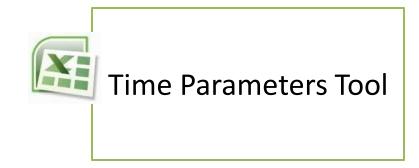


Many of the implications you have identified have clear time parameters.

In the upcoming Reengineering Team Meetings, we will preview a tool that will help you organize these time parameters once you are back at your school

Key Implications for Student Schedules

Key Implications for Teacher Schedules



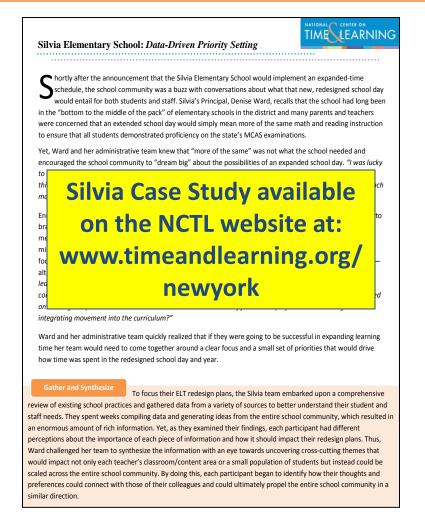
Principals: please let your teams know when these meetings will be held



Resource: Silvia Case Study: Data-Driven Priority-Setting

This resource provides greater insight into the process of setting priorities and considering implications at Silvia Elementary School.

We recommend reviewing this full case study as you continue today's work back at your school.



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Rethinking Your School Day



Challenges in Creating Sustainable Strategies







Complexity

Consider the multiple impacts of each change made

Creativity

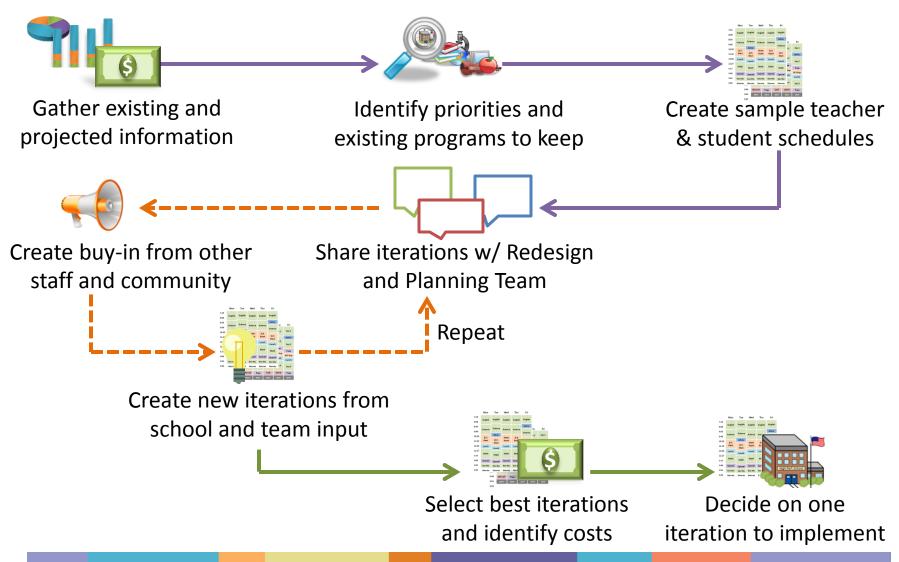
Rethink every existing resource and strategy

Persistence

Push your school to be creative amidst complexities



The Re-engineering Process



What is a Scheduling/Staffing Iteration?

Scheduling/staffing iterations provide insight into the feasibility of proposed re-engineering strategies

Each iteration includes:



A Summary Document that presents the highlights and key changes for students and staff



Student schedules for every section and cohort



Staff schedules for every adult serving students



Staffing responsibilities that match the right adults to the right students to maximize quality and sustainability



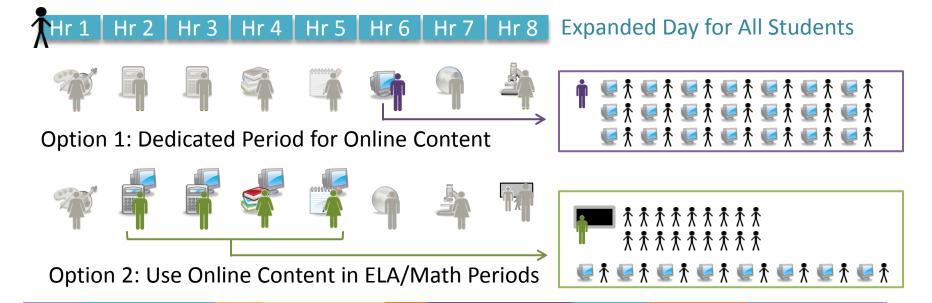
Re-engineering Strategies Catalyze High Quality Sustainable ELT



Sustainable Strategies in Technology

Rethink Technology: How does this minimize cost and increase quality?

- Creates flexibilities in class sizes
- Leverages lower-cost staff to facilitate dedicated online content periods
- Maximizes existing computers/laptops and software



Re-thinking Technology in Lab Model (Option 1)



Enrichment: ~25 Students:

- Taught by enrichment teacher
- Rotate between different content







Reading Center ~25 Students:

- Online assessments on short books
- Staffed by one non certified adult















Online Learning ~25 Students:

- Online math/ELA content
- Staffed by non-cert. adult











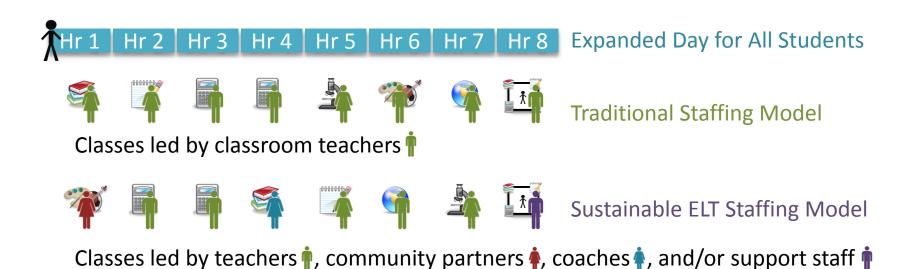
Rethinking Technology at KIPP Empower (Option 2)



Sustainable Strategies in Staffing

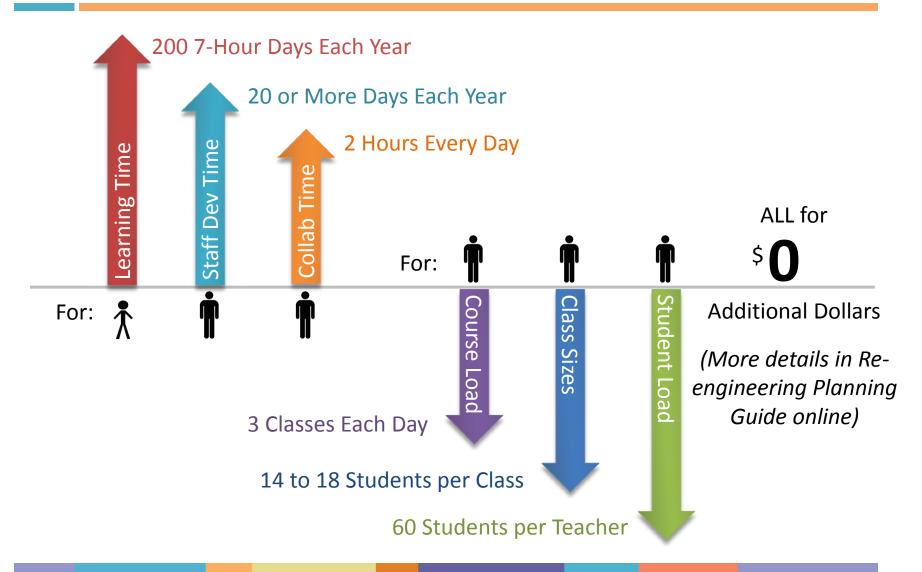
Rethink Staffing: How does this strategy minimize cost and increase quality?

- Maximizes flexibilities in staffing expanded day
- Eases staggering of teacher schedules
- Creates opportunities to bring in outside expertise within the school day



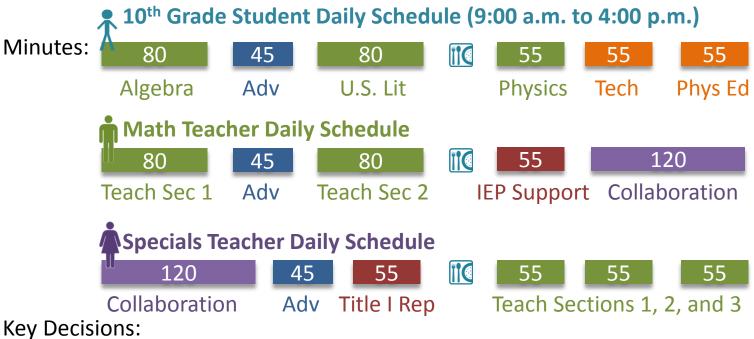


High Quality Sustainable Expanded Time: Brooklyn Generation



Re-Thinking Staffing at Brooklyn Generation

Brooklyn Generation (grades 9 -12) shifts many administrative roles to teachers, investing more in instruction, lower class sizes, and more time for collaboration.

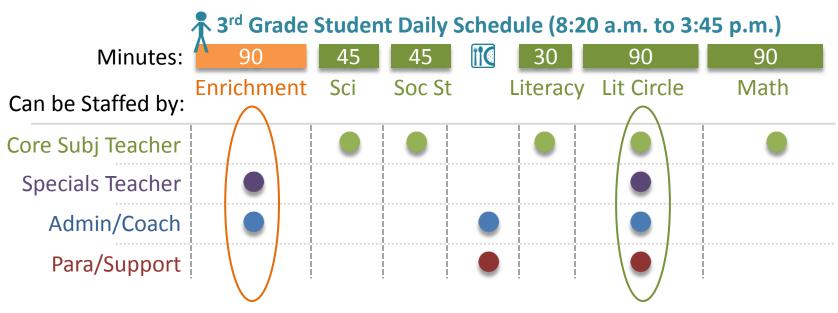


- - School has no instructional coaches, resource room teachers, or athletic directors
 - All teachers trained in additional duties (e.g. IEP support, Title I reporting)
 - Fewer admin allows school to hire more teachers, reducing teaching loads



Re-Thinking Staffing at STEM Magnet Academy

STEM Magnet Academy (grades K-3) in Chicago, IL, leverages all instructional staff during literature circles to cost effectively deliver daily small group literacy instruction.



Key Decisions :

- Enrichment includes STEM content in addition to standard district offerings
- All hands on deck approach allows for five daily small groups for rotation
- All staff receive professional development in teaching literacy



Re-Thinking Partnerships at AC Whelan Elementary School

AC Whelan's daily 40-minute physical education period creates daily collaboration time for grade level teachers. The school has partnered with Playworks to free up four special education teachers who previously had been teaching PE classes.

Before Playworks (27 Sections)
# of Instructors	Sections
P E Teachers	18 (6/teacher)
TATATAT SPED Teachers	9 (1/teacher)

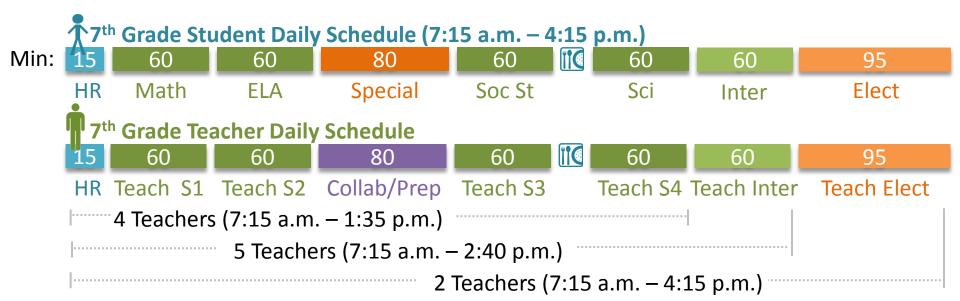
With Playworks (29 Sections)					
# of Instructors	Sections				
P E Teachers	18 (6/teacher)				
TATAT SPED Teachers	5 (1/teacher)				
Playworks Coach	6 (6/Coach)				

Key Decisions:

- Smaller PE class sizes (from 27 to 29 sections)
- Playworks coach provides PE expertise at a lower cost
- Special education teachers can provide more academic support throughout the day

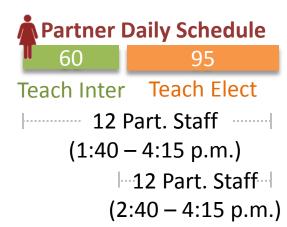


Re-Thinking Partnerships at Edwards Middle School



Key Decisions:

- Few teachers teach full 9-hour day
- Partners teach most elective classes





Sustainable Strategies in Time

Rethink Time: How does this strategy minimize costs and increase quality?

- Reduce number of teacher hours required to expand school day
- Reduce risk of teacher burnout throughout the year
- Provide flexibilities for teachers to address needs in personal schedule

Hr 1 Hr 2 Hr 3 Hr 4 Hr 5 Hr 6 Hr 7 Hr 8 Expanded Day for All Students

7 Hour Day Early Group of Teachers

7 Hour Day Late Group of Teachers

Re-Thinking Time at Edwards Middle School

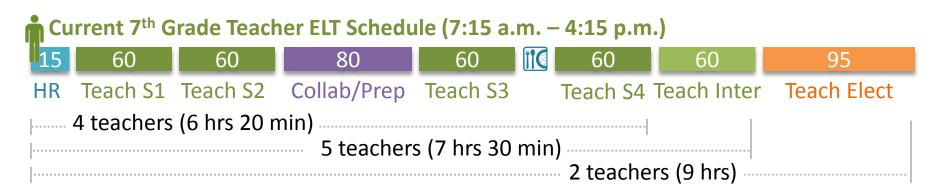




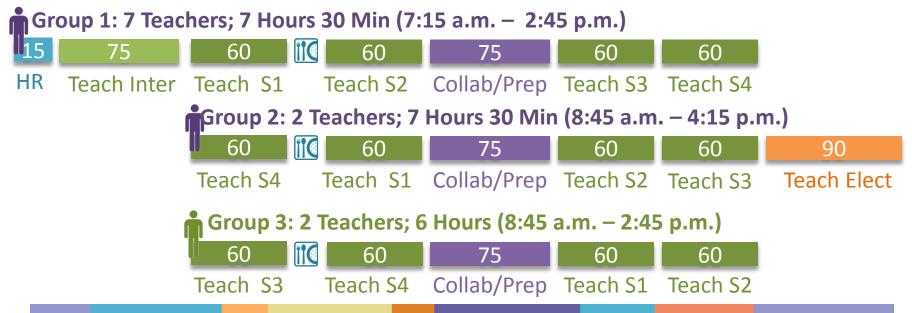




Re-Thinking Time at Edwards Middle School



Grade 7 Staggered Iteration





Re-Thinking Time at Edwards Middle School

What's the Same for Teachers

- Core academics are 60 min
- Daily planning or collaboration

What's Changed for Teachers

- No teachers have a 9-hour day
- Lunch is earlier in the day
- Intervention is 15 min longer
- Collab/prep and electives are 5 min shorter

of Teachers

Hrs	Current	Iteration
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Sustainable Strategies are All Connected

Start Here Scheduled times for lab and data analysis? **Re-Thinking Time** We want to stagger teacher schedules 8 Hour Day Class sizes? Learning 7 Hour Day Lab? 7 Hour Day Can partners come in during Who else can lead **Re-Thinking** staggered times? classes when not all **Technology** teachers are here? **Re-Thinking Staffing**

Which teachers will be staggered? How?

Who will/can staff the learning lab?



Proposed Staggered Schedule at Kuss Middle School

7:15 -8:04	7 th Grade Student Learning Lab	ELA Teacher	Sci Teacher	Spec Teacher	Para- professional Staff Lab	
		Teach Sec 1				
8:06-8:51	Soc Studies		Collab		Collab	
8:53-9:38		T 1.0.0			C: 55 C 4	
9:40-10:25	Math	Teach Sec 2	Teach Sec 1		Staff Sec 1	
10:29-11:14	Elect/Sup	Prep	Elective	Elective	Elective	
11:16-12:01	Elect/Sup	Ac Support	Prep	Elective	Elective	
12:03-12:48	ELA	Teach Sec 3	Teach Sec 2	Prep/Collab	Staff Sec 2	
12:50-1:15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	
1:17-2:02	ELA	Teach Sec 3	Teach Sec 2	Teach Sec 1	Staff Sec 2	
2:04-2:49	Enrichment	Collab	Touch Cos 2	Teach Sec 2	Staff Coc 2	
2:51-3:35	Science		Teach Sec 3	Teach Sec 3	Staff Sec 3	

Sustainable Strategies Impact Your Whole Schedule

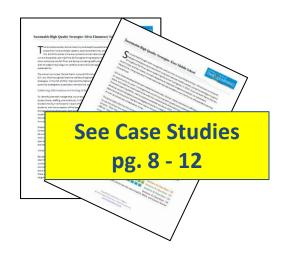
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9:40-10:25			stu	dents to allow for	or stagger
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11:16-12:01	Elect/Sup			duced from 9 to	
12:03-12:48				aintain daily 90	
12:50-1:15			an	ia support (scno	ol-wide priority)
1:17-2:02	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		One few	er enrichment p	eriod each week
2:04-2:49	Enrichment	Collab		e science period	
2:51-3:35	Science	<u>;</u>		n 3 weekly collab wide priority)	oration periods
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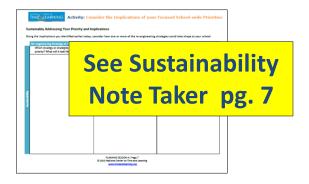


Case Study Exercise: Sustainable Strategies

Instructions:

- 1. Read the case study about Kuss Middle School OR Silvia Elementary School
- 2. Talk through the following questions with your team:
 - What are some potential tradeoffs for these proposed strategies?
 - What are some potential barriers they may have to overcome to implement the proposed strategies?
- With your team, use the note taker to consider how at least one or two of the reengineering strategies could be used to meet your priorities (see example on following slide)





Note Taker Example

Priority: All students will demonstrate mastery in comprehending non-fiction texts through teacher created, benchmark, and state assessments, including open ended responses

Re-eng. Strategy

- Re-thinking staff roles to push in more staff for literacy period
- Re-thinking technology to have computer lab for literacy

Potential Tradeoffs

- Less time to add to other subjects
- Less time for paras/support staff to fulfill duties

Potential Barriers

- Policies
 regarding which
 adults can lead
 classes
- Upgrades in facilities to support lab



Re-engineering Next Steps



Schedule and attend post session 4 meeting with Re-engineering Sub-Committee



Explore resources and tools in re-engineering guide to help develop ideas for iterations



Complete your first scheduling/staffing iteration by session 5



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Continue Communicating and Building Support

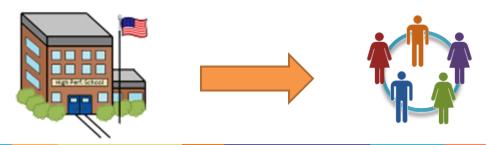
Today: Complete Mid-Year Check-In

Back at school:

Communicate Session 4 Key Takeaways and update your stakeholders on your team's next steps. Don't wait!

In the next week:

Finalize and communicate your Priorities and their key implications



Take Stock of Outreach So Far

Today, work as a team to complete your Building Support Mid-Year Check-In. Jot down your most recent communications and decide how you'll address any gaps you identify.

		•	TIME LEARNIN	G Building Support: Mid-Y	ear Check-In		
			Stakeholders	Outcomes Mark the outcomes your team has achieved, so far, in building support.	What was your most recent outreach?	if you haven't yet achieved an outcome, what will you do to get there?	
Other Stakeholders	Outcomes	Wha		 All staff could explain the TIME Collaborative and Expanded Learning Time to a parent or colleague 			
STUDENTS	All students are aware of the ELT planning process All students have had a chance to offer ideas for academic and enrichment classes Representatives are on planning team at high school level		FACULTY + STAFF	All staff have had a chance to provide input All staff understand next steps in the planning process and how ELT planning decisions will be made Planning team has met with key parent leaders.			
OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS	Planning team has met with other local community-based organizations CBOs understand the TIME Collaborative planning process CBOs have had a chance to provide input		FAMILIES + PARENT GROUPS	All families have received information about the TIME Collaborative planning process and ELT All families have had a chance to provide input Families represented on planning team			
SCHOOL BOARD*	☐ Entire board understands the TIME Collaborative planning process and timeline, and why the district is planning for ELT		COMMUNITY	Planning team has met with key community partners All key community partners understand the TIME Collaborative planning process			
FACULTY + STAFF FROM SCHOOLS NOT PARTICIPATING IN TIME COLLABORATIVE*	☐ Staff at other district schools understand what is happening with TIME Collaborative schools in the district		PARTNERS	All key community partners have had a chance to provide input Partners represented on planning team		l-Year Check- ended Action	• • •
LOCAL MEDIA*	 Local media have an accurate understanding of the TIME Collaborative and the ELT planning process 					p. 13-15	



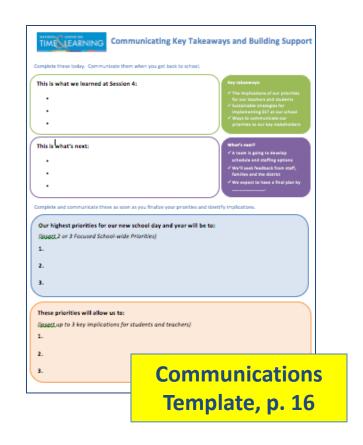
Communicate your Key Takeaways and Build Support

Today:

- Write down Session 4 Key Takeaways
- Write an update on your team's work
- Develop a plan to communicate these to key stakeholders when you get back to school

Within the next week:

- Finalize your Focused School-wide
 Priorities and consider key implications
- Communicate priorities and implications to your key stakeholders, including the district



*You'll also have time to continue this work during Next Steps Planning today.



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 moment that happened
 for you today



 Think of a "shout-out" to recognize one of your team members or another school team

We'll share "aha!" moments and "shout-outs" before we leave today.



Your Next Steps

By Session 5, your team must:

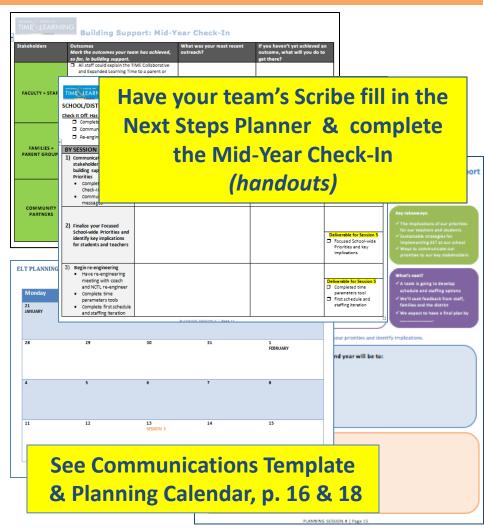
- Communicate with your key stakeholders, and begin building support for your Focused School-wide Priorities
 - Complete action steps identified in Mid-Year Check-In
 - Communicate your key messages to key stakeholders, including your district
- Finalize your Focused School-wide Priorities
 and identify key implications for students and teachers
- 3. Begin re-engineering
 - Have re-engineering meeting with your coach and NCTL re-engineer
 - Complete the time parameters tools
 - Complete your first schedule and staffing iteration

Use your Next Steps Planner p. 17



Resources for Next Steps Planning

- ✓ Scribe can complete the Next Steps Planner and the Mid-Year Check-In to identify action steps
- Complete at least the first two boxes of your Communications Template
- ✓ All resources from today's session including the time parameters tool and the Silvia and Kuss case studies can be found at www.timeandlearning.org/newyork





What Stood Out For You?



 Share an "aha!" moment that happened for you today



 Share a "shout-out" to recognize one of your team members or another school team





