# Receivership

# **Quarterly Report**

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter - November 1, 2015 to January 15, 2016

School	School BEDS Code	District	Status (R/Y/G)	SIG/SIF/SCEP Cohort
Enrico Fermi School #17	2616000100017	Rochester CSD	Orange	SIG 4
Superintendent	School Principal	Additional District Personnel Responsible for Program Oversight and Report Validation	Grade Configuration	Number of Students
Linda Cimusz	Caterina Leone-Mannino	Raymond Giamartino Michele Alberti Kirstin Pryor	preK-8	684 as of 1/24/16

#### **Executive Summary**

Please provide a *plain-language summary* of the current reporting quarter in terms of implementing key strategies, engaging the community, enacting Receivership, and assessing Level 1 and Level 2 indicator data. The summary should be written in terms easily understood by the community-at-large. Please avoid terms and acronyms that are unfamiliar to the public, and limit the summary to *no more than 500 words*.

There are many signs that Enrico Fermi School 17 is well on its way to realizing its vision of being a beacon at the center of an urban village. Progress on all major strategies in the Receivership Plan have been made; however, given the very broken starting place and extremely low student achievement, we are not confident about meeting all metrics; hence the orange assessment.

Since the new principal's placement, a strategic partnership with the City of Rochester and local philanthropists to re-create 17 as a Beacon School is underway. This partnership brings expertise in policy and evaluation; governance and management; and resources to the school. The Strategic Plan lays out a roadmap for these early months and benchmarks that have been met. The next imminent step is the hiring of a full-time onsite community school coordinator by March, funded externally through June, at which time alternate funding must be secured.

The work to stabilize school climate by building a multi-tiered system of social-emotional supports remains a critical area of focus. Restoring expectations and order, along with accurate record keeping and use of referral data has resulted in increases in incidents and suspensions. However, because this work is grounded in a restorative approach and evidence-based systems and interventions, outlined in the Incident Reduction Plan, it is making inroads into



changing the culture. ELT time is used for Peace Warrier clubs and for provision of social-emotional internventions, as well as for engaging enrichment such as the first school dramatic performance on Greek mythology.

Collaborative grade level data and planning meetings, with structured protocols are taking root this quarter. The emphasis on using student data collectively and publicly to make decisions is building adult capacity and ownership of student progress. Successes include the targeted WIN (What I Need) groupings, during which teachers and all available intervention and support staff provide a walk to intervention model. Teachers also worked directly with students to explain their progress and their goals. As a result, 40% of students met their growth goals on NWEA. Noting that these targets do not equate to proficiency, this is still progress.

Strides in the dual language program and culture are also evident. The Gomez & Gomez framework is being implemented in classrooms, giving staff a common language across bi-lingual and mono-lingual classrooms, and giving students more writing experience. WIN time is provided in both languages. Progress monitoring data, particularly in Kindergarten and Grade 1, are promising. Continued professional learning and curriculum writing is being planned and implemented over the next few months.

The School-Based Planning Team has voluntarily begun exploring re-staffing as a potential way to build on the momentum. They have brainstormed the expectations that might need to be in place to have collective ownership for a successful dual-language community school to thrive and serve students well. Questions about whether this option, and some of the requested flexibilities, are feasible under the current Receivership status need to be resolved quickly for the school to fully implement its Receivership Plan.

<u>Attention</u> – This document is intended to be completed by the School Receiver and/or their designee and submitted electronically to <u>OISR@NYSED.gov</u>. It is a self-assessment of the implementation and outcome of key strategies related to Receivership, and as such should <u>not</u> be considered a formal evaluation on the part of the New York State Education Department. This document also serves as the Progress Review Report for schools receiving School Improvement Grant (SIG) or School Innovation Fund (SIF) funds. Additionally, this document serves as the quarterly reporting instrument for schools with School Comprehensive Education Plans (SCEP). The Quarterly Report in its entirety <u>must be posted</u> on the district web-site.



## <u>Part I</u> – Demonstrable Improvement Indicators

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dentify Indicator	Status (R/Y/G)	Base-line	Target	Analysis / Report Out			
School Safety	Orange – yellow for meeting indicator, but orange for outcomes	1314, 57 Serious Incidents	10% reduction; 51.3	<ul> <li>There are 19 reported serious incidents through Janual</li> <li>Bringing a sense of order and restoring expectations suspensions—which are already exceeding prior year and graphs below.) All office disciplinary referrals are change in practice for School 17. As a result, data from that intervention plans for students and staff can be plata show: <ul> <li>132 students have generated 371 suspensions</li> <li>Almost three-quarters of the suspensions are</li> <li>Over half (56%) of incidents originate in</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	has also resulted in totals, halfway thro entered into SMS P om behavioral reference out in place.	more incident ough the year. owerSchool; t rals is reviewe	s and (See chart his is a d weekly s
				<ul><li>classrooms.</li><li>Gymnasium is a prime location for violent</li></ul>	Current Grade Leve	# of Suspensions	%
				incidents, which often result in injury.	К	0	0.0%
				Instructional quality and classroom	1	0	0.0%
				management is a key concern. School	2	9	2.4%
				administration working with district	3	29	7.8%
				leaders to address.	4	26	7.0%
					5	99	26.7%
				Long term absence in grade 5 has resulted	6	43	11.6%
				in increases in disciplinary incidents, and	7	72	19.4%
				decreases in student growth.	8	93	25.1%
				The overall climate and ability to meet the	Grand Total	371	100.0%
				intensity and volume of social-emotional needs rema	in a high concern at	School 17. Th	ere has
			1	been significant effort invested in stabilizing the build			



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		School Year Description	Incidents	Short Term				In Alt. Program	Total Suspensions	Total # of Days Suspended	
		2015-2016	921	347	24	87	260	24	371	2,844	
		2014-2015	809	213	8	127	86	8	221	1,347	





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Enrico Fermi has invested heavily in building structures and protocols to support the collective and active use of student data. The data coach and instructional coach are working two out of every four days with each grade level team and have focused on:

- Deepening student ownership of NWEA data, leading teachers through the process of goal setting for each student, which teachers then led students through. This practice is paying off: during the winter administration, many classes came to test with their own personal growth goal written on post-its, the time-on-task increased for middle schoolers, and many classes are tracking their individual goals.
- The creation of a dynamic data wall that clearly captures both NWEA and AIMS Web data, making trends and progress visible. This work has supported professional development to make the data actionable for



teachers--understanding about what various measures mean, how to set targets, how to link to skills, and how to use the data to assign appropriate interventions.

- Utilizing the data to form targeted intervention groups, called WIN (What I Need) groups, that meet daily. These groups are formed every 6-8 weeks, and include both academic and social-emotional interventions. These groups have been much more targeted as a result of increased use of the NWEA Learning Continuum, and within specific skills, the coaches are seeing student growth.
- A major shift in practice and culture is that the conversations about and application of student data are happening as a team, meaning that the data is public, inviting reflection on teacher practice and collective ownership for student success.
- A focus on unpacking standards, and on aligning questions and tasks to the standards.

A recent push to emphasize lesson planning will direct the instructional support for the second half of the year. All of this work is the correct path and will pay off, however challenges around complete staff support for new practices remain, and building capacity is a multi-year endeavor.



3-8 Math All Students Level 2		17%	18% (+1 % point)	Over 40% hit their growth goal, and only 10% met or exceeded the national norm grade level mean. The gap to norm was shrunk slightly in about half of grade levels.
and above				While much of the same work on assessment data, WIN groupings and understanding standards and assessments has
				occurred in both content areas, the major focus is currently on reading. This will support students in math as well, of course. Students do receive intervention support in math, and math teachers did participate in the District provided common formative assessments. Coaches supported the collaborative grading and analysis of student work, and this next round will be done in eDoctrina to
3-8 ELA All		49.81	50.81	facilitate analyses. The 1415SY MGPs provide a more recent snapshot of the school's performance, and for All
3-8 ELA All Students MGP		47.01	50.81 (+1% point)	students in ELA, the MGP was 44.50. This actually means that the progress target will be harder to meet because the MGP declined between the baseline and the next year.
3-8 Math All Students MGP		49.73	50.73 (+1% point)	The 1415SY MGPs provide a more recent snapshot of the school's performance, and for All students in ELA, the MGP was 41.50. This actually means that the progress target will be harder to meet because the MGP declined between the baseline and the next year.
Grades 4 and 8 Science All Students Level 3	Yellow	36%	37% (+1% point)	In 1415SY, 60% of Enrico Fermi's 4 <sup>th</sup> graders scored Level 3 or 4, while only 8% of 8 <sup>th</sup> graders did. This would have exceeded the target.
and above				While there is no predictive measure at this point, the fact that a group of 8 <sup>th</sup> graders are taking Living Environment this year is a positive step toward meeting this target. Currently, over 90% of these students are passing the course. Of the remaining 8 <sup>th</sup> grade students, just over half (53%)



	failed science in the second marking period, which will require discussion with the students and the teacher.
	The use of an AIS period to support the Regents level work is also in place. At 4 <sup>th</sup> grade, a partnership with Xerox Science consultants is strategically placed to support this goal.

quarter, as well as Demonstrable Impi	ol's Level 2 indica		. Indicate the curren	h respect to the type, nature and analysis (as applicable) undertaken during the current reporting t status of each indicator in terms of the likelihood of meeting the established targets for realizing
Identify Indicator	(R/Y/G)	Baseline	Target	Analysis / Report Out
Plan for and implement Community School Model	Green in terms of meeting school benchmarks; yellow in terms of how it fits with District systems.	n/a	Implementation plan targets met; needs assessment completed; engagement team meetings scheduled and held	The community school model has taken off and has a strong path to becoming operationalized, transcending the school walls and becoming anchored in the community as well. The immediate challenge is resolution on some key aspects of how this work links to the District as a system. The Mayor of the City of Rochester has made the community school model at School 17 a pivotal part of her anti-poverty work. There are local philanthropic and consultancy resources devoted to the development of a firm implementation plan that spans operations and policy levels, and specifies key benchmarks for progress (see Artifact). The next key milestone will be the hiring of a community-funded, but school-based, site coordinator; interviews are underway and hiring is expected in March. The District's role in sustaining the community-school model is an area for further discussion. As the systemic and governance work proceeds, the daily work to respond to student, family and school needs continues in real time. This shift to seeing the school as the point of integrated access for services that exist in the community is what the community school vision is predicated upon, and School 17 is well on its way to fulfilling its vision of being "A Beacon at the center of an urban village". Internally, the school leader is working to strengthen the governance, ownership and progress monitoring for the various strands of school improvement. This has resulted in a restructuring of School-Based Planning Team so that each committee is represented, and a set rotating meeting pattern with reporting protocols that guide goal setting and progress monitoring.

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			Joint work is in place with the Center for Governmental Research (see attached report) and the City of Rochester Mayor's office toward the implementation of a true beacon school model. A Community Leadership Team meets regularly (see minutes) to plan for collaborative implementation of the community school model in Rochester. An updated inventory of Community Services and pilot of case management is in place utilizing the expertise of the AmeriCorps VISTA fellow. Joint work with the Charles House Neighbors in Action (CHNA) and the NW Safety Net allow for weekly collaborative meetings which access resources outside of the district. Additionally, a job description and interviews have been established for a full time community school coordinator. The role of this individual will be focused on ensuring the realization of shared community ownership for support services and leveraging of external community resources for School 17 students and families. A joint application for Rochester's Promise Zone has been submitted, as well as shared planning with the National League of Cities Institute for Youth and Families. A Needs Assessment is required to move forward with next steps of receivership, as well as consideration of the district's responsibilities as receiver to support this position in the interim period. A list of receiver actions has been recommended to superintendent as receiver, yet recent turnover has led to delays in adoption. Further consideration of school level autonomies and district processes is required to realize true community school implementation.
3-8 ELA Hispanic Students Level 2 and above	20%	21% (+1 % point)	The projections from fall's NWEA predicts that 16.58% of Hispanic students would score a Level 2 and above. This, in conjunction with the stronger practices in the dual language programming give us hope that with continued strong effort, we will make this target.
3-8 ELA LEP Students Level 2 and above	15%	16% (+1% point)	The projected proficiency from Fall's NWEA predicts that 9% of LEP students would score a Level 2 and above.
Providing 200 Hours of Extended Day	n/a	Provide 200 hours	School 17 provides students a fully expanded day, running from 9 – 5 and integrating enrichment, differentiated supports and teacher collaboration into the day, in accordance with the research-based National Center for Time & Learning framework. This year has brought refinement of the operations and programming including:



Learning Time	30-minute differentiated support block known as "What I Need (WIN) Time" for all
(ELT)	students to work on specific skills (Artifact);
	<ul> <li>Walk to Intervention schedule whereby 10 adults (classroom teacher plus support staff such as Speech, English and Second Language, paraprofessionals, and bilingual specialized services flood each grade level in succession to lower group size;</li> <li>Steadily working to strengthen the quality of enrichment offerings, infusing the arts and project-based learning wherever possible. This is also supported by strategic use of SIG funds to complement the staffing for the specials, which allowed all special subjects to be increased to 60 minute blocks. This has supported the increased enrichment, which in turn supports student engagement.</li> <li>Introduction of new protocols and agenda format for the teacher collaboration</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>time, which sets the expectation that grade level teams will review the "ABCs" including attendance, behavior and course completion/academic data regularly and in a way that drives responsive action.</li> <li>Ensuring that enrichment is consistently engaging and productive, and that the differentiated block is targeted and effective will be an ongoing process. One adjustment for next year would be to seek and obtain flexibility about moving toward block scheduling or other creative uses of time. We would also propose flexibility in meeting the standards for family &amp; consumer science.</li> </ul>

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	Green to		
	meet rubric	Rubric, district	RCSD tracks students who
	target; yellow	ability to track	are absent in the following 17 - Enrico Fermi - Chronic Absence through
	in terms of	by 1/31;	increments: <5%, 5 – 1/15/16
	student	School using	9.99%, 10-19.99% and 40.0%
	outcome.	plan by 4/1/16	>20%, making this data 35.0% 33.8%
	outcome.		available daily for school 30.0% 28.2%
			leaders. Defining 25.0% 21.5%
			chronically absent as the 20.0% 16.3%
			national research does 15.0%
			(missing 10% or more of
			school days), 39% of Enrico
			Fermi's students in K-8 are
			chronically absent so far% Satisfactory% At Risk (absent 5- 9.99%)% Chronic (absent % Severe Chronic (absent >20%)
			this year, with 16% of
			those having missed more than 20% of days. Another 28% have missed 5-10% of school,
			leaving a third (34%) with satisfactory attendance.
Chronic			
Absenteeism			The chart below shows that Grade Level Attendance
			attendance in preK is even more
			problematic although typical since
			preK is not mandatory and young
			children are still building immunity
			and stamina. It also shows that
			85.8%
			attendance rates vary from grade to
			grade, with a range of about 5 83.4% 82.9% 82.7%
			percentage points, and the high
			being two grades breaking 90%. P3 P4 K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
			The school has instituted more consistent practices such as targeted daily monitoring of
			homeroom attendance, homeroom attendance champions, and daily follow up on students
			absent yesterday. The school also continues to participate as a target school in the district's
			chronically absent reduction outreach, which sends community volunteers to homes
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			chronically absent reduction outreach, which sends community volunteers to homes monthly, and helps make integrated referrals to community agencies to remove attendance barriers.

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Expected results for this phase of the project are fully met, work is on budget, and the school is fully implementing this strategy <u>with impact</u>. Some barriers to implementation / outcomes / spending exist; with adaptation/correction school will be able to achieve desired results.

Major barriers to implementation / outcomes / spending encountered; results are at-risk of not being realized; major strategy adjustment is required.

### Part II – Key Strategies

<u>As appl</u> interve	ntion plan/budget and instrumenta		ted during the current reporting period that are <u>not described above,</u> but are embedded in the approved ojected school improvement outcomes.
	Key Strategy from your approved ntion Plan (SIG, SIF, SCEP or Out e).	Status of each strategy (R/Y/G)	Identify the evidence that supports your assessment of implementation/impact of key strategies, the connection to goals, and the likelihood of meeting targets set forth in the Intervention Plan.
1.	Promote the development of bi- literacy through a <b>dual language</b> <b>framework</b> within a school climate that upholds cross cultural understanding and embraces diversity.		There is continued visible progress on this strategy, with the K-2 strand being fully implemented this fall. For the first time, the school is giving literacy assessments in English and Spanish and is using intervention materials in Spanish on a daily basis. The way the school has structured the WIN (What I Need intervention) time is structured for the Dual Language and Bilingual students, is resulting in students making good gains in both languages, particularly in K and 1. Spanish dominant students in grades K-2 receive WIN time in their native language for 30 minutes from a team composed of their classroom teacher and 2 bilingual paraprofessionals. They also receive ENL instruction during the building wide WIN time.
			framework for language use and lesson design. What is different now is that all classrooms, even the monolingual ones, are applying this framework, providing a common and unifying approach schoolwide. Another change is that the dual language teachers now participate in collaborative teacher time together with the monolingual teachers. Visible changes across the school such as all signs now posted in both English and Spanish and announcements made in both languages signal the intentional focus on celebrating both languages and diversity of cultures. Another observable change is that there is more journal writing in place of worksheets in many classrooms. While this impact is



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		bi-ling in inte has be confid with t	des 3rd through 6th decisions are made joint gual specialist on which language to deliver in ermediate grades are receiving WIN in 2 lang een attained in the intermediate grades, how dent that if we continue to work on perfectin the way we our implementing our WIN time, writing in primary grades and eventually stude	nstructi uages v vever it g the u we wil	on in during WIN. Some students which adds up to an hour a day. Progress seems to be at a slower rate. We are se of the Gomez and Gomez model along I continue to improve the level of reading
		availa on ag be pa	s a long-term strategy and there are challeng bility of bi-lingual speech and SPED staff in p gressive recruiting in this high-needs area. Fo rticipating in a 20-hour PD offering to look at strict Director of Bi-lingual Education in the u	articula or capa : data a	ar. This last challenge requires District action city building, The Dual Language Team will nd plan next steps which will be delivered
		sciend incluc	ual Language Team would also like to constr ce units over the summer, so that next year v les project based learning, and follows grade representative of the Gomez and Gomez mo	ve can level s	use an integrated unit approach that tandards to teach our students which is
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## Part III – Community Engagement Team and Receivership Powers

Please proceed with the proceed of the proceeding of the process o	nity Engagement Team (CET) wide information regarding the type, nature, frequency and outcomes of meetings held by the entire Community Engagement Team and/or sub-committees with addressing specific components of the Community Engagement Plan. Describe goals and outcomes of meetings and committee work in terms of Community ent Plan implementation, school support and dissemination of information.
Status (R/Y/G)	Analysis / Report Out
	The Community Engagement Team (CET) has met, especially in the fall, and the school is working its way through a thoughtful approach to
	integrating the multiple site-based leadership and management teams. School-based planning team meets regularly, the Mayor's Community School team does as well, in addition to local SafetyNet team and other working groups. A more coordinated, effective
	integration of these teams—often comprised of overlapping membership—is part of the work that needs doing as the community school
	model develops further.
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### <u>Part IV</u> – Best Practices (Optional)

#### **Best Practices**

The New York State Education Department recognizes the importance of sharing best practices of schools and districts. Please take this opportunity to share one or more successful strategy currently being implemented in the school that has resulted in significant improvements in student performance, instructional practice, student/family engagement, and/or school climate. It is the intention of the Department to share these best practices with schools and districts in Receivership.

<ol> <li>List the best practice currently being implemented in the school.</li> <li>There are practices such as the "What I Need" time, coined by a fellow RCSD principal, and operationalized at Enrico Fermi that we believe will become a best we side in the school.</li> </ol>		Describe the best practice in terms of the impact it is having, the evidence being collected to determine its value, and the manner in which it might be replicated in other schools/districts.
	Fermi, that we believe will become a best practice, but we choose to wait for data to support.	
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#### Part V - Attestation

ATTESTATION: By signing below, I certify that the information in this quarterly report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

inda L. Cimusz a L. Cimusz Name of Receiver (Print): Signature of Receiver:

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