



# Comprehensive Needs Assessment 2023 - 2024 School Report



**Colquitt County  
Stringfellow Elementary School**

## 1. PLANNING AND PREPARATION

### 1.1 Identification of Team

The comprehensive needs assessment team consists of people who are responsible for working collaboratively throughout the needs assessment process. Ideal team members possess knowledge of programs, the capacity to plan and implement the needs assessment, and the ability to ensure stakeholder involvement. A required team member's name may be duplicated when multiple roles are performed by the same person. Documentation of team member involvement must be maintained by the LEA. Watch the [Planning and Preparation webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

#### Leadership Team

	Position/Role	Name
Team Member # 1	Principal	Brian Knighton
Team Member # 2	Assistant Principal	Tiffany Richey
Team Member # 3	Academic Coach	Courtney Almond
Team Member # 4	Academic Coach	Brianna Lucas
Team Member # 5	Interventionist	Taylor Baggett
Team Member # 6	First Grade Teacher	Savanah Hamilton
Team Member # 7	Second Grade Teacher	Leigh Taylor

#### Additional Leadership Team

	Position/Role	Name
Team Member # 1	Fourth Grade Teacher	Diangela Byrd
Team Member # 2	Fifth Grade Teacher	Shaneshia Milton
Team Member # 3	Special Education Teacher	Xzavier Ward
Team Member # 4	School Effectiveness Specialist	Dr. Renea Pierce
Team Member # 5	School Effectiveness Specialist	Dr. Joyce Lambert
Team Member # 6	Coastal Plains RESA Support	Creacy Sermons
Team Member # 7	Coastal Plains RESA Support	Gene Christie
Team Member # 8		
Team Member # 9		
Team Member # 10		

# 1. PLANNING AND PREPARATION

## 1.2 Identification of Stakeholders

Stakeholders are those individuals with valuable experiences and perspective who will provide the team with important input, feedback, and guidance. Required stakeholders must be engaged in the process to meet the requirements of participating federal programs. Documentation of stakeholder involvement must be maintained by the LEA. Watch the [Planning and Preparation webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

### Stakeholders

	Position/Role	Name
Stakeholder # 1	Parent Representative	Brenda Hobby
Stakeholder # 2	Parent Representative	Shakeya Shine
Stakeholder # 3	Business Representative	Joel Jenkins
Stakeholder # 4	Community Representative	Kristoff Kohran
Stakeholder # 5		
Stakeholder # 6		
Stakeholder # 7		
Stakeholder # 8		

How will the team ensure that stakeholders, and in particular parents and/or guardians, were able to provide meaningful input into the needs assessment process?	Feedback is gathered through parent engagement initiatives that take place at the school. Questionnaires, surveys, etc are collected by the parent engagement coordinator. In the spring, parents can attend the title I feedback meeting to provide insight on school improvement initiatives. The team will ensure that stakeholders have a voice in the education of their children and will be given ample opportunities to provide feedback over the duration of a school year.
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## 2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

### 2.1 Coherent Instructional System

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of instructional needs. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Coherent Instructional System webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

#### Coherent Instruction Data

<b>Curriculum Standard 1</b> -Uses systematic, collaborative planning processes so that teachers share an understanding of expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>A systematic, collaborative process is used proactively for curriculum planning.</p> <p>Nearly all teachers or groups of teachers, support staff, and leaders within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	<p>A systematic, collaborative process is used regularly for curriculum planning.</p> <p>Most teachers or groups of teachers within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.</p>	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	<p>A collaborative process is used occasionally for curriculum planning.</p> <p>Some teachers or groups of teachers within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.</p>	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	<p>A collaborative process is rarely, if ever, used for curriculum planning.</p> <p>Few, if any, teachers or groups of teachers within the school have common expectations for standards, curriculum, assessment, and instruction.</p>	

## Coherent Instruction Data

<b>Curriculum Standard 2</b> -Designs curriculum documents and aligns resources with the intended rigor of the required standards		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	Curriculum documents (e.g., lesson plans, unit plans, performance tasks, curriculum maps, scope, and sequence documents, guides) that are aligned with the intended rigor of the required standards are the products of a systematic, collaborative process.  These curriculum documents and resources are used and continuously revised by teachers and support staff to ensure an alignment with the intended, taught, and tested standards.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Curriculum documents (e.g., lesson plans, unit plans, performance tasks, curriculum maps, scope and sequence documents, guides) have been designed, and resources are aligned with the intended rigor of the required standards.  These curriculum documents and resources guide the work of teachers and instructional support staff.	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Curriculum documents and resources exist, but they are not complete in all content areas or grade levels or lack the intended rigor of the required standards.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Few, if any, curriculum documents and resources exist to support the implementation of the intended rigor of the required standards.	

<b>Instruction Standard 1</b> -Provides a supportive and well -managed environment conducive to learning		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident throughout the school.  Students consistently stay on-task and take responsibility for their own actions.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in most classrooms.	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in some classrooms.	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in few, if any, classrooms.	

## Coherent Instruction Data

Instruction Standard 2 -Creates an academically challenging learning environment		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration).  Students consistently work independently and in teams to solve real-world problems that require advanced effort, decision-making, and critical and creative thinking.	
2. Operational	Most teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration).	
3. Emerging	Some teachers create an academically challenging learning environment.	✓
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, teachers create an academically challenging learning environment.	

Instruction Standard 3 -Establishes and communicates clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to curriculum standards		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all teachers establish and communicate clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards. Learning targets are evident throughout the lesson and in student work. Articulation of the learning targets is consistent and pervasive among like content areas and grade levels.	
2. Operational	Most teachers establish and communicate clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards.  Learning targets are evident throughout the lesson and in student work.	
3. Emerging	Some teachers establish and communicate clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards.	✓
4. Not Evident	Few, if any teachers establish clear learning targets and success criteria aligned to the required curriculum standards.	

Instruction Standard 4 -Uses research based instructional practices that positively impact student learning		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all teachers pervasively demonstrate a repertoire of highly effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning (e.g., providing feedback, cooperative learning, advance organizers, questioning techniques, similarities and differences, reinforcing effort, goal setting, summarizers, graphic representations, reciprocal teaching).	
2. Operational	Most teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning (e.g., providing feedback, cooperative learning, advance organizers, questioning techniques, similarities and differences, reinforcing effort, goal setting, summarizers, graphic representations, reciprocal teaching).	
3. Emerging	Some teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning.	✓
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning.	

## Coherent Instruction Data

Instruction Standard 5 -Differentiates instruction to meet specific learning needs of students		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>Nearly all teachers differentiate instruction (e.g., using flexible grouping, making adjustments, providing choices based upon readiness levels, interests, or needs) to meet the specific learning needs of students.</p> <p>Nearly all teachers plan and implement multiple means of representation, engagement, action, and expression to meet the learning needs of students (UDL).</p> <p>Remediation, enrichment, and acceleration are pervasive practices.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	<p>Most teachers differentiate instruction (e.g., using flexible grouping, making adjustments, providing choices based upon readiness levels, interests, or needs) to meet the specific learning needs of students.</p> <p>Most teachers plan and implement multiple means of representation, engagement, action, and expression to meet the learning needs of students (UDL).</p>	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Some teachers differentiate instruction to meet the specific learning needs of students.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Few, if any, teachers differentiate instruction to meet the specific learning needs of students.	

Instruction Standard 6 -Uses appropriate, current technology to enhance learning		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	The use by staff members and students of appropriate, current technology to enhance learning is an institutional practice (e.g., facilitate communication, collaboration, research, design, creativity, problem-solving).	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Most staff members and students use appropriate, current technology to enhance learning (e.g., facilitate communication, collaboration, research, design, creativity, problem-solving).	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Some staff members, students, or both use appropriate, current technology to enhance learning.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Few, if any, teachers demonstrate a repertoire of effective, research-based instructional practices that positively impact student learning.	

## Coherent Instruction Data

Instruction Standard 7 -Provides feedback to students on their performance on the standards or learning targets		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with specific, timely, descriptive feedback on their performance.  Nearly all teachers systematically elicit diagnostic information from individual students regarding their understanding of the standards or learning targets.	
2. Operational	Most teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with specific, timely, descriptive feedback on their performance.	
3. Emerging	Some teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with specific, descriptive feedback on their performance.	✓
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, teachers use the language of the standards or learning targets to provide students with feedback on their performance, or the feedback that is provided is not specific, timely, or understandable.	

Instruction Standard 8 -Establishes a learning environment that empowers students to actively monitor their own progress		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress.  Nearly all students develop a sense of personal responsibility and accountability by engaging in record keeping, self-monitoring, sharing, exhibiting, and self-reflection.	
2. Operational	Most students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress.	
3. Emerging	Some students use tools to actively monitor their own progress.	✓
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, students use tools to actively monitor their own progress.	

Instruction Standard 9 -Provides timely, systematic, data -driven interventions		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all students are provided timely, systematic, data-driven interventions to support their learning needs.  Interventions are designed to meet the needs of each student. The effectiveness of those interventions is consistently monitored and adjustments are made.	
2. Operational	Most students are provided timely, systematic, data-driven interventions to support their learning needs.	✓
3. Emerging	Some students are provided extra assistance or needed support in a timely manner.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, students are provided extra assistance or effective support in a timely manner.	

## Coherent Instruction Data

Assessment Standard 1 -Aligns assessments with the required curriculum standards		
1. Exemplary	Nearly all assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards. Assessments are reviewed during the school year to ensure alignment.	
2. Operational	Most assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards.	
3. Emerging	Some assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards.	✓
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, assessments are aligned with the required curriculum standards.	

Assessment Standard 3 -Uses common assessments aligned with the required standards to monitor student progress, inform instruction, and improve teacher practices		
1. Exemplary	Teachers consistently use common assessments aligned with the required standards in nearly all content areas, grade levels, or both for diagnostic, summative, and formative purposes.  The data from the common assessments are analyzed down to the item level, and the results are used to inform instruction and improve teacher practices.	
2. Operational	Teachers use common assessments aligned with the required standards in most content areas to monitor student progress, inform instruction, and improve teacher practices.	
3. Emerging	Teachers use some common assessments aligned with the required standards in a few content areas with a limited amount of data analysis to monitor student progress, inform instruction, or improve teacher practices.	✓
4. Not Evident	Teachers use few, if any, common assessments to monitor student progress, inform instruction, or improve teacher practices.	

Assessment Standard 4 -Implements a process to collaboratively analyze assessment results to adjust instruction		
1. Exemplary	Teachers extensively use a systematic, collaborative process to analyze assessment results. Instruction is consistently adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results across all content areas, grade levels, or both.	
2. Operational	Teachers regularly use a collaborative process to analyze assessment results. Instruction is routinely adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results.	
3. Emerging	Teachers occasionally use a collaborative process to analyze assessment results. Instruction is sometimes adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results.	✓
4. Not Evident	A collaborative process to analyze assessment results does not exist. Instruction is rarely, if ever, adjusted based on the analysis of assessment results.	

## Coherent Instruction Data

<b>Assessment Standard 5</b> -Implements grading practices that provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	The grading practices used by teachers across nearly all content areas, grade levels, or both, consistently provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	The grading practices used by teachers in most content areas, grade levels, or both provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards.	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	The grading practices used by teachers in some content areas, grade levels, or both provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	The grading practices used by teachers rarely, if ever, provide an accurate indication of student progress on the required standards.	

## 2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

### 2.2 Effective Leadership

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of leadership needs. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Effective Leadership webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

#### Effective Leadership Data

Leadership Standard 1 -Builds and sustains relationships to foster the success of students and staff		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	Administrators consistently build and sustain relationships to foster the success of students and staff.  The school staff is fully engaged in relationship building through collaboration, internal and external communication, and building trust with staff, students, families, and community stakeholders.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Administrators regularly build and sustain relationships to foster the success of students and staff.	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Administrators sometimes build relationships to foster the success of students and staff.	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Administrators seldom, if ever, build relationships to foster the success of students and staff.	

Leadership Standard 2 -Initiates and manages change to improve staff performance and student learning		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	Administrators, the school leadership team, and other teacher leaders initiate and sustain change to improve staff performance and student learning.  Administrators, the school leadership team, and other teacher leaders create a sense of urgency for change and effectively communicate a common vision.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Administrators and the school leadership team initiate and sustain change to improve staff performance and student learning.  The principal provides an appropriate balance of pressure and support to manage the change process for desired results.	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Administrators initiate change to improve staff performance and student learning but do not sustain the change, remove barriers, or both.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Administrators initiate few, if any, changes that impact staff performance and student learning.	

## Effective Leadership Data

**Leadership Standard 3** -Uses systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices

<b>1. Exemplary</b>	The principal and other school leaders continually use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices.  The principal and other school leaders have a comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the best practices for curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	The principal and other school leaders often use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices.	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	The principal and other school leaders occasionally use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	The principal and other school leaders rarely, if ever, use systems to ensure effective implementation of curriculum, assessment, instruction, and professional learning practices.	

**Leadership Standard 4** -Uses processes to systematically analyze data to improve student achievement

<b>1. Exemplary</b>	Extensive, comprehensive processes, including root cause analysis, are used consistently to analyze data (e.g., multiple sources of data: classroom, grade level, departmental, and subgroup, perception data) to improve student achievement.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Numerous processes are used frequently to analyze data (e.g., multiple sources of data: classroom, grade level, departmental, and subgroup, perception data) to improve student achievement.	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Some processes are in place and used occasionally to analyze data to improve student achievement.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Few, if any, processes are in place to analyze data to improve student achievement.	

**Leadership Standard 5** -Builds leadership capacity through shared decision-making and problem-solving

<b>1. Exemplary</b>	Extensive structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities.  Administrators collaborate consistently with staff members to gather input.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Numerous structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities.	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Some structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making, problem-solving, or both.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Few, if any, structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making or problem-solving.	

## Effective Leadership Data

<b>Leadership Standard 6</b> -Establishes and supports a data-driven school leadership team that is focused on student learning		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>A highly effective, proactive, and data-driven school leadership team is focused on student learning.</p> <p>The leadership team addresses nearly all areas of student and staff learning and school leadership, including the development, implementation, and regular monitoring of the school improvement plan.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	<p>A data-driven school leadership team is established with stakeholder representation (e.g., core and non-core teachers, certified support staff) and is focused on student learning.</p> <p>The school leadership team meets regularly and uses norms and protocols to work effectively and efficiently.</p>	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	The school leadership team is established and has some stakeholder representation but is focused chiefly on school operations rather than student learning.	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	A school leadership team does not exist or does not have adequate stakeholder representation.	

<b>Leadership Standard 7</b> -Monitors and evaluates the performance of teachers and other staff using multiple data sources		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff through observations, surveys, data, and documentation is consistent and comprehensive, resulting in highly accurate performance evaluations.</p> <p>A comprehensive system is in place to provide teachers and staff with ongoing, accurate, timely, detailed, descriptive feedback related to their performance.</p> <p>Administrators use the evaluation process to identify role models, teacher leaders, or both.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	<p>Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff regularly occurs using data or documentation, generally resulting in accurate performance evaluations.</p> <p>Teachers and staff receive accurate, timely, descriptive feedback related to their performance.</p>	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	<p>Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff is inconsistent, incomplete, or lacks data or documentation, sometimes resulting in inaccurate performance evaluations.</p> <p>Teachers and staff receive some descriptive feedback related to their performance.</p>	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	<p>Monitoring the performance of teachers and other staff rarely occurs or often results in inaccurate performance evaluations.</p> <p>Teachers and staff receive little or no descriptive feedback related to their performance.</p>	

## Effective Leadership Data

<b>Leadership Standard 8 -Provides ongoing support to teachers and other staff</b>		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	A comprehensive support system that is timely and targeted to individual needs is provided to teachers and other staff.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Most support provided to teachers and other staff is targeted to individual needs.	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Some support provided to teachers and staff is targeted to individual needs.	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Support to teachers and staff does not exist or is not targeted to individual needs.	

<b>Planning and Organization Standard 1 -Shares a common vision and mission that define the school culture and guide the continuous improvement process</b>		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>A common vision and mission have been collaboratively developed and communicated to nearly all stakeholders.</p> <p>The culture of the school has been deeply defined over time by the vision and mission, which are updated as needed.</p> <p>The daily work and practices of staff consistently demonstrate a sustained commitment to continuous improvement.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	<p>A common vision and mission have been developed through a collaborative process and communicated to most stakeholders.</p> <p>The vision and mission define the culture of the school and guide the continuous improvement process.</p>	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	A common vision and mission have been developed by some staff members but have not been effectively communicated so that they guide the continuous improvement process.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	A common vision and mission have not been developed or updated or have been developed by a few staff members.	

## Effective Leadership Data

<b>Planning and Organization Standard 2</b> -Uses a data-driven and consensus-oriented process to develop and implement a school improvement plan that is focused on student performance		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>A school improvement plan has been developed using a data-driven and consensus-oriented process with input from nearly all stakeholders.</p> <p>The plan includes appropriate goals and strategies with a strong focus on increasing student performance.</p> <p>This process and plan consistently guide the work of the school staff.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	<p>A school improvement plan has been developed using a data-driven and consensus-oriented process with input from most plan stakeholders.</p> <p>The plan includes appropriate goals and strategies with a focus on increasing student performance.</p>	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	<p>A school improvement plan has been developed with input from some stakeholders.</p> <p>The school improvement plan is based on incomplete data analysis with limited focus on student performance.</p>	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	An up-to-date, data-driven school improvement plan focused on student performance is not in place.	

<b>Planning and Organization Standard 3</b> -Monitors implementation of the school improvement plan and makes adjustments as needed		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are continually monitored by administrators, the school leadership team, and teacher leaders to evaluate the impact on student performance.</p> <p>Ongoing adjustments are made based on various performance, process, and perception data.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	<p>The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are regularly monitored by administrators and the school leadership team to evaluate the impact on student performance.</p> <p>Adjustments are made to the plan, as needed, based on the analysis of data.</p>	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are occasionally monitored by administrators.	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	The goals and strategies of the school improvement plan are rarely, if ever, monitored.	

## Effective Leadership Data

Planning and Organization Standard 4 -Monitors the use of available resources to support continuous improvement		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>The use of available resources (e.g., personnel, time, facilities, equipment, materials) to support continuous improvement is consistently monitored.</p> <p>School schedules and processes are designed to make effective use of personnel, time, materials, and equipment.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	The use of available resources (e.g., personnel, time, facilities, equipment, materials) to support continuous improvement is frequently monitored.	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	The use of available resources to support continuous improvement is inconsistently monitored.	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	The use of available resources to support continuous improvement is rarely, if ever, monitored.	

Planning and Organization Standard 5 -Develops, communicates, and implements rules, policies, schedules, and procedures to maximize student learning and staff effectiveness		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>Rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are developed with stakeholder input, effectively communicated, and consistently implemented throughout the school to maximize student learning and staff effectiveness.</p> <p>These rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are consistently reviewed and revised as needed.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	<p>Rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are developed, communicated, and implemented throughout the school to maximize student learning and staff effectiveness.</p> <p>These rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are periodically reviewed and systematically revised as needed.</p>	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Rules, policies, schedules, and procedures are developed but are not effectively communicated or are implemented inconsistently across the school.	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	<p>Rules, policies, or procedures are not developed, are poorly communicated, or are ineffectively implemented.</p> <p>In some cases, rules, policies, schedules, or procedures are out of date or have become barriers to student learning or staff effectiveness.</p>	

## Effective Leadership Data

<b>Planning and Organization Standard 6</b> -Uses protocols to maintain the school campus and equipment providing a safe, clean, and inviting learning environment		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>Protocols (e.g., safety drills, tornado drills, inclement weather plans, current crisis plan, school-wide safety plan, maintenance protocols, facility-use protocols, functional custodial schedules) are used extensively to maintain the school campus and equipment providing a safe, clean, and inviting learning environment.</p> <p>A proactive maintenance process is in place, and repairs are completed in a satisfactory and timely manner, when needed.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	<p>Protocols (e.g., safety drills, tornado drills, inclement weather plans, current crisis plan, school-wide safety plan, maintenance protocols, facility-use protocols, functional custodial schedules) are used to maintain the school campus and equipment providing a safe, clean, and inviting learning environment.</p> <p>The school and campus are clean, well-maintained, inviting, and safe.</p>	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	<p>Protocols are sometimes used to maintain the school campus and equipment.</p> <p>The school and campus are partially clean, maintained, and inviting, but some safety issues exist.</p>	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	<p>Protocols do not exist or are rarely, if ever, used to maintain the school campus and equipment.</p> <p>The school and campus are not clean, maintained, or inviting, and safety issues exist.</p>	

## 2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

### 2.3 Professional Capacity

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of professional capacity needs. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Professional Capacity webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

#### Professional Capacity Data

<b>Leadership Standard 5</b> -Builds leadership capacity through shared decision-making and problem-solving		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	Extensive structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities.  Administrators collaborate consistently with staff members to gather input.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Numerous structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making and problem-solving and to build their leadership capacities.	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Some structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making, problem-solving, or both.	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Few, if any, structures exist for staff to engage in shared decision-making or problem-solving.	

<b>Professional Learning Standard 1</b> -Aligns professional learning with needs identified through analysis of a variety of data		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	Professional learning needs are identified and differentiated through a collaborative analysis process using a variety of data (e.g., student achievement data, examination of student work, process data, teacher and leader effectiveness data, action research data, perception data from students, staff, and families).  Ongoing support is provided through differentiated professional learning.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Professional learning needs are identified through a collaborative analysis process using a variety of data (e.g., student achievement data, examination of student work, process data, teacher and leader effectiveness data, action research data, perception data from students, staff, and families).	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Professional learning needs are identified using limited sources of data.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Professional learning needs are identified using little or no data.	

## Professional Capacity Data

Professional Learning Standard 2 -Establishes a culture of collaboration among administrators and staff to enhance individual and collective performance		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	Administrators and staff, as a foundational practice, consistently collaborate to support leadership and personal accountability and to enhance individual and collective performance (e.g., construct knowledge, acquire skills, refine practice, provide feedback).  Teachers conduct action research and assume ownership of professional learning processes.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Administrators and staff routinely collaborate to improve individual and collective performance (e.g., construct knowledge, acquire skills, refine practice, provide feedback).	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Administrators and staff sometimes collaborate to improve individual and collective performance.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Administrators and staff rarely collaborate to improve individual and collective performance.	

Professional Learning Standard 3 -Defines expectations for implementing professional learning		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	Administrators, teacher leaders, or both consistently define expectations for the implementation of professional learning, including details regarding the stages of implementation and how monitoring will occur as implementation progresses.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Administrators, teacher leaders, or both regularly define expectations for the implementation of professional learning.	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Administrators, teacher leaders, or both occasionally define expectations for the implementation of professional learning.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Administrators, teacher leaders, or both rarely, if ever, define expectations for the implementation of professional learning.	

## Professional Capacity Data

Professional Learning Standard 4 -Uses multiple professional learning designs to support the various learning needs of the staff		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>Staff members actively participate in job-embedded professional learning that engages collaborative teams in a variety of appropriate learning designs (e.g., collaborative lesson study, analysis of student work, problem solving sessions, curriculum development, coursework, action research, classroom observations, online networks).</p> <p>Professional learning includes extensive follow-up with descriptive feedback and coaching.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	<p>Staff members actively participate in professional learning, most of which is job-embedded, which includes multiple designs (e.g., collaborative lesson study, analysis of student work, problem-solving sessions, curriculum development, coursework, action research, classroom observations, online networks) to support their various learning needs.</p> <p>Professional learning includes follow-up with feedback and coaching.</p>	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Some staff members are engaged in professional learning that makes use of more than one learning design to address their identified needs.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Staff members receive single, stand-alone professional learning events that are informational and mostly large-group presentation designs.	

Professional Learning Standard 5 -Allocates resources and establishes systems to support and sustain effective professional learning		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>Extensive resources (e.g., substitute teachers, materials, handouts, tools, stipends, facilitators, technology) and systems (e.g., conducive schedules, adequate collaborative time, model classrooms) are allocated to support and sustain effective professional learning.</p> <p>Opportunities to practice skills, receive follow-up, feedback, and coaching are provided to support the effectiveness of professional learning.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Adequate resources (e.g., substitute teachers, materials, handouts, tools, stipends, facilitators, technology) and systems (e.g., conducive schedules, adequate collaborative time, model classrooms) are in place to support and sustain professional learning.	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Some resources and systems are allocated to support and sustain professional learning.	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Few, if any, resources and systems are provided to support and sustain professional learning.	

## Professional Capacity Data

Professional Learning Standard 6 -Monitors and evaluates the impact of professional learning on staff practices and student learning		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices and increases in student learning occurs extensively.  Evaluation results are used to identify and implement processes to extend student learning.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices and student learning occurs routinely.	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices occurs sporadically.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Monitoring and evaluating the impact of professional learning on staff practices occurs rarely, if ever.	

## 2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

### 2.4 Family and Community Engagement

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of needs related to family and community engagement. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). See the [Family and Community Engagement webinar](#) for additional information and guidance. Visit Georgia's Family Connection Partnership's [KIDS COUNT](#) for additional data.

#### Family and Community Engagement Data

Family and Community Engagement Standard 1 -Creates an environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school		
1. Exemplary	The school has a well-established, inviting learning environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school.  Numerous opportunities are given to family members to become actively engaged in school-related events and improvement efforts as participants, event managers, and workers.	
2. Operational	The school has created an environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school.	✓
3. Emerging	The school has made some progress toward creating an environment that welcomes, encourages, and connects family and community members to the school.	
4. Not Evident	The school has not created an environment that welcomes, encourages, or connects family and community members to the school.	

Family and Community Engagement Standard 2 -Establishes structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders		
1. Exemplary	Extensive structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders have been effectively established and implemented.  Structures are continuously monitored for reliable and interactive communication.	
2. Operational	Most structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders have been effectively established and implemented.	✓
3. Emerging	Some structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders exist.	
4. Not Evident	Few, if any, structures that promote clear and open communication between the school and stakeholders exist.	

## Family and Community Engagement Data

<b>Family and Community Engagement Standard 3</b> -Establishes relationships and decision-making processes that build capacity for family and community engagement in the success of students		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>A wide variety of relationships and collaborative decision-making processes (e.g., business partnerships, school councils, parent or family organizations, academic and extra-curricular booster clubs, civic organizations, tutoring services, post-secondary partnerships) are pervasive in promoting student success and well being.</p> <p>Expectations for family and community engagement are embedded in the culture and result in stakeholders being actively involved in decision-making.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Numerous relationships and decision-making processes (e.g., business partnerships, school councils, parent or family organizations, academic and extra-curricular booster clubs, civic organizations, tutoring services) effectively build capacity for family and community engagement in the success of students.	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Limited relationships and decision-making processes have been initiated by the school to build capacity for family and community engagement.	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Relationships and decision-making processes for families and the community are non-existent, or those that do exist contribute minimally to student success.	

<b>Family and Community Engagement Standard 4</b> -Communicates academic expectations and current student achievement status to families		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>The school staff provides families with ongoing, detailed academic expectations and/or graduation status (e.g., four-year graduation plans, syllabi, academic advisement protocols).</p> <p>Extensive communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided (e.g., progress reports, student-led parent conferences, report cards, reading level reports, state test reports, school-based assessment reports, online reporting system).</p>	✓
<b>2. Operational</b>	<p>The school staff communicates academic expectations and/or graduation status (e.g., four-year graduation plans, syllabi, academic advisement protocols) throughout the year.</p> <p>Regular communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided (e.g., progress reports, parent conferences, report cards, reading level reports, state test reports, school-based assessment reports, online reporting system).</p>	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	<p>The school staff communicates some academic expectations at the start of the year.</p> <p>Some communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided.</p>	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	<p>The school staff does little to inform families of academic expectations.</p> <p>Little, if any, communication related to the current achievement level of individual students is provided.</p>	

## Family and Community Engagement Data

<b>Family and Community Engagement Standard 5</b> -Develops the capacity of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	The school continually develops the capacity (e.g., parent training, lunch and learn, make-it and take-it) of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	The school frequently develops the capacity (e.g., parent training, lunch and learn, make-it and take-it) of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement.	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	The school occasionally develops the capacity of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement.	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	The school seldom, if ever, develops the capacity of families to use support strategies at home that will enhance academic achievement.	

<b>Family and Community Engagement Standard 6</b> -Connects families with agencies and resources in the community to meet the needs of students		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	The school has a systematic process in place to connect families with an array of agencies and resources (e.g., Y-Clubs, after-school programs, health and counseling services, community service agencies, civic organizations, tutoring services) to meet the needs of students.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	The school regularly connects families to agencies and resources in the community (e.g., Y-Clubs, after-school programs, health and counseling services, community service agencies, civic organizations, tutoring services) to meet the needs of students.	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	The school sometimes connects families to agencies and resources in the community to meet the needs of students.	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	The school does little to connect families with agencies and resources in the community to meet the needs of students.	

## 2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

### 2.5 Supportive Learning Environment

Analyze the LEA's data (including sections 2.6) and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of needs related to a supportive learning environment. Complete a data-informed self-rating for each Georgia School Performance Standard (GSPS). Student subgroups with a count of less than 15 are denoted by "TFS" (too few students). See the [Supportive Learning Environment webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

#### Supportive Learning Environment Data

Instruction Standard 1 -Provides a supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident throughout the school.  Students consistently stay on-task and take responsibility for their own actions.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in most classrooms.	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in some classrooms.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	A supportive and well-managed environment conducive to learning is evident in few, if any, classrooms.	

Instruction Standard 2 -Creates an academically challenging learning environment		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	Nearly all teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration).  Students consistently work independently and in teams to solve real-world problems that require advanced effort, decision-making, and critical and creative thinking.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Most teachers create an academically challenging, learning environment (e.g., higher-order thinking skills and processes, active student engagement, relevance, collaboration).	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Some teachers create an academically challenging learning environment.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Few, if any, teachers create an academically challenging learning environment.	

## Supportive Learning Environment Data

<b>Instruction Standard 8</b> -Establishes a learning environment that empowers students to actively monitor their own progress		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	Nearly all students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress.  Nearly all students develop a sense of personal responsibility and accountability by engaging in record keeping, self-monitoring, sharing, exhibiting, and self-reflection.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Most students use tools (e.g., rubrics, checklists, exemplars) to actively monitor their own progress.	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Some students use tools to actively monitor their own progress.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Few, if any, students use tools to actively monitor their own progress.	

<b>School Culture Standard 1</b> -Develops, communicates, and implements rules, practices, and procedures to maintain a safe, orderly learning environment		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	Rules, practices, and procedures that maintain a safe, orderly learning environment are proactively developed, communicated, and consistently implemented across the school.  These rules, practices, and procedures are continually monitored and revised as needed.	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Rules, practices, and procedures that maintain a safe, orderly learning environment are developed, communicated, and implemented.	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Rules, practices, and procedures are developed and communicated but are ineffective or inconsistently implemented across the school.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Rules, practices, and procedures that maintain a safe, orderly, learning environment are not developed nor updated or are poorly communicated.	

## Supportive Learning Environment Data

<b>School Culture Standard 2</b> -Establishes a culture of trust and respect that promotes positive interactions and a sense of community		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>Extensive evidence (e.g., positive and respectful interactions, appreciation of diversity, tolerance, understanding) exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.</p> <p>A pervasive commitment to promoting positive interactions and a sense of community is evident.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	<p>Evidence (e.g., positive and respectful interactions, appreciation of diversity, tolerance, understanding) exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.</p> <p>A sustained commitment to promoting positive interactions and a sense of community is evident.</p>	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	<p>Some evidence exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.</p> <p>A limited commitment to promoting positive interactions and a sense of community is evident.</p>	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	<p>Little or no evidence exists that a culture of trust and respect has been established.</p> <p>Unresolved conflicts interfere with a sense of community.</p>	

<b>School Culture Standard 3</b> -Establishes a culture that supports the college and career readiness of students		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>Extensive evidence (e.g., advisement, career counseling, transition coaching, high expectations) exists that the beliefs and practices of the school support the college and career readiness of students.</p> <p>The school culture supports addressing individual achievement needs and strengths to prepare students for success.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	Evidence (e.g., advisement, career counseling, transition coaching, high expectations) exists that the beliefs and practices of the school support the college and career readiness of students.	
<b>3. Emerging</b>	Some evidence exists that the school supports the college and career readiness of students.	✓
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	Little or no evidence exists that the school supports the college and career readiness of students.	

## Supportive Learning Environment Data

School Culture Standard 4 -Supports the personal growth and development of students		
1. Exemplary	The school staff consistently provides a comprehensive system of support (e.g., counseling, mentoring, advisement, coaching, goal setting, time management, problem solving) to maximize the personal growth and development of nearly all students.	
2. Operational	The school staff regularly provides support (e.g., counseling, mentoring, advisement, coaching, goal setting, time management, problem solving) to enhance the personal growth and development of students.	
3. Emerging	The school staff sporadically supports the personal growth and development of students.	✓
4. Not Evident	The school staff does little to support the personal growth and development of students.	

School Culture Standard 5 -Recognizes and celebrates achievements and accomplishments of students and staff		
1. Exemplary	<p>The school community consistently recognizes and celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of students and staff.</p> <p>The celebrations are publicized within the school and to the community and support the culture of the school.</p>	
2. Operational	The school community regularly recognizes and celebrates the achievements and accomplishments of students and staff.	✓
3. Emerging	The school community periodically recognizes or celebrates the achievements or accomplishments of students and/or staff.	
4. Not Evident	The school community rarely, if ever, recognizes or celebrates the achievements or accomplishments of students or staff.	

## Supportive Learning Environment Data

<b>Planning and Organization Standard 1</b> -Shares a common vision and mission that define the school culture and guide the continuous improvement process		
<b>1. Exemplary</b>	<p>A common vision and mission have been collaboratively developed and communicated to nearly all stakeholders.</p> <p>The culture of the school has been deeply defined over time by the vision and mission, which are updated as needed.</p> <p>The daily work and practices of staff consistently demonstrate a sustained commitment to continuous improvement.</p>	
<b>2. Operational</b>	<p>A common vision and mission have been developed through a collaborative process and communicated to most stakeholders.</p> <p>The vision and mission define the culture of the school and guide the continuous improvement process.</p>	✓
<b>3. Emerging</b>	A common vision and mission have been developed by some staff members but have not been effectively communicated so that they guide the continuous improvement process.	
<b>4. Not Evident</b>	A common vision and mission have not been developed or updated or have been developed by a few staff members.	

## 2. DATA COLLECTION ANALYSIS

### 2.6 Data Analysis Questions

Analyze the LEA's data and answer the guiding questions to determine existing trends and patterns that support the identification of demographic and financial needs. Student subgroups with a count of less than 15 are denoted by "TFS" (too few students).

<b>What perception data did you use?</b> [examples: student perceptions about school climate issues (health survey, violence, prejudice, bullying, etc.); student/parent perceptions about the effectiveness of programs or interventions; student understanding of relationship of school to career or has an academic plan]	Perception data was collected through parent, student, and teacher surveys.
<b>What does the perception data tell you?</b> (perception data can describe people's knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, perceptions, competencies; perception data can also answer the question "What do people think they know, believe, or can do?")	The perception data informs us about how each stakeholders feels and views the school. Additionally, it provides insight in regards to the safety, security, and health of the school.
<b>What process data did you use?</b> (examples: student participation in school activities, sports, clubs, arts; student participation in special programs such as peer mediation, counseling, skills conferences; parent/student participation in events such as college information meetings and parent workshops)	The process data used was benchmark data from NWEA MAP Growth and Reading Fluency and high-stakes testing data from Georgia Milestones assessments.
<b>What does the process data tell you?</b> (process data describes the way programs are conducted; provides evidence of participant involvement in programs; answers the question "What did you do for whom?")	The process data tells us we need to make improvement in our content mastery scores for the Georgia Milestones assessments. This is evident in our Lexile scores and literacy rates as well as our math scores.

What achievement data did you use?	The achievement data used was benchmark data from NWEA MAP Growth, Acadience data, discipline data, attendance data, CSI audit data, GSAPS data, and Georgia Milestones assessment data.
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What does your achievement data tell you?	The achievement data indicates that content mastery scores are low and students are performing below grade level.
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What demographic data did you use?	All subgroups were analyzed in the data collection and analysis.
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What does the demographic data tell you?	The demographic data indicates that most students, including students in the EL and SWD subgroups, are performing below grade level.
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### 3. NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

#### 3.1 Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

Read the trends and patterns summaries from each section of the data analysis process. Use the information in these summaries to complete 3.2 and 3.3. Using the summaries in 3.1 and other local data, describe the strengths and challenges or answer the guiding questions for each program. Include strengths and challenges related to: a) general program implementation, and b) students and adults involved in or affected by the program. Focus on strengths and challenges that will assist in the identification of needs during 3.2. Watch the [Identifying Need webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

##### Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

<p><b>Coherent Instructional:</b> Summarize the coherent instructional system trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?</p>	<p>The instructional system trends and patterns observed by the team was the importance of professional knowledge and professional learning for all involved stakeholders that work with children. The inconsistency of curriculum implementation is a trend that has been observed. The important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs that include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curriculum implementation with fidelity,</li> <li>• Survey Feedback Data from administrators, parents, teachers, and students,</li> <li>• District support of administration,</li> <li>• Ongoing professional development for all teachers and leaders,</li> <li>• Goal Setting for students,</li> <li>• and the year-to-year data trend comparison of data over the years to see if improvement is being made.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Effective Leadership:</b> Summarize the effective leadership trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?</p>	<p>The effective leadership trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open communication &amp; collaboration,</li> <li>• consistent use of data protocols, processes, and procedures,</li> <li>• forming team commitments and abiding by them,</li> <li>• and trusting the process.</li> </ul> <p>The important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• analyzing student data on benchmark and common assessments to impact instruction,</li> <li>• teacher support through coaching,</li> <li>• effective PLC implementation,</li> <li>• administrator support/collaboration with teachers around student learning,</li> <li>• District support &amp; professional learning,</li> <li>• leading with vision,</li> <li>• and leadership team support.</li> </ul>

## Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

<p><b>Professional Capacity:</b> Summarize the professional capacity trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?</p>	<p>The professional capacity trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the need for ongoing professional learning for all staff,</li> <li>● the need for ongoing collaboration during Professional Learning Teams,</li> <li>● and the importance of individual professional learning to enhance professional knowledge.</li> </ul> <p>The important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs are the following:</p> <p>Students:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● a thorough understanding of the standards being taught</li> <li>● and the forming of common formative assessments</li> </ul> <p>Teacher:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the understanding of continual professional learning and perfecting ones' craft,</li> <li>● the enhancement of teacher efficacy</li> <li>● and the importance of working and building the capacity of our professional team in the building</li> </ul> <p>Leader:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● the importance of growing as a leader,</li> <li>● sharpening ones' leadership ability,</li> <li>● the essentials of cultivating other leaders in the building to build capacity,</li> <li>● empowering teachers to be teacher leaders,</li> <li>● and the importance of empowering everyone in the building to grow.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Family and Community Engagement:</b> Summarize the family and community engagement trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?</p>	<p>The family and community engagement trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report include the need for consistent engagement of parents over the duration of a school year, understanding that parents are a vital stakeholder to their child's academic success. The trend indicates the importance of the school in seeking out family and community to bolster the success of our students. The important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs include knowing a student's family history and being able to connect with the student and their family, having staff members understand the importance of building and forging family relationships and community relationships in order to support the whole child. The trend for leaders is that without families and community support, students will be lacking in being able to reach their full potential. The creation of partnerships is key and essential for the leaders.</p>

## Strengths and Challenges Based on Trends and Patterns

<b>Supportive Learning Environment:</b> Summarize the supportive learning environment trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?	Trends and patterns observed by the team include recognizing that providing additional supports within the learning environment is something that has and will continue for many years. Providing academic supports, personnel supports, and resources support are all trends and patterns observed and discussed. The important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs include identifying the right supports for students, teachers, and leaders in place. Providing supports for students will enhance their ability to achieve high content mastery. For teachers, it gives them the support to become more effective teachers. For leaders, it allows them to grow and expand their vision.
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<b>Demographic and Financial:</b> Summarize the demographic and financial trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?	The demographic trends observed by the team is that Stringfellow is primarily made up of African American students. This is a trend and pattern consistent over the past several years. The financial trends observed by the team is that Stringfellow is always in need of additional funding to purchase resources for students to be successful. The important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs is the strategic use of Federal Title Funds to meet the needs of all students within the school.
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<b>Student Achievement:</b> Summarize the student achievement trends and patterns observed by the team while completing this section of the report. What are the important trends and patterns that will support the identification of student, teacher, and leader needs?	The student achievement trends and patterns observed by the team were that overall, English Language Arts and Mathematics content mastery rates remained consistent with the previous school year. However, Science content mastery scores declined significantly. Trends indicate that as students progress into 4th and 5th grade, the gap of students reaching grade level tends to widen in the area of reading and vocabulary.
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IDEA – Special Education, Economically Disadvantaged Children, and English Learners.

Using the summaries in 3.1 and other local data, describe the strengths and challenges or answer the guiding questions for each program. Include strengths and challenges related to: a) general program implementation, and b) students and adults involved in or affected by the program. Focus on strengths and challenges that will assist in the identification of needs during 3.3. Watch the <a href="#">Identifying Need webinar</a> for additional information and guidance.
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<b>Strengths</b>	Our special education department continue to put the needs of students first. The model of instruction is determined based on the individual needs of each student ensuring that students are able to access the curriculum in the least restrictive environment. Individual Education Plan goals are established based on the current level of each student and consider the grade level performance expected.
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Challenges	One of the challenges that we face in elementary school is special education teachers have to serve multiple grade levels making it difficult to effectively plan and be prepared for their subject content areas. Common collaborative planning has always been difficult in elementary. The special education teacher is usually serving students while the grade levels they work with are having collaborative planning. Finding the time for the teachers to effectively plan with their grade level teachers has been a challenge.
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### 3. NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

#### 3.2 Identification and Prioritization of Overarching Needs

Use the results of 3.1 to identify the overarching needs of the LEA. Determine the priority order of the identified needs based on data, team member and stakeholder knowledge, and answers to questions in the table below. Be sure to address the major program challenges identified in 3.1. Watch the [Identifying Need webinar](#) for additional information and guidance.

##### Overarching Need # 1

Overarching Need	Increase student achievement in all content areas as measured by GMAS.
How severe is the need?	High
Is the need trending better or worse over time?	No Change
Can Root Causes be Identified?	Yes
Priority Order	1

Additional Considerations	
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##### Overarching Need # 2

Overarching Need	Increase student attendance to increase student achievement.
How severe is the need?	High
Is the need trending better or worse over time?	Better
Can Root Causes be Identified?	Yes
Priority Order	2

Additional Considerations	
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### 3. NEEDS IDENTIFICATION AND ROOT CAUSE ANALYSIS

#### 3.3 Root Cause Analysis

Select the top 2-4 overarching needs from 3.2. Conduct a separate root cause analysis (RCA) for each need. Any RCA tools and resources can be used, but suggestions are available as part of the [Identifying Need webinar](#). After describing the RCA process, complete a table for each selected overarching need.

**Overarching Need - Increase student achievement in all content areas as measured by GMAS.**

##### Root Cause # 1

Root Causes to be Addressed	Lack of focus of instructional content and teaching not aligned to the Georgia Standards of Excellence.
This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom	Yes
This is something we can affect	Yes
Impacted Programs	IDEA - Special Education School and District Effectiveness Title I - Part A - Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Title I, Part A - Foster Care Program Title I, Part A - Parent and Family Engagement Program Title I, Part C - Education of Migratory Children Title I, Part D - Programs for Neglected or Delinquent Children Title II, Part A, Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals and other School Leaders Title III - Language Instruction for English Learners and Immigrant Students Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Others :

Additional Responses	
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##### Root Cause # 2

Root Causes to be Addressed	Lack of teacher pedagogy and professional knowledge of understanding the Georgia Standards of Excellence to teach the standards to the level of proficiency.
This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom	Yes
This is something we can affect	Yes

## Root Cause # 2

Impacted Programs	IDEA - Special Education School and District Effectiveness Title I - Part A - Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Title II, Part A, Preparing, Training and Recruiting High-Quality Teachers, Principals and other School Leaders
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Additional Responses	All teachers will analyze the GSE in depth with the academic coaches during collaborative planning, grade level planning, etc in order to enhance their pedagogy and professional knowledge.
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**Overarching Need - Increase student attendance to increase student achievement.**

## Root Cause # 1

Root Causes to be Addressed	Students are not attending school, causing them to miss tier 1 instruction which impacts their ability to perform at grade level in all content areas.
This is a root cause and not a contributing cause or symptom	Yes
This is something we can affect	Yes
Impacted Programs	School and District Effectiveness Title I - Part A - Improving Academic Achievement of Disadvantaged Title I, Part A - Parent and Family Engagement Program Title IX, Part A - McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Title IV, Part A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment

Additional Responses	73.74% of students were absent less than 10% of enrolled days. 26.26% of students missed 18 days or more during the 22-23 school year.
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# School Improvement Plan 2023 - 2024



**Colquitt County  
Stringfellow Elementary School**

## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

## 1 General Improvement Plan Information

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District	Colquitt County
School Name	Stringfellow Elementary School
Team Lead	Brian Knighton
Federal Funding Options to Be Employed (SWP Schools) in this Plan (Select all that apply)	Traditional funding (Federal funds budgeted separately)

Factors(s) Used by District to Identify Students in Poverty (Select all that apply)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Free/Reduced meal application
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community Eligibility Program (CEP) - Direct Certification ONLY
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (if selected, please describe below)

## 2. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

### 2.1 Overarching Need # 1

#### Overarching Need

Overarching Need as identified in CNA Section 3.2	Increase student achievement in all content areas as measured by GMAS.
Root Cause # 1	Lack of focus of instructional content and teaching not aligned to the Georgia Standards of Excellence.
Root Cause # 2	Lack of teacher pedagogy and professional knowledge of understanding the Georgia Standards of Excellence to teach the standards to the level of proficiency.
Goal	By the end of the 2023-2024 school year, students in grades 3-5 will increase by at least 3% in the overall content mastery weighted score section as measured by the Georgia Milestones Assessment.

#### Action Step # 1

Action Step	Refine the collaborative planning structure to address standards based classroom/instructional framework to ensure: -Teachers are planning using Georgia standards in all content areas. -Teachers are deconstructing the standards and aligning learning targets, success criteria, tasks, and assessments to the intended rigor of the standard.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Professional Capacity
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Academic Coaches lead collaborative planning to ensure teachers are deconstructing the Georgia standards in all content areas and aligning learning targets, success criteria, tasks, and assessments to the intended rigor of the standard.
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	1. 100% of teachers will complete lesson plans weekly meeting the lesson plan rubric checklist (1st 45 Day Plan) -Standards -Learning Target -Success Criteria -Tasks Aligned to Rigor of the Standards

## Action Step # 1

Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	2. Conduct instructional walks and analyze classroom instructional data to inform and improve the delivery of Tier I instruction (use the standards based classroom observation tool) (2nd 45 day plan)
Position/Role Responsible	Academic Coaches
Timeline for Implementation	Others : All year long, but monitored weekly

What partnerships, if any, with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)?	
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## Action Step # 2

Action Step	Utilize paired passages of texts with writing/summarization integration a minimum of 1 day per week to ensure intentional practice. (Effect size of .79) (Resources - myView, Gallopade, STEMscopes, AR)
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Professional Capacity
Method for Monitoring Implementation	100% of teachers will plan instruction using paired passages of texts with writing/summarization integration weekly.
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	80% of students will increase their Lexile score from MAP BOY to MAP EOY by at least 50 points.
Position/Role Responsible	Academic Coaches & Classroom Teachers

## Action Step # 2

Timeline for Implementation	Weekly
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What partnerships, if any, with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)?	
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## Action Step # 3

Action Step	Develop and teach new math units that directly align with the new Georgia Standards of Excellence to ensure mastery of essential standards for all students.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Professional Capacity
Method for Monitoring Implementation	100% of teachers will complete lesson plans meeting the lesson plan rubric.
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	1. 100% of PLC groups will develop essential standards, develop learning targets, success criteria, and analyze student data, which includes mastery of standards and the monitoring of student growth. Evidence of student learning will include weekly common assessment data, summative assessment data, diagnostic assessment data, and evidence of student learning questions data. In addition, student progress will be monitored by MAP and Beacon assessment data. 2. The Academic Coach and Administration will also conduct standards-based instructional walkthroughs to look for learning targets and success criteria. 80% of math teachers will demonstrate the following look-fors: --Learning Target Posted and Communicated --Learning Target Aligned to Standard --Mathematical Modeling (Problem Solving / Strategic Reasoning)

## Action Step # 3

Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	--Student Discourse --Accessible Math Tools and Manipulatives
Position/Role Responsible	Teachers, Academic Coach, Assistant Principal, Principal
Timeline for Implementation	Others : Unit training will begin with the Academic Coach during pre-planning for all teachers. The process will continue weekly throughout the school year with support from the Academic Coach. Grade levels will have instructional walkthroughs completed by the Academic Coach and Administration on a weekly basis.

What partnerships, if any, with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)?	
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## Action Step # 4

Action Step	Develop and teach science units that directly align with the Georgia Standards of Excellence to ensure mastery of essential standards for all students.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Professional Capacity
Method for Monitoring Implementation	100% of teachers will be provided science standards and unit training. 100% of teachers will develop standards based science lesson plans.
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	100% of teachers and coaches will have weekly PLC meetings to develop essential standards and examine the alignment of GSE standards with learning targets and success criteria. 100% of PLC groups will analyze student data, which includes mastery of standards and the monitoring of student growth. Evidence will include weekly common assessment data,

## Action Step # 4

Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	summative assessment data, and diagnostic assessment data. In addition, student progress will be monitored by MAP assessment data. 80% of teachers will communicate and display science learning targets and success criteria. The Academic Coach and Administration will complete standards-based instructional walkthroughs to look for learning targets and success criteria.
Position/Role Responsible	Teachers, Academic Coach, Assistant Principal, Principal
Timeline for Implementation	Others : Unit training will begin with Academic Coach during scheduled extended planning for all teachers. The process will continue weekly throughout the school year with support from the Academic Coach. Grade levels will have instructional walkthroughs completed by the Academic Coach and Administration on a weekly basis.

What partnerships, if any, with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)?	
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## 2. SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

### 2.2 Overarching Need # 2

#### Overarching Need

Overarching Need as identified in CNA Section 3.2	Increase student attendance to increase student achievement.
Root Cause # 1	Students are not attending school, causing them to miss tier 1 instruction which impacts their ability to perform at grade level in all content areas.
Goal	Improve the overall climate in the school by the end of the school year in the area of attendance and behavior. The 2022-2023 school year, we had 73.74% of students absent less than 10% of enrolled days. We want to increase this by 16.26 percentage points for a total of 90%. Our discipline data showed an increase in the number of OSS accumulated over the 2022-2023 school year.

#### Action Step # 1

Action Step	Implement a comprehensive school wide attendance incentive plan.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Effective Leadership
Method for Monitoring Implementation	The school social worker will work with a team to provide an incentive plan for attendance.
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	Weekly attendance report run by social worker.
Position/Role Responsible	Social Worker
Timeline for Implementation	Weekly

## Action Step # 1

What partnerships, if any, with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)?	
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## Action Step # 2

Action Step	Use of a behavior specialist/interventionist to intervene when negative student behaviors arise and impede student learning.
Funding Sources	Title I, Part A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Effective Leadership Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Weekly and/or monthly meetings to discuss behavior and provide guidance and feedback.
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	SWIS data, infinite campus data
Position/Role Responsible	Behavior Specialists/Interventionists
Timeline for Implementation	Weekly

What partnerships, if any, with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)?	
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## Action Step # 3

Action Step	Use PBIS to explicitly teach school wide expectations and reteach as needed for Tier 1 behavior.
Funding Sources	N/A
Subgroups	Economically Disadvantaged Foster Homeless English Learners Migrant Race / Ethnicity / Minority Student with Disabilities N/A Immigrant
Systems	Coherent Instruction Effective Leadership Supportive Learning Environment
Method for Monitoring Implementation	Monthly PBIS meetings to look at behavior data and problem solve around it. Completing the PBIS Classroom management checklist, School walk through checklist, and TFI checklist.
Method for Monitoring Effectiveness	SWIS data, checklist data, observations, SAS, Parent surveys
Position/Role Responsible	PBIS Team
Timeline for Implementation	Monthly

What partnerships, if any, with IHEs, business, Non-Profits, Community based organizations, or any private entity with a demonstrated record of success is the LEA implementing in carrying out this action step(s)?	
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### 3. REQUIRED QUESTIONS

#### 3.1 Stakeholders, Coordination of Activities, Serving Children, and PQ

##### Required Questions

1. In developing this plan, briefly describe how the school sought advice from individuals (teachers, staff, other school leaders, paraprofessionals, specialized instructional support personnel, parents, community partners, and other stakeholders).	Advice is sought from individuals through a variety of collaborative models such as staff meetings, collaborative planning grade level meetings, Local School Governance Team meetings, and summer school improvement planning/process meetings. Guidance from the Ga DOE school effectiveness specialist was provided in conjunction with Coastal Plain RESA staff.
2. Describe how the school will ensure that low-income and minority children enrolled in the Title I school are not served at disproportionate rates by ineffective, out-of-field, or inexperienced teachers.	The school will seek out highly qualified teachers to educate the students in the school. Ongoing coaching, support, and seeking out of highly qualified educators is an ongoing process that the school engages in. Reference checks of applicants are thoroughly checked to ensure applicants credentials and information is screened, true, and accurate. In the event that a teacher is not highly qualified, they will be required to enroll in a teacher preparation program to become certified.
3. Provide a general description of the Title I instructional program being implemented at this Title I school. Specifically define the subject areas to be addressed and the instructional strategies/methodologies to be employed to address the identified needs of the most academically at-risk students in the school. Please include services to be provided for students living in local institutions for neglected or delinquent children (if applicable).	Students are instructed from 7:40 until 2:30 each day. Students receive instruction in Reading, Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies, Physical Education, computer lab, and Music. Students have access to intensive interventions to meet their individual needs. Students receive intensive intervention instruction in a small group setting. Students receive special education services, ESOL services, and Migrant learner support during the school week and/or day.
4. If applicable, provide a description of how teachers, in consultation with parents, administrators, and pupil services personnel, will identify eligible children most in need of services in Title I targeted assistance schools/programs. Please include a description of how the school will develop and implement multiple (a minimum of 2) objective, academic-based performance criteria to rank students for service. Also include a description of the measurable scale (point system) that uses the objective criteria	Students are identified through the data analysis of benchmark assessments and common formative assessments. Benchmark assessment data is used to identify students on grade level, developing, or below grade level. The benchmark assessments help identify the skills needing further development and which students need intervention with these skills. This benchmark data is used to plan small groups for intensive intervention to help students close the achievement gap. Common formative assessment data is used to identify grade level concepts where students have not developed mastery. This data will be used to form remediation groups to further develop these grade level skills. Students are identified for EIP services and are placed in tier 2 and tier 3 interventions.

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### 3. REQUIRED QUESTIONS

#### 3.2 PQ, Federally Identified Schools, CTAE, Discipline

##### Required Questions

<p>5. If applicable, describe how the school will support, coordinate, and integrate services with early childhood programs at the school level, including strategies for assisting preschool children in the transition from early childhood education programs to local elementary school programs.</p>	<p>We have one Pre-K classroom located on our school site. The transition is a smooth transition as Pre-K teachers work closely with our Kindergarten teachers. Our teachers are familiar with the Pre-K students and get to see them and interact with them daily.</p>
<p>6. If applicable, describe how the school will implement strategies to facilitate effective transitions for students from middle grades to high school and from high school to postsecondary education including: Coordination with institutions of higher education, employers, and local partners; and Increased student access to early college, high school, or dual or concurrent enrollment opportunities or career counseling to identify student interest and skills.</p>	<p>Each school works together to ensure a effective transition. Counselors and administration work closely together to ensure there is increased access to early college, high school or dual enrollment opportunities. Career portfolios are developed at the elementary level to aid in identifying student interests and skills.</p>
<p>7. Describe how the school will support efforts to reduce the overuse of discipline practices that remove students from the classroom, specifically addressing the effects on all subgroups of students.</p>	<p>Stringfellow Elementary, and all Colquitt County Schools, implement PBIS. We utilize a variety of strategies to emphasize the expectations in and out of the classroom and minimize the removal of students from the classroom for misbehavior. All of the behavior expectations and supports are communicated to all stakeholders at the beginning of the year using detailed lessons and demonstrations. These are reviewed, revisited, and retaught throughout the school year. A variety of tiered interventions are used to address student behavior. During the 2023-2024 school year, Stringfellow Elementary will utilize a 49% behavior specialist and a 49% interventionist to help with discipline as well as keep students in class.</p>

ADDITIONAL RESPONSES

8. Use the space below to provide additional narrative regarding the school's improvement plan.	The school improvement plan is a working document that is updated constantly based on needed changes.
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