

Introduction to the School Growth Process
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Working Together

Working together- how are we working together to improve student learning? Some questions:

- School Growth Planning Teams- are school council members/parents on the team?
- Who are the other members of the team?
- Is the SGP on the agenda for staff meetings and school council meetings?
- What phase of the school growth process is the school at?
- When is the next school review?
- How have the recommendations from the last review been implemented?
- What are the school's growth plan goals?
- Where is the SGP and review located?

Knowing

Doing

Knowing- what do we know about our kids?

- Teacher observations
- Report cards
- Attendance data
- Standardized assessments- FSA (gr. 4&7) and BCP Exams (high school)
- School-based assessments (SWW, DART, Kindergarten assessments)
- Learning from parents
- Locally conducted research

Doing- what are we doing based on what we know?

- Data and evidence informing what we do
- School reviews (3 year cycle for all schools)
- School growth plans (completed in May by the School Growth Planning Team for the next school year)
- Examples-developing new programming: blended learning, REM
- Does your school's growth plan relate to what you know about your kids?