



Newark Board of Education

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Committee Report

Committee Name: Instruction & Program

Location	Date	Time
Virtual	03/18/2025	5:00 PM
Board Members		
Kanileah Anderson	Vereliz Santana	
District Liaison & Superintendent Representative		
Sylvia Esteves	Dr. Maria Ortiz	
Other District Staff		
Yolonda Severe	Marialana Juliano	
Dr. Paula Perrone	Christina Ramirez	
Elizabeth Arango	Antonia Germanos	
Elizabeth Majano	Sandra Marques	
Guests		
Meeting Summary		
<p>Comments:</p> <p>Instruction and Program Committee Chair Anderson convened the meeting at 5:03 PM. The Strategic Plan Priorities that were identified included Priority 1: Unified and Aligned Systems, Priority 2: A Rigorous and Relevant Framework for Curriculum and Instruction, Priority 3: Strength-Based and Responsive Culture, Priority 4: Continuous Learning for All, Priority 5: Integrated System of Supports, and Priority 6: Strong Reciprocal Partnerships.</p> <p>Immediately following, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Esteves, reviewed the Instruction and Program Committee meeting norms and goals.</p> <p>At 5:08 PM, Supervisor Elizabeth Majano facilitated a presentation on the Department of Educational Technology initiatives. The presentation provided a comprehensive overview of the Educational Technology program, highlighting the following key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Technology Use Across Grades● Educational Platforms● Professional Development in Technology● Computer Science & Design Thinking● Library/Media● Co-Curriculars● FIRST Robotics● Girls Who Code● e-Sports● Forensics: Speech & Debate● Summer STEM Academy		

The Strategic Plan Priorities addressed in this presentation were Priority 1: Unified and Aligned Systems, Priority 2: A Rigorous and Relevant Framework for Curriculum and Instruction, and Priority 4: Continuous Learning for All.

Following Supervisor Majano's presentation at 5:22 PM, Director Elizabeth Arango facilitated a presentation on the Department of Health, PE & Athletics initiatives. The presentation provided a comprehensive overview of the Health, PE & Athletics program, highlighting the following key areas:

- Office of Health, PE & Athletics Mission Statement
- Midyear Highlights
- Health & Physical Education K-12 Content Overview
 - Power Standards
 - K-12 Snapshots/Content Focus
 - Resources/Professional Development
- Partnerships
- Athletics

The Strategic Plan Priorities addressed in this presentation were Priority 1: Unified and Aligned Systems, Priority 2: A Rigorous and Relevant Framework for Curriculum and Instruction, Priority 4: Continuous Learning for All, and Priority 6: Strong Reciprocal Partnerships.

At 5:40 PM, Assistant Superintendent Esteves introduced Supervisor Antonia Germanos, who facilitated a presentation on the initiatives in the Department of Visual & Performing Arts. The presentation provided a comprehensive overview of the Visual & Performing Arts program, highlighting the following key areas:

- Visual and Performing Arts At A Glance
 - Mission, Vision & Mindset
 - Impact of Arts Education
- Experiential Learning Instruction
 - Courses, Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
 - Instructional Resources
 - Grade-Level Snapshots
 - District-Wide Performances & Exhibitions
- Professional Learning
- Partnership & Collaboration
- Next Steps

The Strategic Plan Priorities addressed in this presentation were Priority 1: Unified and Aligned Systems, Priority 2: A Rigorous and Relevant Framework for Curriculum and Instruction, Priority 3: Strength-Based and Responsive Culture, Priority 4: Continuous Learning for All, and Priority 6: Strong Reciprocal Partnerships.

At 5:57 PM, Assistant Superintendent Sylvia Esteves invited Assistant Superintendent Maria Ortiz to introduce Sandra Marques, Director of the Office of Career & Technical Education. Director Marques facilitated a presentation on the initiatives in the Department of Career & Technical Education, providing a comprehensive overview of the Career & Technical Education program and highlighting the following key areas:

- Why is Career and Technical Education (CTE) important?
- Student Engagement.
- Dual Enrollment
- Industry Valued Credentials

- Work-Based Learning
- CTE Committees
- Career and Technical Student Organizations
- Professional Development
- Middle School Initiatives
- Achievements
- Moving Forward

The Strategic Plan Priorities addressed in this presentation were Priority 1: Unified and Aligned Systems, Priority 2: A Rigorous and Relevant Framework for Curriculum and Instruction, Priority 4: Continuous Learning for All, and Priority 6: Strong Reciprocal Partnerships.

Following Director Marque's presentation, at 6:20 PM, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Esteves opened the floor for questions pertaining to all of the aforementioned presentations. During this time, questions were asked and answered.

A complete PowerPoint presentation, which includes all the points related to instruction and programming presented and reviewed by Supervisor Majano of Educational Technology, Director Arango of Health, PE & Athletics, Supervisor Germanos of Visual & Performing Arts, and Director Marques of Career & Technical Education, has been uploaded for the Board Members' review.

At 6:27 PM, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Esteves, thoroughly reviewed the resolutions to allow a clear understanding of all resolutions and purpose for inclusion at the meeting. There were 18 resolutions that were uploaded on the Electronic School Board (ESB). The Strategic Plan Priorities that were identified included Priority 2: A Rigorous and Relevant Framework for Curriculum and Instruction, and Priority 3: Strength-Based and Responsive Culture.

- **18.1** Instruction & Program
- **18.2** Approval of a Contract between New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation and the Newark Board of Education, 2025-2027
- **18.3** Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Solar One and the Newark Board of Education. 2024-2025
- **18.4** Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between University Hospital and the Newark Board of Education, 2024-2026
- **18.5** Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between The Campbell House and the Newark Board of Education
- **18.6** Approval of a Research and Data Sharing Agreement between Katherine P. Agurto - Doctoral Student, American College of Education and the Newark Board of Education
- **18.7** Approval of Data Science II Curriculum
- **18.8** Approval of a Contract between Young Audiences and the Newark Board of Education
- **18.9** Authorization of District Field Trips
- **18.10** Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc and the Newark Board of Education
- **18.11** Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between College Access: Research and Action (CARA) and the Newark Board of Education
- **18.12** Approval of CTE Introduction to Work Based Learning syllabus by the Newark Board of Education
- **18.13** Approval of a Research and Data Sharing Agreement between the University of California, Los Angeles and the Newark Board of Education

- **18.14** Approval of a Research and Data Sharing Agreement between the Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies, Rutgers University - Newark and the Newark Board of Education
- **18.15** Approval of a Research and Data Sharing Agreement between Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations Collaborative School Leadership Initiative and the Newark Board of Education
- **18.16** Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between Alpha Alpha Lambda Community Development of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Chapter and the Newark Board of Education
- **18.17** Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC) and the Newark Board of Education
- **18.18** Approval of a Research and Data Sharing Agreement between Westat and the Newark Board of Education

At 6:43 PM, Chair Anderson made a motion to forward the resolutions to the full Board.

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 6:43 PM.