

# Middle School Redesign at Rio Tierra Middle School 2019-2020 Update

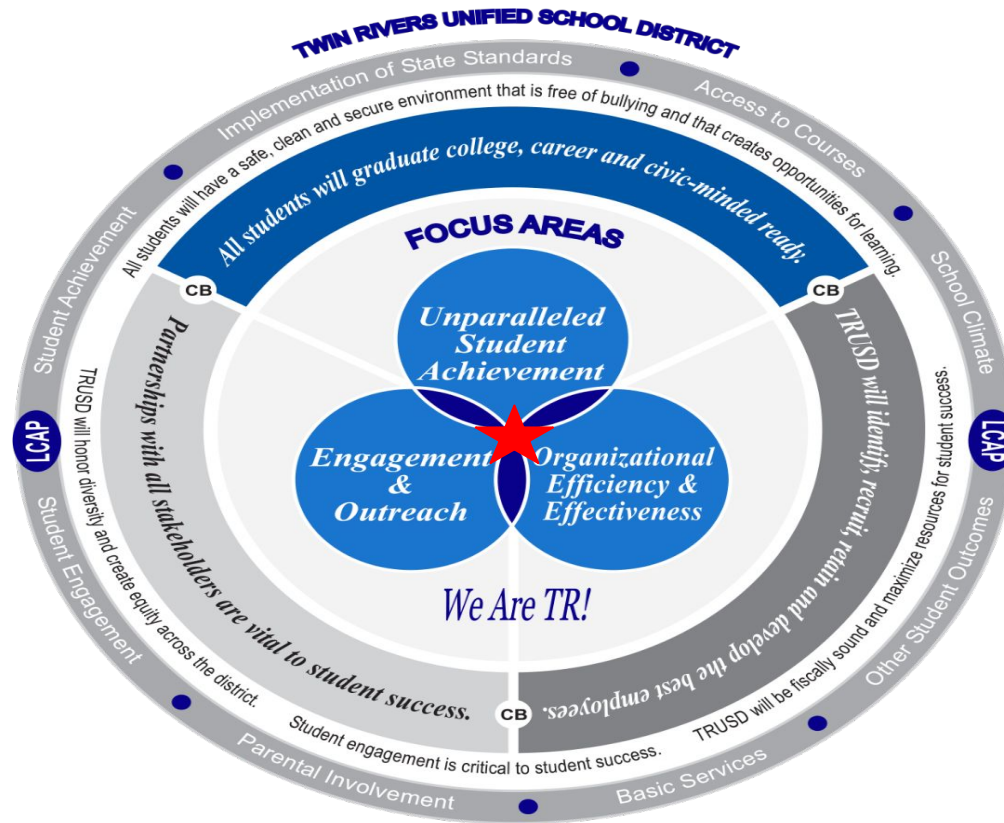
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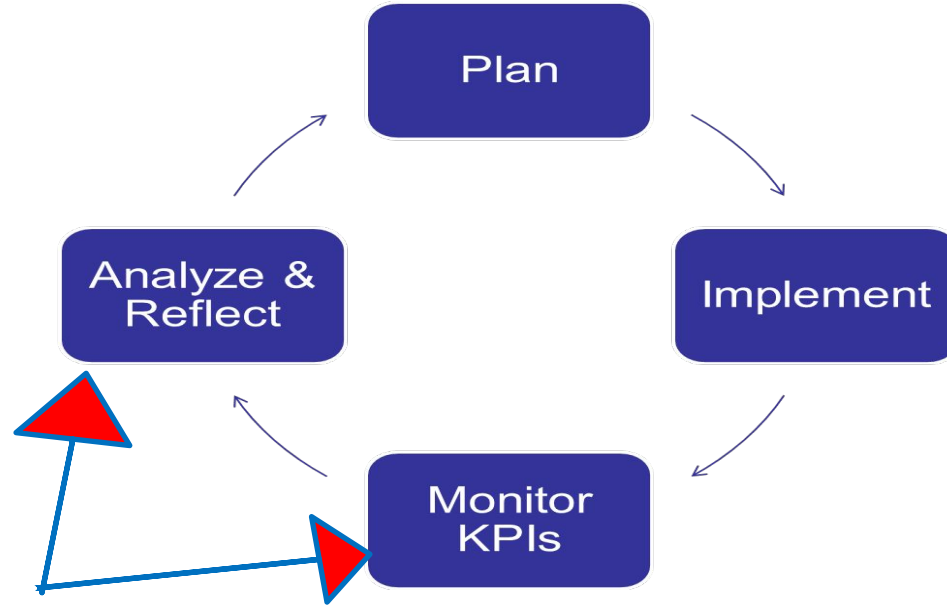




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# Cycle of Continuous Improvement



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# Purpose of Presentation

- Provide TRUSD Board of Trustees an update the Middle School Redesign 3 year pilot.
  - Goals
  - Actions
  - Outcomes
  - Recommendations

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# Purpose of Middle School Redesign

To improve the conditions for teaching and learning at Rio Tierra Jr. High School using best practices.

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# Planning For Middle School Redesign

- 2 year process
- Initially involved teams from every middle school.
- Rio Tierra was the site most interested, thus a planning team was created to involve critical stakeholders in the planning process.

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# Planning Team

- Adam Sinor, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction
- Christine Moran, Special Projects Coordinator
- Cynthia Andrews, Director of Special Projects
- Janet Edwards, TRUE President/Rio Tierra Jr. High Teacher
- Dr. Micah Simmons, Principal, Rio Tierra Jr. High
- Dr. Lori Grace, Assistant Superintendent School Leadership
- Rio Tierra Jr. High School's Leadership Team

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# Review of Goals

- Build professional capacity
- Provide adults the opportunity to build relationships with students
- Provide students with a sense of belonging through universities
- Provide a 7 period day
  - Support our most struggling learners
  - Accelerate with additional elective opportunities to students

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# Middle School Redesign Goal #1

## What

- Build teacher efficacy and professional capacity within Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)

## How

- Allow time to design lessons
- Create common formative assessments aligned to learning targets and success criteria
- Discussions about how to incorporate effective instructional strategies

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# Middle School Redesign Goal #2

## What

- Build relationships with targeted students and teachers through a non-academic class.

## How

- Create (3) University classes to monitor academic progress, provide exposure to social emotional topics and character count traits.

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# Middle School Redesign Goal #3

## What

- Design and implement rigorous and engaging lessons that meet the diverse learning styles of all students.

## How

- Train teachers on instructional practices proven to maximize student engagement.
- Provide time for planning through Professional Learning Communities (PLCs).
- Review common formative data and adjust instructional strategies to meet the needs of all students.

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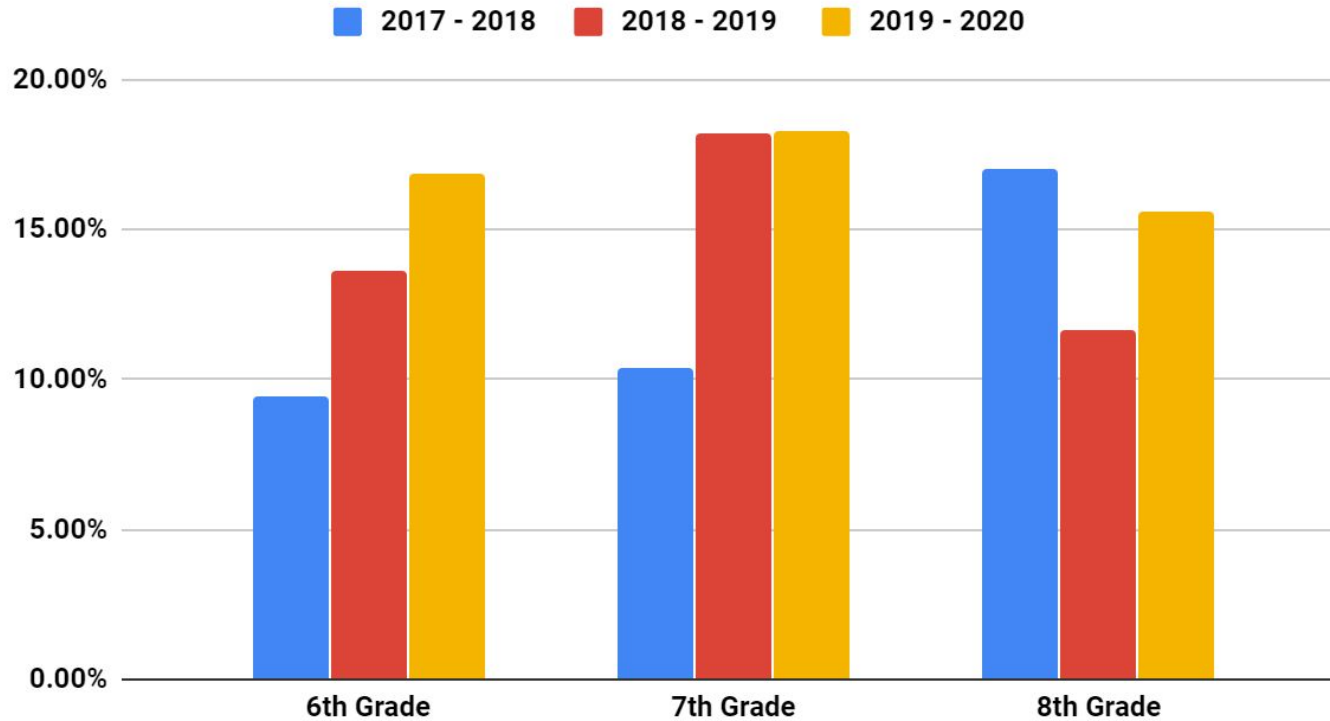
# Benefits to The Middle School Redesign

- 7 period days
- 14 days of Professional Learning for each Department.
- Increased Human Capital
- Common Formative Assessments

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# Rio Tierra Jr H.S. Suspension Rates

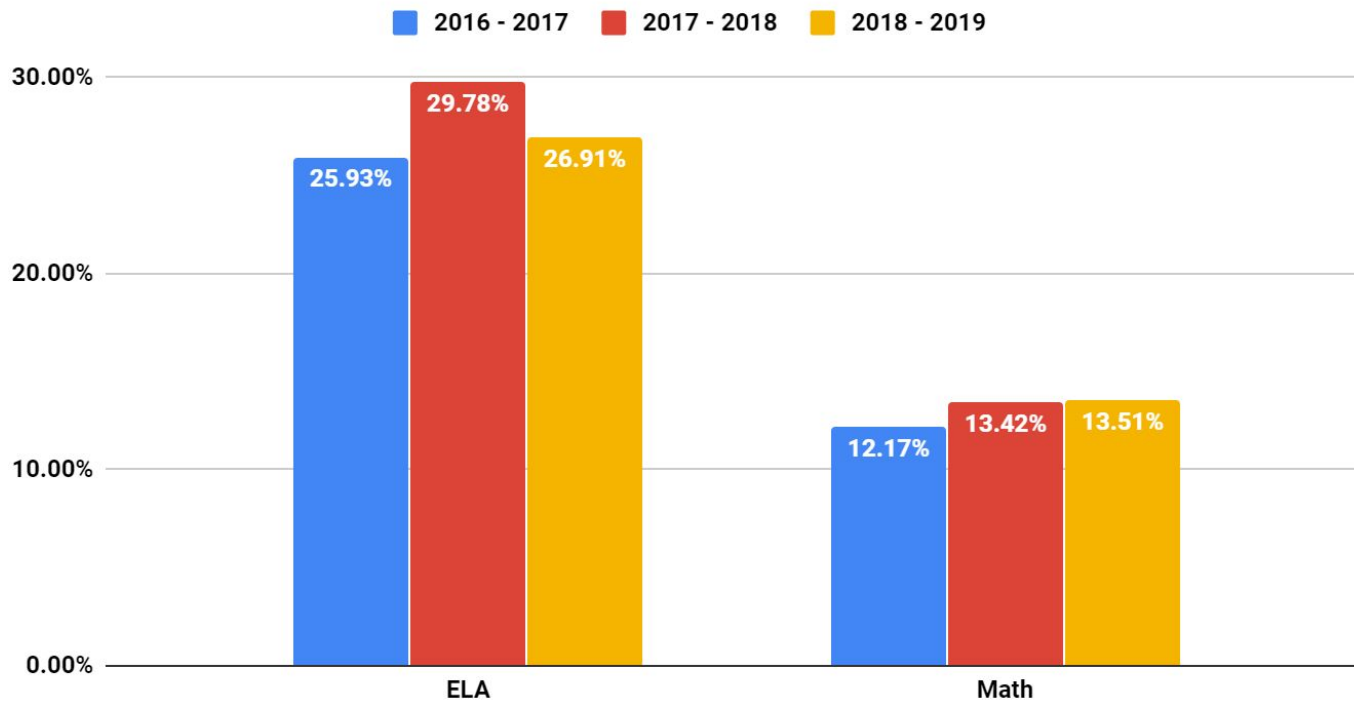


**\*2019-20 data  
as of 12/2/19**



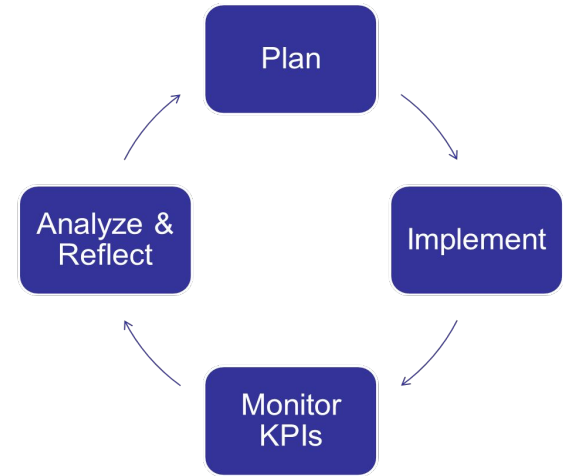


# Rio Tierra Jr. High School California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) Proficiency Rates



# Recommendation

Through the Cycle of Continuous Improvement, we have examined key indicators aligned with outcomes and recommend that we discontinue the Middle School Redesign Model at Rio Tierra Jr. High School.



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# Next Steps

- Work with Department of Human Resources
  - Staff placement
- Master Scheduling changes from 7 to 6 period day.
- Support staff through transition

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# *Thank you!*



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