THE FACES OF STRIPLING

- One of 29 Middle Schools in Fort Worth that services 85,000 students.
- 675 Students
  - 6th grade – 230
  - 7th grade – 215
  - 8th grade - 230
- 73% Economically Disadvantaged

Demographics
THE STORY OF STRIPLING

9 years ago

❖ Roughly 500 students for 6th-8th grade
❖ Academically Unacceptable by state standards
❖ Not meeting AYP by federal accountability (NCLB)

2014-2015

❖ 680 students
❖ Met all 4 state indexes
  • Student Achievement
  • Student Progress
  • Closing Performance Gaps
  • Postsecondary Readiness
❖ Received 4 Distinction designations
❖ 100% of students taking Algebra I passed the End of Course exam (73 8th graders and 11 7th graders)
❖ 93% of students taking English I passed the End of Course exam (83 8th graders)
❖ Double digit gains in Math and Reading for LEP and SPED students
CHALLENGES THAT FACED OUR SCHOOL

- Low Moral
- High number of disciplinary incidents
- Teacher turn-over
- Low expectations for student performance
- Lack of parent engagement
CULTURE OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

- Teachers: Strong in content knowledge, assign homework, share data with students
- Developed our Pre-AP program and high school class offerings
  - Algebra, Geometry, English I, Biology, Art I, Spanish I
  - 50% of students are in honors classes
- Created a Program of Choice within the school
- Focus on Literacy – Accelerated Reader/STING
- High expectations for all student groups
- No Excuses
- Tutoring        Parent Conferences        Counselors        Learning Lunch        Phone Calls
- Academic Pep Rallies Each 6 Weeks
  - An average of 60 A-Honor Roll medals given, 200-A-B Honor Roll medal given, 75 Principal’s Awards given. 50% of student body honored each six weeks.
ONE TEAM, ONE VISION

- Vertical planning within Professional Learning Communities
  - Content Specific
  - Grade Level Specific

- Shared Leadership
  - Leadership Team
  - SBDM
  - Admin Team

- Consistency in discipline
  - Team level expectations
  - Administrative expectations
FRAMEWORK FOR SUCCESS

- Block Scheduling (74 minutes)
- Academic Teaming
  - Student Focused
  - Conferences – student or parent
  - Cross Curricular Planning
- Student Led Conferences
- Open Communication
SUGGESTIONS

- Know where you want to take your school – Shared Vision
- Develop a strong leadership team
- Develop your teachers
- Put academics first