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Workstream 1 Update

Insight team:

• Provides weekly written updates to the Chair of the Study Action Table for the Better Together Commission (BTC)
• Attends weekly BTC strategy meetings
• Attends monthly BTC meeting
• Participates in meetings with partners and stakeholders as needed (Governor’s office, Mayor’s office, MDE, e.g.)
Workstream 2: Exceptional Education and Struggling Students Focus Groups
Workstream 2 Update

Conducted interviews and focus groups with district leaders responsible for working with struggling students and students in Exceptional Education programming.
Workstream 2 Update

Focus groups included:

☑ Case managers (district-level)
☑ Parents
☑ Related services staff
☑ School psychologists
☑ School counselors
☑ Social workers
☑ Exceptional Education teachers
☑ Interventionists (school-level)
☑ Interventionists (district-level)
☑ Paraprofessionals
Workstream 3: General Education Students
Conducted Quality School Reviews (QSRs) at 19 schools
Workstream 3 Update

QSRs Data Sources

• Focus Groups
  ✓ Administrative Team
  ✓ Instructional Coaches
  ✓ Students
  ✓ Teachers

• Observations
  ✓ Classroom
  ✓ Instructional Coaching Session
  ✓ Professional Development Session
  ✓ Professional Learning Community Meeting

• Staff Surveys
Workstream 3 Update

Conducted parent focus groups at:

- Baker School
- Career Development Center
- Key School
- Northwest International Baccalaureate Magnet School
Workstream 4: Central Office Staff
Workstream 4 Update

Insight team conducted focus groups with:

- Interim Superintendent
- Area Superintendents
- Deputy Superintendent of Operations
- Executive Director of Curriculum
- Curriculum Department Staff Members
- Executive Director of Human Resources
- Human Resource Specialists
- Chief Financial Officer
- Finance Department Staff
- Executive Director Data
- Data Department designees
- Executive Director of Advanced Academics
- Executive Director of Campus Enforcement
- Executive Director of Media and Public Relations
- Director of Partners in Education
- Director of Multi-Tier Supports
Workstream 5: Financial Review and Analysis
Workstream 5 Update

Data Collected:

Exceptional Education & Struggling Students:

✓ Substantially separate, therapeutic, and out-of-district services
✓ Exceptional Education-related contracted services
✓ Exceptional Education financial data

General Education:

✓ Enrollment, class sizes, courses by section and each positions’ FTE by school

Central Office:

✓ List of all central office positions, salaries and benefits
✓ Job descriptions
✓ Organizational chart for each department

Financial:

✓ Contracted services
✓ Annual Budgets
Next Steps

• Analyze data sources collected in each workstream

• Begin developing first draft of plan