

## Principal's Report January 22, 2024

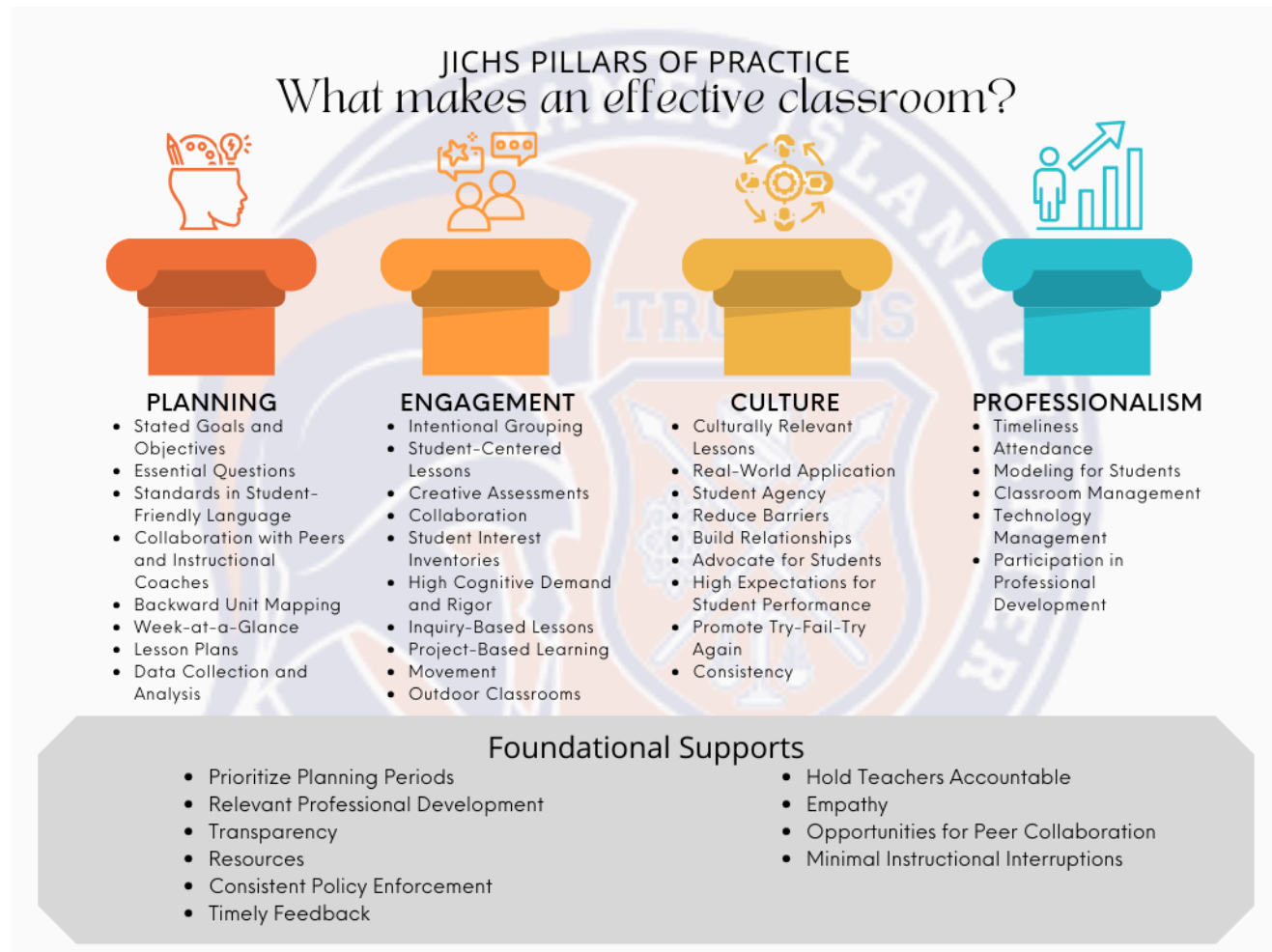
### Charter Goals

**Goal #1** Show an annual increase in the percentage of graduates that are college and career-ready as defined by the state.

**Goal #2** Show an annual increase in student participation in additional rigorous coursework through positive relationships, community-building activities, family engagement, and student support.

**Goal #3** Show an annual decrease in the achievement gap for historically underachieving populations (SPED, ELL, socio-economically disadvantaged, and minority students).

### Academics/School Update of Events



### **Semester Exams**

Semester 1 exams started on Wednesday, January 17th, and conclude tomorrow. Wednesday is a teacher workday, and the second semester begins on Thursday, January 25th. We will be analyzing our benchmark testing and EOC data starting next week. Next semester, all EOC teachers will receive professional development on benchmark testing to help them maximize the potential of benchmarking testing.

### **SchoolPass/SmartPass**

We successfully transitioned from SchoolPass to SmartPass, and the system works well. The SCS now have iPads on straps to help patrol the halls throughout the day. We are working on the kiosk mode in the classrooms and various other locations to maximize the system's potential.

### **YONDR**

YONR continues to work well for our school. The feedback from the teachers and through the Leadership Team is highly positive. Several teachers say it is the best thing we've ever done. We have gone through many YONDR pouches because students usually break the pin or cut a hole. Based on the recommendations from YONDR, we will increase the price of replacements as follows: 1st \$10, 2nd \$15, 3rd \$20. For the first semester, the price of a replacement pouch was only \$5 and did not increase.

### Unified Program

On February 23rd, we are having a pep rally to recognize the Unified Program for achieving the distinction of National Unified Champion Schools on behalf of Special Olympics. Representatives from the Special Olympics will present the schools with the banner.

Below is a poster the unified teachers created for a presentation they recently did at an educational conference.

[DADD Poster](#)

### Bell Schedule Committee (BSC)

The BSC committee visited WAHS before the holiday break and met several times recently to discuss various bell schedule options. The flex mod schedule is intriguing, but WAHS is experiencing some learning curves. Staff feedback is mixed, but more negative than positive. Ultimately, the committee recommended bringing back skinny periods during periods 2 and 3. Skinnies or 45-minute yearlong classes are better suited for certain classes (World Language, SPED, etc). The Leadership Team is considering the recommendation. If the Leadership Team and teachers want to change the bell schedule for next year, we will seek board approval this spring.

### School Choice Timeline

<b>January, 23, 2024</b>	<b>School Choice application window opens at noon</b>
January, 27, 2024	Virtual Choice Fair [School sessions: 10:00 am   11:00 am; General Session: 12:00 pm]
February 7 & 22, 2024	<b>Virtual</b> application assistance night, 5:00-6:30 pm
February 13, 2024	<b>In-person</b> application assistance night, 5:00-6:30 pm [North Charleston CAS and West Ashley CAS]
<b>February 23, 2024</b>	<b>Online application submission and paper application drop-off window closes at 5:00 pm</b>
April 19, 2024	Date by which all School Choice application decisions will be released (via email and Parent Dashboard)
May 3, 2024	Seat acceptance deadline

### Enrollment Update

Grade	9th	10th	11th	12th	9-12
6/13/2023	438	383	380	348	1549
8/15/2023	422	417	406	393	1603
9/15/2023	414	410	404	278	1606

10/16/2023	413	410	401	378	1602
11/13/2023	413	408	403	378	1602
12/11/2023	414	407	403	376	1600
1/22/2024	414	408	404	375	1601

Note: 23 Program Students (Early College, Clark Academy, Daniel Jenkins).

### **Technology Update**

- The phone system upgrade is nearing completion. It has been functioning since early December, but we just configured the piece that interfaces the system with the PA. We will test it school-wide this week.
- We successfully upgraded our Xerox centralized print server solution.

### **Security report November 2023**

- SCS conducted 13 Yondr room searches to check for compliance
- SCS conducted 2 vehicle searches
- SCS conducted 5 student safety searches

### **Construction Update**

#### **Track Resurfacing**

The old track surface has been removed. The existing concrete is in relatively good condition. At this time, they are waiting for the temperature to warm up to put down the new surface.

### **Executive Session (Personnel matters, Contract matters, Privacy of a student, and Legal Counsel)**

#### **Meeting Notes**

Topic	Notes	Vote
Policy J		
ESSER III SP		
FY24 Budget		
Baseball Pressbox and Batting Cage Project		
Science Classroom Project		
Executive Session: Student Expulsion Hearing, D3 Attendance Appeal		