

# CCS Community Priorities for 2019 - 2020



Working collaboratively to improve our community

## Remembering our ground rules

- This is our collective work as a community and will require our collective voices, ideas, and labor
  - Get involved, stay involved
- Share the air and take time to listen fully
  - Especially to perspectives that differ from your own
- We are playing the long game
  - Expect non-closure today, we are still in the early stages of identifying/shaping/and building out priorities to help with our long range planning for the community
- We all belong here because we all serve our community
  - No one voice matters more than another

#### The Process So Far...

- May 2019
  - Two Family Forums (May 10/May 22)
  - Staff Meeting (May 21)
  - Individual/small group listening sessions by appointment
- June 2019
  - Identify priorities and gather additional feedback
    - School Council, school based administrative team, School Support Team, Access and Equity Team, SEPAC, METCO
  - June 14th community meeting to share priorities
- Summer 2019
  - Planning for making and measuring progress on two priorities
  - Additional listening/feedback sessions by appointment

### Where We Gathered Our Feedback and Information

- PTO coffee and conversations
- School council meetings
- Climate surveys (family and staff)
- SEPAC meetings
- Principal Profile
- Academic data (BAS, MCAS, grade level assessments)
- Individual meetings (students, families, staff)
- Grade level team meetings
- Special Education team meetings
- Family and Staff Forums and Feedback Sessions
- Individual/Small Group Listening Sessions
- Focus Groups

#### We Are a School

- First and foremost our commitment is to educational excellence and equity for all students
- A number of valuable and important themes and challenges were brought up in the past year and through feedback forums and listening sessions
  - Many ways to avenues to address
    - SIP goals in Literacy and Math
    - Curriculum work and focus in middle school math
    - Focused/extensive math professional development plan over 3 years
- Increased supervision and feedback plan with new administrative structure
- Balanced three year professional development plan
- Two consistent themes emerged that support our academic and social mission
  - Clarity and Cohesiveness

## Clarity

- Staff:
  - clear procedures and routines- staff resource guide
  - Clarification of roles and team approach
- Families:
  - how do I know what is happening when
  - knowing progress
  - o procedures and routines how do we communicate this?
  - Middle school structure and expectations
- Structures for communicating
  - Website redesign
  - Principal monthly/weekly newsletter
  - Monday Message
  - Sharing best practices around communication

#### Cohesiveness

- Create community broadly
  - PreK-8
  - Staff, families, students
  - Traditions, what to keep and what to create
  - Welcoming new families and connecting them to community
- Create microcosm communities
  - Pockets of community
  - Affiliations, subgroups
    - SEPAC Meetings
    - Language meetings
  - At the grade level not necessarily just K-2, 3-5, 6-8
  - Smaller staff group connections

## Next Steps

- Summer planning with administrative team
- Feedback sessions in the summer
  - https://coolidge-corner-school.appointlet.com/b/jennifer
- Objectives, action items, and benchmarks for progress monitoring in SIP and communicated in summer welcome letter
- Focus groups and listening sessions throughout the school year
  - Existing groups
  - Newly formed groups
- Get involved, stay involved- remember we are playing the long game...