GORHAM SCHOOLS Pupako & Jupiko

Narragansett Elementary School Comprehensive School Plan 2024-2025

OUR STUDENTS: All Gorham students are confident learners who embody integrity, responsibility, and respect. They demonstrate resilience by embracing and overcoming challenges in the classroom and in the community. All students are critical thinkers and clear communicators who successfully navigate our changing world.

OUR LEARNING: All Gorham students actively engaged in learning that is academically rigorous and challenging in meaningful ways. Students analyze real world problems and share innovative solutions that extend beyond the classroom into the community. Learning is personalized to meet the needs and to honor the passions of all students.

OUR CULTURE: All Gorham students learn in safe, positive, and inclusive environments that support risk-taking. Our staff builds strong, caring relationships with all students. Classrooms are collaborative and interactive where students have real choices and responsibilities.

Narragansett Focus Areas:

- #1 Engaging in Instructional Practices that Support Academic Achievement
- #2 Enhancing Cultural Competence to Ensure an Inclusive Environment

Focus Area #1:

Engaging in Instructional Practices that Support Academic Achievement

Rationale: Narragansett's community will engage in rigorous and relevant learning opportunities that support academic achievement of all learners. High quality, data driven instruction at the Pre-K-5 level is essential because early childhood is a critical period for cognitive and social development. High-quality instructional strategies foster a love for learning, build foundational skills in literacy and mathematics, and promote positive social interactions. By implementing these practices, Narragansett's educators can enhance children's readiness for future academic success and help close achievement gaps early on.

Activities	Resources Needed	Timeline	Evaluation
What activities would help to attain this goal?	What resources are needed? (Time, \$, Technology, etc.)	When would these activities take place?	What evidence would we use to monitor or measure our progress?



OUR STUDENTS			
Grade level teams will collaboratively review various data sources to identify the literacy needs of Tier 2 students. Teachers will tailor instructional supports and interventions that target specific areas for improvement, ensuring that all students receive the necessary resources to succeed and progress in their learning.	 Dedicated time provided in the master schedule Leadership Team access to Small Wins Dashboard Access to various NWEA reports Access to various Tier 2 literacy resources 	 October 2024 -June 2025 Weekly PLC meetings from 2:50-3:30 	Reduction of the number of students accessing Tier 2 support
All students will participate in ASPIRE field experiences that encourage exposure to career-related opportunities that foster children's aspirational strengths and interests.	 Collaboration with Eliza Kenigsberg- Career Aspirations & ELO Coordinator Collaboration with Narragansett's ASPIRE Champion Theresa Connolly Access to funds from general budget 	• November 2024 - June 2025	 Celebration of ASPIRE-aligned work using social media, school websites, and the Gorham Times K-5 Learning Beyond the Classroom Agreements
K-2 teachers will refine their literacy instructional practices, effectively enhancing students' foundational skills as they enter Year 2 of the Being A Reader (BAR) updated curriculum.	Collaborative Classroom Being a Reader 2nd Edition curriculum	September 2024-June 2025	 Lesson plans BAR Assessments Growth measured by NWEA



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Grades 3-5 teachers will implement updated literacy strategies ensuring a cohesive and progressive approach to literacy that builds on prior knowledge and fosters deeper comprehension and engagement as they enter Year 1 of the Being a Reader curriculum (which replaces Making Meaning curriculum.)	Collaborative Classroom Being a Reader curriculum	September 2024-June 2025	 Lesson plans BAR Assessments Growth measure by NWEA
	OUR LEAF	RNING	
Grade K-5 teachers will participate in literacy-based professional development opportunities provided by Collaborative Classroom designed to support classroom literacy instruction.	 Coordination with K-8 Instructional Leader Kim Fadrigon regarding Collaborative Classroom professional learning support Time with grade level colleagues to focus on implementing Being A Reader successfully Release time for classroom teachers to work with Collaborative Classroom Consultant Rebecca Denny 	 September 2024-June 2025 Weekly PLC meetings from 2:50-3:30 November 14, 2024 	 Teachers will have all components of Being a Reader implemented Sign in sheets Videos created during November 14, 2024 consultant visit
Professional staff will participate in various book studies designed	Grades 3-5- <u>Accessible</u> <u>Mathematics: 10</u>	Monthly Meeting Time	Narragansett Professional Learning Groups &



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to increase knowledge of instructional strategies in the following areas: mathematics, purposeful play, trauma-sensitive classrooms	Instructional Shifts That Raise Student Achievement by Steven Leinwand Grades PreK-2- The Playful Classroom: The Power of Play for All Ages by Dearybury & Jones Fostering Resilient Learners: Strategies to Creating a Trauma-Sensitive Classroom by Souers	 October 9 November 6 December 11 January 8 February 5 March 5 April 9 May 7 	 Facilitators 2024-25 developmentally appropriate purposeful play strategies are embedded in instruction for Grades PreK-2
	OUR CUL	TURE	
Maintain systems that support professional staff in their efforts • Leadership Team • Staff facilitated professional learning opportunities • Effective supervision and evaluation feedback • Addition of weekly PLCs focused on literacy for classroom teachers • Incorporating Pre-K staff into professional learning groups	 Time Expertise of staff members Regularly scheduled PLCs Monthly and weekly 	October 2024-June 2025	 Increase in student achievement over time Increased vertical articulation between grade levels



Focus Area #2:

Enhancing Cultural Competence to Ensure an Inclusive Environment **Rationale:** Every student at Narragansett deserves the opportunity to learn in a safe, supportive, and inclusive setting. Incorporating inclusive practices into our everyday activities reinforces our Code of Conduct and fosters an environment that appreciates diverse ideas, perspectives, and backgrounds. Narragansett staff are committed to proactive work that enhances knowledge and skills to ensure all students, families, and staff feel a genuine sense of belonging.

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	OUR STUI	DENTS	
Incorporate monthly activities to teach, celebrate, and recognize the refreshed Code of Conduct	 Time Recognition certificates Code of Conduct lessons 	Monthly Code of Conduct Assemblies	 All students and their parents are able to share the five Code of Conduct traits Code of Conduct lesson plans
Create opportunities to celebrate literacy	 Time Collaboration with librarian, Lori Littlefield 	 Two literacy-themed Spirit Weeks Read-A-Thon One Book, One School Book Fairs Free book swap Schoolwide literacy-themed contests 	 Increase family engagement regarding literacy Pictures of students engaged in literacy activities
Teach disabilities awareness and	Collaboration with <u>The</u>	October 2024	Cromwell Schedule 2024

All Gorham students are prepared and inspired to take on the complex challenges facing our current and future world.



sensitivity lessons to Grades 1-5 Create purposeful student connections within the larger Gorham School Department and Gorham communities, i.e. Adopt-A-Classroom, GMS Alternative Education program,	 Cromwell Center Time during early releases days Collaboration with GHS Collaboration with Heather Whitaker, GMS Alternative Education 	 Adopt-a-Classroom; monthly October 2024- May 2025 GMS Alternative Education Mentors; monthly November 	 Adopt-A-Classroom Room Assignments social media posts for Bean Supper
community members not associated with Gorham Schools	Teacher ● Funds to support a Community Bean Supper	2024-May 2025 • Community Bean Supper: October 12, 2024	
	OUR LEAF	RNING	
Develop professional learning opportunities for staff focused on inclusion, i.e. students with autism, multilingual learners.	 Collaboration Autism Center of Maine Collaboration with Multilingual Staff Collaboration with First Parish Church Time during early release afternoons 	Autism Center of Maine presentation; November 5, 2024	 Staff survey Strategies to support multiple learners are incorporated into inspirational practices
The Intercultural Leadership Cohort (ILC) focus on serving as resources for the Narragansett staff and create multifaceted projects for the entire Narragansett community.	 Narragansett Intercultural Leadership Cohort (ILC) Monthly meetings 	Monthly meetings September 2024- May 2025	 Participation in school wide projects, i.e. What I Wish My Peers Knew About Me Staff surveys



OUR CULTURE			
Continue opportunities for families to engage in meaningful, two-way communication between school and home	 Grade Level Family Breakfasts Parent Newsletters Schoolwide family events Partners in Education meetings Fifth Grade Celebration 	 September 2024- June 2025 Monthly breakfasts Weekly newsletters 	 Participation in school wide events Participation in Partners in Education (PIE) meetings Data shared with families during parent-teacher conferences
Pre-K Vertical Alignment into the larger Narragansett Community	 Time Pre-K representation on Leadership Team Collaboration between PreK and Student Leader facilitators 	Monthly meetings for PreK, K, 1, 2	 Incorporation of purposeful play strategies in Grades K-1-2 Buddy Classes with PreK Adding Pre-K classes to the Creative Arts rotation