

School Improvement Outline for DAC presentations on November 18, 2009

Each school accountability committee shall assign someone to give the 2008-09 Update at the November 18, 2009 DAC meeting. The update should generally follow the outline below. The DAC representative, the School Accountability Chairperson or his/her designee are appropriate reporters for the school.

At the DAC meeting, groups will be formed. Group members are responsible to give their own update and to listen and comment on at least two other updates. Groups will record highlights of their group discussions.

If time remains, highlights will be shared at the end of the meeting.

A representative from each school should be prepared to present the following information:

1. Choose one of the three cornerstone goals to discuss.
2. Read the goal to your discussion group.
3. Explain the activities the school will do to meet the goal.
4. Explain the data that will be used to measure progress toward the goal.
5. Is school improvement a clear priority in your school? If yes, how do you know? If no, what suggestions do you have to make it a clear priority?

Sample outline:

The goal we have chosen to discuss is the Equity and Access goal.

Friendly High School will provide increased access to Advanced Placement courses as measured by a 2% increase in AP enrollment and a 2% increase in scores of 3 or higher on the AP placement exams by the end of the 2009 school year.

Activities

- During student advisory periods, current AP students meet quarterly with 9th and 10th grade advisory groups to discuss the advantages of taking an AP class and to share their experiences.
- Several AP courses were added to the offerings to appeal to more students. These include AP Art, AP US History, AP Environmental Science.
- Improved communication from the Counseling Department with students and parents.
 - Brochures will be created explaining the benefits of taking AP classes.
 - Training by College Board will be held for all teachers and Counseling Staff.
 - Counselors will make a point to encourage students to try AP classes.
- AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) training will be open for more staff members. Additional AVID section will be added in 9th grade.

Measures

- % of students enrolled will be compared to baseline and then annually
- % of scores 3 and above will be compared to baseline and then annually

School improvement is a clear priority at Friendly High School. It is mentioned in almost every communication that goes home and is featured in the school newsletter. At our Accountability meetings, teachers come to share what they are doing in their content areas to contribute to the school goals.