## **End-of-Cycle Summative Evaluation Report: Superintendent**



Superintendent:	Dr. John	Buckey	D	$\Lambda$				
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Step 3: Rate Overall Summative I	Performance (Based on Step 1 ar	nd Step 2 ratings; check one.)	
Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	<b>✓</b> Proficient	<b>Exemplary</b>

- 1. Dr. Buckey has demonstrated a passionate commitment to the Marblehead Public School (MPS) district and has provided steady leadership during the FY23 school year.
- 2. Dr. Buckey should be commended for having developed two senior leaders (Principal Bauer and Asst. Superintendent Murphy) to ascend to district superintendent roles in new districts.
- 3. Dr. Buckey did an outstanding job of improving MPS financial transparency in FY23. The quality and detail of data provided to all stakeholders during the budget process was unprecedented for all Town departments and has set the standard for Town budgeting going forward. The budget development process was extremely difficult. The School Committee asked Dr. Buckey to provide an aspirational budget which would maximize personnel, programs and services for the optimal delivery of education in MPS. However, the austere financial condition of the Town drove the need to develop a "balanced budget" which was adopted by the Town. This scenario will lead to significant reduction in personnel and services within MPS. This is a very difficult leadership challenge in FY24, and Dr. Buckey has generated support from his principals and senior leadership to navigate this budget.
- 4. Dr. Buckey has instituted iReady assessments in FY23 which has yielded valuable information regarding the efficacy of instruction in MPS. Demonstrated growth in iReady performance during FY23 is a positive indicator for both Student Learning and Instructional Leadership. At the time of this assessment, we do not have access to MCAS scores for FY23. I believe that Dr. Buckey should continue timely and consistent performance data updates to the MPS stakeholders during a given year.
- 5. Dr. Buckey has an excellent relationship with his administration and the collective bargaining units within MPS. He has received very positive feedback from the anonymous assessments by MPS staff demonstrating growth year over year in key areas of leadership.

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- 6. A key area of growth for Dr. Buckey is "leading from the front." Dr. Buckey should assume a stronger role as "CEO" of the MPS district. He should assume a more proactive role with the school committee (SC), and be less reactive. Dr. Buckey should be the sole conduit for interaction between SC and MPS, and ensure that his staff is not communicating with SC directly unless he specifically directs them to do so. I believe that Dr. Buckey should more emphatically describe his vision and values for MPS and seek continuous feedback from all stakeholders on the strategic framework outlined in the Plan for Success (PFS). As priorities and resources change in a given period, Dr. Buckey should utilize SC meetings and other public engagement sessions to ensure all stakeholders know exactly "where he stands" on a given issue. An example of this is his multiple public statements that MPS would NOT be hiring a Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) professional or investing in new programs in this area in FY24, even though the PFS articulates MPS goals in this area. I have seen marked growth in his forward leadership over the last 5 months and I am hopeful that Dr. Buckey and the new SC will continue to collaborate on this area.
- 7. Dr. Buckey has worked hard to build relationships with outside of MPS and it should be noted that feedback from select board members, town administrators, law enforcement and other civic groups has been positive. This advocacy on behalf of MPS should continue in the coming year(s). Again, his hard work on the FY24 budget and overall transparency have been noted by all stakeholders.
- 8. An additional area of growth for Dr. Buckey will be his engagement with critics. No superintendent can make all stakeholders happy at a given time. Dr. Buckey was hired as a first-time superintendent in FY20 and immediately faced a COVID crisis. There is no debate about learning loss in MPS during the pandemic. There is debate within the broader community and country as to how to best address this. I am hopeful that Dr. Buckey, working with the SC, will engage in public listening sessions to understand all perspectives in this area. MPS is in need of stability we have had 7 superintendents in the last 15 years. This is an untenable period of instability and detrimental to MPS. Dr. Buckey should be proud of having navigated a very difficult first three years at MPS in the face of criticism from some stakeholders. Some of this criticism include ad hominem attacks which are unwarranted. An example of such criticism was his support of the recommendation by the Athletic Director to eliminate stipend funding for coaches of Freshman sports for the FY24 budget. Dr. Buckey has been criticized for supporting his leadership's recommendations. I believe that on sensitive issues like budget cuts, Dr. Buckey should proactively engage those critical voices, even if they are in disagreement. Dr. Buckey should continue to engage all stakeholders with a positive vision and forward leadership, with the support of the SC.

#### **Superintendent's Performance Goals**



Superintendents must identify at least one student learning goal, one professional practice goal, and two to four district improvement goals. Goals should be SMART and aligned to at least one focus Indicator from the Standards for Effective Administrative Leadership.		Not Meet	ne gress	nificant gress		pepee	
Goals	Focus Indicator(s)	Description	Did	Son	Sign	Met	Exc
Student Learning Goal	I-B-3 I-D-2 I-D-4 II-C-2 IV-D-2				<b>✓</b>	<b>√</b>	

Dr. Buckey has taken proactive steps to incorporate data and analytics to inform performance versus student learning goals. This has been evident in the presentation of everything from iReady to MCAS. While we are still recovering from learning loss from COVID, Dr. Buckey has utilized all data to operationalize the FY23 budget as well as plan for significant reduction in teachers, paraprofessionals and staff for the FY24 budget.

There have been reasonable questions from MPS stakeholders regarding performance of College Placement (CP) level English and Math students following the combination of CP1 and CP2 sections. Dr. Buckey allowed Principal Bauer to provide specific performance data pre- and post- consolidation that demonstrated that CP2 level students performed better AFTER consolidation, without sacrificing CP1 performance.

My rating spans both Significant Progress to Met because of the significant leadership effort of Dr. Buckey will lead to improved student performance.

Standards and Indicators for Effective Administrative Leadership  Superintendents should identify 1-2 focus Indicators per Standard aligned to their goals.							
I. Instructional Leadership	II. Management & Operations	III. Family & Community Engagement	IV. Professional Culture				
I-A. Curriculum	II-A. Environment	III-A. Engagement	IV-A. Commitment to High Standards				
I-B. Instruction	II-B. HR Management and Development	III-B. Sharing Responsibility	IV-B. Cultural Proficiency				
I-C. Assessment	II-C. Scheduling & Management	III-C. Communication	IV-C. Communications				
I-D. Evaluation	Information Systems	III-D. Family Concerns	IV-D. Continuous Learning				
I-E. Data-Informed Decision-making	II-D. Laws, Ethics, and Policies		IV-E. Shared Vision				
I-F. Student Learning	II-E. Fiscal Systems		IV-F. Managing Conflict				

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Professional Practice Goal	I-E-1 I-E-2 II-B-2 IV-D-2					<b>√</b>	

Dr. Buckey has demonstrated excellent leadership with his senior team to include principals and assistant superintendents. Morale is high and he has an outstanding working relationship with the CBU. This was evidenced recently with this presentation on sick leave bank and he secured vigorous support from the CBU. Beyond these excellent relationships, Dr. Buckey has enjoyed significant retention within the MPS ranks, even in the face of some districts compensating more. This is a sign of steady and stable leadership.

Dr. Buckey has taken advantage of grants to further his professional development with several regional and national level superintendents' conferences. He should be encouraged to continue to do so. Dr.Buckey was elected by superintendents of other districts on the north shore of MA to chair the Superintendent's Roundtable. This is a testament of what his peers think of his skills and credibility.

I have encouraged Dr. Buckey to take a more primary role in planning and managing SC meetings as the "CEO" of the District. I believe that Dr. Buckey has been trying to establish frequent and direct communication with each SC member, and he should continue to lead from the front.

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### **Superintendent's Performance Goals - District Improvement Goal 1**

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District Improvement Goal 1	I-E-2 III-A-1 III-A-2 III-C-1 III-C-2					<b>√</b>	

Dr. Buckey has been highly engaged in the buildings and classrooms of MPS to see first hand the efficacy of education in the district.

Dr. Buckey has ensured a high level of professional development of his staff using Instructional Rounds.

While there was a portion of this goal specifically highlighting DEI, which was an unfunded mandate in FY23, I believe that Dr. Buckey and his team appropriately maintained an excellent environment for social and emotional learning within MPS as evidenced by limited or no complaints in this area.

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I-A. Curriculum	II-A. Environment	III-A. Engagement	IV-A. Commitment to High Standards					
I-B. Instruction	II-B. HR Management and Development	III-B. Sharing Responsibility	IV-B. Cultural Proficiency					
-C. Assessment	II-C. Scheduling & Management	III-C. Communication	IV-C. Communications					
-D. Evaluation	Information Systems	III-D. Family Concerns	IV-D. Continuous Learning					
-E. Data-Informed Decision-making	II-D. Laws, Ethics, and Policies		IV-E. Shared Vision					
I-F. Student Learning	II-E. Fiscal Systems		IV-F. Managing Conflict					

## **Superintendent's Performance Goals - District Improvement Goal 2**

Superintendents must identify at least one student learning goal, one professional practice goal, and two to four district improvement goals. Goals should be SMART and aligned to at least one focus Indicator from the Standards for Effective Administrative Leadership.		Not Meet	ne gress	nificant gress		pepee	
Goals	Focus Indicator(s)	Description	Did	Son	Sign	Met	Exc
District Improvement Goal 2	II-B-1 III-A-1 III-C-2 IV-B-1						<b>✓</b>

Dr. Buckey put in a lot of effort to expand his community engagement with all stakeholders of MPS. He attends innumerable community meetings, serves on external committees, meets with select board and town administration, and has vigorously pursued ARPA funding.

While MPS still suffers from comments regarding its historical lack of transparency, this is not due to a lack of effort by Dr. Buckey. His development of the FY24 budget has been widely complimented and should set the standard for the town.

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I-E. Data-Informed Decision-making I-F. Student Learning	II-D. Laws, Ethics, and Policies II-E. Fiscal Systems	novernan! Goal 2 - Cont.	IV-E. Shared Vision IV-F. Managing Conflict				



## Superintendent's Performance Rating for Standard I: Instructional Leadership

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makes powerful teaching and learning the central focus of schooling.  Comments and analysis (recommended for any overall rating; required for overall rating of Exemplary, Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory):  Successful implementation of new curriculum and reporting  Data driven analysis of standardized assessment data to formulate strategies and tactics improve student learning  Demonstrated growth on key assessment measures over three years.								
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Rate each focus Indicator and indicate the overall Standard rating below. (*Focus Indicators are those aligned to superintendent goal(s).)			P	E
II-A. Environment: Develops and executes effective plans, procedures, routines, and operational systems to address a full range of safety, health, emotional, and social needs. Focus Indicator (check if yes)			<b>\</b>	
II-B. Human Resources Management and Development: Implements a cohesive approach to recruiting, hiring, induction, development, and career growth that promotes high-quality and effective practice.  Focus Indicator (check if yes)			<b>√</b>	
II-C. Scheduling and Management Information Systems: Uses systems to ensure optimal use of data and time for teaching, learning, and collaboration, minimizing disruptions and distractions for school-level staff.  Focus Indicator (check if yes)				$\checkmark$
II-D. Law, Ethics, and Policies: Understands and complies with state and federal laws and mandates, school committee policies, collective bargaining agreements, and ethical guidelines.  Focus Indicator (check if yes)			V	
II-E. Fiscal Systems: Develops a budget that supports the district's vision, mission, and goals; allocates and manages expenditures consistent with district- and school-level goals and available resources.  Focus Indicator (check if yes)				$\checkmark$
OVERALL Rating for Standard II: Management & Operations  The education leader promotes the learning and growth of all students and the success of all staff by ensuring a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment, using resources to implement appropriate curriculum, staffing, and scheduling.			<b>✓</b>	
Comments and analysis (recommended for any overall rating; required for overall rating of Exemplary, Needs Improvement or Ui				
The FY24 budget development was transformative for MPS as well as the town. Dr. Buckey and his tear	n did a g	great job	).	
With limited resources, the IT and HR functions have been excellent.				
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# **Superintendent's Performance Rating for Standard III: Family and Community Engagement**



Rate each focus Indicator and indicate the overall Standard rating below. (*Focus Indicators are those aligned to superintendent goal(s).)	U	NI	Р	E			
III-A. Engagement: Actively ensures that all families are welcome members of the classroom and school community and can contribute to the effectiveness of the classroom, school, district, and community.  Focus Indicator (check if yes)				<b>√</b>			
III-B. Sharing Responsibility: Continuously collaborates with families and community stakeholders to support student learning and development at home, school, and in the community.  Focus Indicator (check if yes)		,	<b>✓</b>				
III-C. Communication: Engages in regular, two-way, culturally proficient communication with families and community stakeholders about student learning and performance.  Focus Indicator (check if yes)				<b>√</b>			
III-D. Family Concerns: Addresses family and community concerns in an equitable, effective, and efficient manner.  Focus Indicator (check if yes)				$\checkmark$			
OVERALL Rating for Standard III: Family & Community Engagement  The education leader promotes the learning and growth of all students and the success of all staff through effective partnerships with families, community organizations, and other stakeholders that support the mission of the district and its schools.							
Comments and analysis (recommended for any overall rating; required for overall rating of Exemplary, Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory):  I have seen a significant increase in community awareness of MPS initiatives in FY23 as a direct result of Dr. Buckey's emphasis on communication. He regularly updates district staff, SC and stakeholders on the "state of the District." His efforts in this area are to be commended.							
As previously noted, Dr. Buckey would benefit from continuing to inform all stakeholders on "what he stands for." His significant emphasis in FY23 on communication has created the conduit.							





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IV-A. Commitment to High Standards: Fosters a shared commitment to high standards of service, teaching, and learning with high expectations for achievement for all.  Focus Indicator (check if yes)			<b>√</b>				
IV-B. Cultural Proficiency: Ensures that policies and practices enable staff members and students to interact effectively in a culturally diverse environment in which students' backgrounds, identities, strengths, and challenges are respected.  Focus Indicator (check if yes)				<b>√</b>			
IV-C. Communication: Demonstrates strong interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills.  Focus Indicator (check if yes)			<b>√</b>				
IV-D. Continuous Learning: Develops and nurtures a culture in which staff members are reflective about their practice and use student data, current research, best practices, and theory to continuously adapt practice and achieve improved results. Models these behaviors in his or her own practice.  Focus Indicator (check if yes)			<b>✓</b>				
IV-E. Shared Vision: Successfully and continuously engages all stakeholders in the creation of a shared educational vision in which every student is prepared to succeed in postsecondary education and become a responsible citizen and global contributor.  Focus Indicator (check if yes)				<b>√</b>			
IV-F. Managing Conflict: Employs strategies for responding to disagreement and dissent, constructively resolving conflict and building consensus throughout a district or school community.  Focus Indicator (check if yes)			<b>✓</b>				
OVERALL Rating for Standard IV: Professional Culture  The education leader promotes the learning and growth of all students and the success of all staff by nurturing and sustaining a districtwide culture of reflective practice, high expectations, and continuous learning for staff.			<b>✓</b>				
Comments and analysis (recommended for any overall rating; required for overall rating of <i>Exemplary, Needs Improvement</i> or <i>Unsatisfactory</i> ):  Overall culture at MPS is healthy with a motivated professional staff and their desire for stability in leadership. I believe that through Dr. Buckey's leadership, the principals and teachers were able to quickly align on the vigorous reductions in staffing and services to support the approved FY23 budget. This is a sign of good leadership and healthy professional culture.  Feedback from his teachers and administrators has been very positive in the anonymous 360 degree feedback, and represented growth in almost all areas.							