Kristin DeFeo - NR-W Middle School Assistant Principal – February, 2018 - BOE Report
District Strategic Plan and MS SCEP (School Comprehensive Education Plan – 2017-2018)

Middle School Enrollment:

5th grade	77
6th grade	111
7th grade	91
8th grade	86
Total	365

Strategic Plan Goal	Action Step	Progress
# 1. By June 2017, all students taking a state assessment will be proficient (3 or 4, 65 or higher) **Tenet 6** – Family and Community Engagement	Increase partnerships between school and families.	*Attendance Team* – The NR-W Middle School Attendance Team continues to meet bi-weekly to review attendance data. *See below for our September – January data. (*note – we have had many students out with illnesses including the flu which therefore is affecting our attendance. Also – as a "mid-year boost" for parents/families we sent home the NR-W attendance ladder in the February newsletter to remind everyone as to the expectations and interventions in regards to attendance.) • Level 1 – (5%) – Member of Middle School Attendance Team contacts parent/guardian. Team member will also touch base 1:1 with the student. • Level 2 – (8%) – Letter sent home including the attendance ladder and current attendance record. • Level 3 – (10%) – Attendance Action Plan completed with member of Attendance Team and student. Parent/guardian contacted, Action Plan mailed home. Home visit may occur at this step. • Level 4 – (15%) – Letter sent home requesting a parent meeting with the Assistant Principal to review attendance guidelines. • Level 5 – (>20%) – Possible submission of referral to county agencies (FACT, PINS, CPS) for assistance.

*Total days	September (19 days)	October (39 days)	November (57 days)	Dec. (72 days)	Jan. (93 days)

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February Newsletter: https://www.smore.com/unzg3 OR check out our Facebook page.
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MTSS
TFI Preparation – Our Tier 2/3 teams have been working the past few weeks to prepare for our annual TFI (Tiered Fidelity Inventory) evaluation. This will take place in March. Throughout the year our team continues to revisit our results/action plan from last year, and put feedback that we were given in place so that we can better support each and every one of our students.

Feedback from our families – Survey - As per the TFI feedback from last year (*see above), and as per our state review rubric, our Cougar Pride/Tenet 5 team will be surveying parents in regards to the supports that are currently in place at NR-W Middle School for all students. Our goal is to gather thoughts from our parents/families as to how we can improve our MTSS process (as well as supports that are offered) as a school.

TIC (Trauma-Informed Care) Team
Vision Statement: “Empowering our community for the future.”

*Links to TIC this month at the Middle School – At this point the NR-W Middle School TIC Team is hoping to share strategies/information with staff at an upcoming grade-level or Faculty Meeting.
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		Future Story – The NR-W Middle School is starting to plan our second annual "Career Day." Last year we surveyed 7th and 8th grade students as to what careers they were interested in, and then brought in community members in these fields to speak with our students. This year we are in the process of surveying ALL 5th – 8th grade students so that we can open up this day to all of our NR-W Middle School students.
Tenet 5 – Student Social and Emotional Developmental Health:		**Cougar Pride Team – (PBIS)** *Cougar Pride Booster/Block Parties/Resiliency* – On Friday, February 16th the Cougar Pride Team will be hosting a Winter "Block Party" at the end of the day to teach a resiliency lesson, have students create "booster videos" to share in homeroom in regards to the expectations in our school, and to bond as a school/team. (*This day was originally scheduled for the day before Christmas break but had to be cancelled/rescheduled due to the weather.) *Character Trait of the Month* - At our January Town Hall meetings we celebrated students with good attendance, and recognized students for our "Trait of the Month" for showing courage. (*see our February newsletter for the winners!) For the month of February, we are focusing on "tenacity." • te-nac-i-ty (noun) – The quality of being very determined; determination. • Tenacity is setting a goal so BIG you can't possibly achieve it…the growing into the person who can! • "The most difficult thing is that decision to act, the rest is merely tenacity." ~ Amelia Earhart • "Success is often not a matter of talent, but a matter of tenacity." ~ Nathaniel Bronner *Growth Mindset* –year. • <u>September</u> – Everyone can learn - "No matter what your ability is, effort is what ignites that ability and turns it into accomplishment." ~ Carol Dweck • <u>October</u> – My brain is like a muscle that grows! – "The measure of intelligence is the ability to change." ~ Albert Einstein • <u>November</u> – I am a valued member of this learning community. "We rise by lifting others." ~ Robert Ingersol

		• December – We love a challenge! - "If you aren't in over your head, how do you know how tall you are? ~ T.S. Eliot. For this month, we talked about setting goals (academic, behavioral, etc.) at Town Hall to start out quarter two, AND told the students about the attendance challenge. • January – Feedback is a gift! Accept it! – "I think it's very important to have a feedback loop, where you're constantly thinking about what you've done and how you could be doing better." ~ Elon Musk • February – A Goal Without a Plan is Just a Wish
#2: By June 2017, each student who has achieved mastery will maintain mastery, and the percentage of new students achieving mastery will increase.	Provide access to enrichment opportunities for all students	**Solo Fest** – On Saturday, February 3rd the NR-W Middle School had a group of students attend "Solo Fest" at the Williamson High School. Our students worked hard and performed beautifully showing off their talent. Great job to Mr. Richwalder and ALL of the students who participated. **Lion King Jr**. – Our Musical Cast and crew (Pitt Band, Audio Visual Club, LTD Club) is getting ready for their production of "Lion King Jr." in March. They can't wait to show off ALL of their hard work and talent!

Safety and Security – Due to the recent school shootings in our country we are taking time as a building to revisit/remind ALL staff of the safety procedures that we have in place in our school.

Upcoming Events:
February 6th – 8th grade visit to the High School in the morning (7:10-10:00). THEN ….Parent Information Night at 6:00 at the High School.
February 9th – Quarter 2 Awards Assembly – 7:30 am.
February 13th – District Leadership Council Meeting (3:30-5:30)
BOE Meeting – 6:00
February 16th – Cougar Pride Block Parties/Booster Lessons/Resiliency Lesson (*2 hour delay schedule)
February 19th-23rd – Winter Break