



**School Committee  
Meeting**

**December 18, 2013  
7:00 pm**

**Town Hall  
Selectmen's Meeting Room**



SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING  
AGENDA  
December 18, 2013 6:30pm  
Town Hall—Selectmen's Meeting Room



<u>Items</u>	<u>Suggested time allotments</u>
I. Public Participation	7:00 – 7:10
II. Chairperson's Report & Members' Reports	
III. Superintendent's Report	
IV. Time Scheduled Appointments	
A. SHS Student Advisory Committee: Report	7:10 – 7:25
B. SHS Exam Schedule Change: Vote	7:25 – 7:40
V. Curriculum	
VI. Policy	
VII. Budget	
A. Fiscal Study Committee Report: Discussion	7:40 – 8:10
VIII. Old Business	
IX. New Business	
A. Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation	8:10 – 8:30
X. Approval of Minutes	8:30 – 8:35
XI. Executive Session	8:35 – 9:00
XII. Information Enclosures	
XIII. Adjournment	9:00

**Next meeting: January 8, 2014**



**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**ITEM NO: I. Public Participation**

**MEETING DATE: 12/18/13**

**SPECIFIC STATEMENT OR QUESTION:**

Will the School Committee hear thoughts and ideas from the public regarding the operations and the programs of the school system?

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Copies of the policy and procedure for Public Participation are available to the public at each School Committee meeting.

**ITEM NO: II. Chairperson's Report/Members' Reports**

**SPECIFIC STATEMENT OR QUESTION:**

Will the School Committee hear a report from Ms. Sandra Fryc, Chairperson of the School Committee, and other members of the School Committee who may wish to comment on school affairs?

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

This agenda item provides an opportunity for the Chairperson and members of the Shrewsbury School Committee to comment on school affairs that are of interest to the community.

**STAFF AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION:**

Ms. Sandra Fryc, Chairperson  
Mr. John Samia, Vice Chairperson  
Mr. Jason Palitsch, Secretary  
Ms. Erin Canzano, Committee Member  
Dr. B. Dale Magee, Committee Member

**ITEM NO: III. Superintendent's Report**

**SPECIFIC STATEMENT OR QUESTION:**

Will the School Committee hear a report from Dr. Joseph M. Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools?

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

This agenda item allows the Superintendent of the Shrewsbury Public Schools to comment informally on the programs and activities of the school system.

**STAFF AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION:**

Dr. Joseph M. Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools

**ACTION RECOMMENDED FOR ITEMS I, II, & III:**

That the School Committee accept the report and take such action as it deems in the best interest of the school system.



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ITEM NO: **IV. Time Scheduled Appointment**  
**A. SHS Student Advisory Committee: Report**

MEETING DATE: **12/18/13**

**SPECIFIC STATEMENT OR QUESTION:**

Will the School Committee hear a report from the Shrewsbury High School Student Advisory Committee?

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

1. Under the Massachusetts Education Reform Act, school districts are required to have a Student Advisory Committee (SAC), consisting of five high school students who are elected by the student body. The SAC is required to meet with the School Committee during the year to review various issues of concern to the student body. Mr. Andrew Smith, SHS social sciences teacher, serves as the faculty advisor to the SAC. This will be the second presentation for the 2013-2014 school year.
2. The agenda for the SAC report is attached.
3. Mr. Palitsch is the School Committee liaison to the SAC.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

That the School Committee accept the report and take such action as it deems in the best interest of the school system.

**STAFF AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION:**

Ms. Barbara Malone, Director of Human Resources  
Mr. Andrew Smith, Faculty Advisor to the Student Advisory Committee  
Mr. Todd Bazydlo, Principal, Shrewsbury High School  
Kira Sommer, Chairperson, Class of 2014  
Kayla Freeman, Class of 2015  
Nithya Pathalam, Class of 2015  
Emily Taylor, Class of 2015

**Student Advisory Committee**  
**Agenda for the School Committee Meeting on December 18, 2013**

**I. Town Meeting**

On November 26, students gathered together in the auditorium in two separate groups to address their questions and concerns to Mr. Bazydlo, the Student Council, and the SAC.

- a. Background on Town Meeting
- b. Popular Questions

**II. Cafeteria and Food Changes**

Shrewsbury High School is planning to implement a Point of Sales System for students to pay for lunches. In addition to this change, the SAC has been discussing the school's food policy. Student input has been helpful in both of these areas.

- a. Point of Sales System
- b. Food Policy

**III. Class Cup**

For the 2013-2014 school year, Student Council has been sponsoring the Class Cup Competition. The Class Cup is a competition between the four classes in which they receive points for participation in school wide events. The class with the most points will win the cup. The new event has given the school a newfound sense of pride and spirit.

- a. Class Cup Events
- b. Class Cup Update
- c. Student Reactions

Thank you for your continuous support of the SAC.

Respectfully submitted,

Kira Sommer  
Chairperson

Kayla Freeman, Nithya Pathalam, Emily Taylor  
SAC Members



**SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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**ITEM NO: IV. Time Scheduled Appointment**  
**B. SHS Exam Schedule Change: Vote**

**MEETING DATE: 12/18/13**

**SPECIFIC STATEMENT OR QUESTION:**

Will the School Committee vote to approve a change in the high school mid-term exam schedule in order to include an additional early release day?

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

1. Mr. Bazydlo is recommending a change to the current mid-term exam schedule in response to feedback from his leadership team and faculty.
2. The enclosed memo outlines the rationale for increasing the early release days from three to four.

**ACTION RECOMMENDED:**

That the School Committee vote to approve a change in the high school mid-term exam schedule in order to include one more early release day.

**STAFF AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION:**

Mr. Todd Bazydlo, Principal, Shrewsbury High School

Shrewsbury High School  
64 Holden Street  
Shrewsbury, Massachusetts 01545  
*Office of the Principal*



## Memorandum

To: Dr. Joseph Sawyer  
From: Todd Bazydlo  
Date: December 3, 2013  
Re: Addition of one half-day for semester exams

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As a result of feedback from the high school leadership team and faculty, I would like to propose that the high school pilot a new semester exam schedule that would increase the current schedule of 3 half days for exams to 4 half days for exams. After the completion of the pilot, we would seek feedback from multiple constituents to determine the effectiveness and feasibility of implementing the new semester exam schedule for the long term.

The current schedule is:

January 14-Exam Review Day-7 Period Day  
January 15-Full day-Period 1 exam (7:35-9:10) followed by shorter class periods 2,3,4,5,6,7  
January 16-Half day-Period 2/Period 3 exams dismissal at 11:00am  
January 17-Half day-Period 4/Period 5 exams dismissal at 11:00am  
January 21-Half day-Period 6/Period 7 exams dismissal at 11:00am  
January 22-Exam Feedback day-7 period day  
January 23-Start of second semester

The proposed pilot schedule is:

January 14-Exam Review Day-7 Period Day  
January 15-Half day-Period 1/Period 2 exams dismissal at 11:00am  
January 16-Half day-Period 3/Period 4 exams dismissal at 11:00am  
January 17-Half day-Period 5/Period 6 exams dismissal at 11:00am  
January 21-Half day-Period 7/Extended Time-Accommodation Block dismissal at 11:00am  
January 22-Exam Feedback day-7 period day  
January 23-Start of second semester

The rationale for this change includes:

- Increasing need to incorporate best practices of extended time for students including those requiring accommodations under Section 504, IEP, District Curriculum Accommodation Plans, and students with social/emotional or medical conditions that prohibit the timely completion of semester exams.

### Shrewsbury High School Mission Statement

The Shrewsbury High School community provides challenging, diverse learning opportunities; promotes creativity and independent thinking; and empowers students to become capable, caring, active contributors to the world in which they live.

- Providing teachers additional time to conduct meaningful review and reflection on the semester examinations.
- Providing the opportunity for department directors to work with teachers to review the normalizing of grading practices between similar courses with departmental colleagues. The normalizing of grading is an important component in the implementation of District Determined Measures.
- Providing the opportunity for teachers to have additional time to collaborate about exams and review the changes in semester course work and exams as a result of shifts in curriculum related to the Common Core standards.
- Focusing on Shrewsbury Writing Project and the incorporation of writing to text in students' written responses. The content of semester exams has shifted where writing is a major component and requires time intensive review and critique by teachers in order to provide students recommendations to improve their writing.
- Lastly, teachers and students have reported the first exam day as not being an effective use of instructional time as the day prior to the first day of exams serves as a review and wrap-up day for semester course work.





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ITEM NO: **V. Curriculum**

MEETING DATE: **12/18/13**

SPECIFIC STATEMENT OR QUESTION:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

STAFF AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION:



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ITEM NO: VI. **Policy**

MEETING DATE: **12/18/13**

SPECIFIC STATEMENT OR QUESTION:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

STAFF AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION:



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ITEM NO: VII. Budget

MEETING DATE: 12/18/13

A. Fiscal Study Committee Report: Discussion

SPECIFIC STATEMENT OR QUESTION:

Will the School Committee discuss the report from the Fiscal Study Committee?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. On November 26, 2013 the Fiscal Study Committee released its report to the public.
2. This report contains sections that pertain to the School Department's revenue and expenses.
3. Mr. Samia and Mr. Palitsch served on the Fiscal Study Committee and they will summarize the report. The entire 75 page report can be found on the Town of Shrewsbury website at this location: [http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1386773614\\_430999.pdf](http://www.shrewsbury-ma.gov/egov/docs/1386773614_430999.pdf)
4. Mr. Maurice DePalo, member of the Board of Selectmen and co-chair of the Fiscal Study Committee, is also scheduled to attend.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

That the School Committee discuss the report and take whatever steps it deems necessary in the interests of the Shrewsbury Public Schools.

STAFF AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION:

Dr. Joseph M. Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools



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ITEM NO: **IX. New Business**  
**A. Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation**

MEETING DATE: **12/18/13**

SPECIFIC STATEMENT OR QUESTION:

Will the School Committee hear an update on the superintendent's activities to date and comment regarding his performance to date?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. The superintendent's employment contract indicates that the School Committee shall review the superintendent's performance in December of each year.
2. Information included in the Committee's packet includes performance descriptors agreed to by the Committee and superintendent that will be used for his evaluation.
3. Committee members are encouraged to share feedback regarding their perceptions of the superintendent's performance to date and suggestions to direct his continuing work.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

That the School Committee review the superintendent's performance and provide feedback as it may deem appropriate.

STAFF AND OTHERS AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION:

Dr. Joseph M. Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools



## **Shrewsbury Public Schools**

### **Superintendent Evaluation Process 2013-2014**

Beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, the School Committee's evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools must comply with Massachusetts State Regulations 603 CMR 35.00. This document describes the process to be used in Shrewsbury. The vast majority of the rubric is directly adopted from the model rubric provided by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), with some additions and modifications to the "communication" section. These additions and modifications will need to be approved by the DESE to ensure compliance with the regulations.

- The timeline for the evaluation will be as follows:
  - June 5, 2013: School Committee votes to approve evaluation process and criteria for 2013-2014
  - June 5, 2013: School Committee votes to approve Superintendent's goals for 2013-2014
  - December 18, 2013 (on or before): School Committee conducts mid-cycle review of Superintendent's performance
  - April 30, 2014 (on or before): School Committee conducts summative evaluation of Superintendent's performance
- Specific deadlines for School Committee members to provide evaluation documents to the Chairperson will be provided under separate cover in the fall of 2013.
- A copy of the DESE's *Implementation Guide for Superintendent Evaluation* was provided to the School Committee in December 2012.
- A proposed "End-of-Cycle Summative Evaluation Report" format is attached. It matches the DESE model.

## Standards and Indicators of Effective Administrative Leadership

### Superintendent Rubric

Rubrics – defined in the regulations as “scoring tool[s] that describe characteristics of practice or artifacts at different levels of performance” ([603 CMR 35.02](#)) – are a critical component of the Massachusetts educator evaluation framework and are required for every educator. Rubrics are designed to help educators and evaluators (1) develop a consistent, shared understanding of what proficient performance looks like in practice, (2) develop a common terminology and structure to organize evidence, and (3) make informed professional judgments about formative and summative performance ratings on each Standard and overall.

#### Structure of the Superintendent Rubric

- **Standards:** Standards are the broad categories of knowledge, skills, and performance of effective practice detailed in the regulations. There are four Standards for all administrators: *Instructional Leadership; Management and Operations; Family and Community Engagement; and Professional Culture.*
- **Indicators:** Indicators, also detailed in the regulations, describe specific knowledge, skills, and performance for each Standard. For example, there are five Indicators in Standard I of the Superintendent rubric including *Curriculum, Instruction, and Evaluation.*
- **Elements:** The elements are more specific descriptions of actions and behaviors related to each Indicator. The elements further break down the Indicators into more specific aspects of educator practice and provide an opportunity for evaluators to offer detailed feedback that serves as a roadmap for improvement.
- **Descriptors:** Performance descriptors are observable and measurable statements of educator actions and behaviors aligned to each element and serve as the basis for identifying the level of teaching or administrative performance in one of four categories: *Unsatisfactory, Needs Improvement, Proficient, or Exemplary.*

#### Use of the Superintendent Rubric

This rubric describes administrative leadership practice at the district level. It is intended to be used throughout the 5 step evaluation cycle for the evaluation of the superintendent by the school committee.

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## Superintendent Rubric At-A-Glance

Standard I: Instructional Leadership	Standard II: Management & Operations	Standard III: Family and Community Engagement	Standard IV: Professional Culture
<p><b>A. Curriculum Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standards-Based Unit Design</li> <li>Lesson Development Support</li> </ol> <p><b>B. Instruction Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instructional Practices</li> <li>Quality of Effort &amp; Work</li> <li>Diverse Learners' Needs</li> </ol> <p><b>C. Assessment Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Variety of Assessments</li> <li>Adjustment to Practice</li> </ol> <p><b>D. Evaluation Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educator Goals</li> <li>Observations &amp; Feedback</li> <li>Ratings</li> <li>Alignment Review</li> </ol> <p><b>E. Data-Informed Decision Making Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Knowledge &amp; Use of Data</li> <li>School and District Goals</li> <li>Improvement of Performance, Effectiveness, and Learning</li> </ol>	<p><b>A. Environment Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plans, Procedures, and Routines</li> <li>Operational Systems</li> <li>Student Safety, Health, and Social and Emotional Needs</li> </ol> <p><b>B. Human Resources Management &amp; Development Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruitment &amp; Hiring Strategies</li> <li>Induction, Professional Development, and Career Growth Strategies</li> </ol> <p><b>C. Scheduling &amp; Management Information Systems Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Time for Teaching and Learning</li> <li>Time for Collaboration</li> </ol> <p><b>D. Law, Ethics &amp; Policies Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laws and Policies</li> <li>Ethical Behavior</li> </ol> <p><b>E. Fiscal Systems Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fiscal Systems</li> </ol>	<p><b>A. Engagement Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Engagement</li> <li>Community and Business Engagement</li> </ol> <p><b>B. Sharing Responsibility Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Support</li> <li>Family Collaboration</li> </ol> <p><b>C. Communication Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication with Families and Community Stakeholders</li> <li>Culturally Proficient Communication</li> <li>Communication with Town and State Officials</li> <li>Communication with the Media</li> <li>Use of Communication Tools</li> </ol> <p><b>D. Family Concerns Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family Concerns</li> </ol>	<p><b>A. Commitment to High Standards Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commitment to High Standards</li> <li>Mission and Core Values</li> <li>Meetings</li> </ol> <p><b>B. Cultural Proficiency Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policies and Practices</li> </ol> <p><b>C. Communications Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Communication Skills</li> </ol> <p><b>D. Continuous Learning Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuous Learning of Staff</li> <li>Continuous Learning of Administrator</li> </ol> <p><b>E. Shared Vision Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shared Vision Development</li> </ol> <p><b>F. Managing Conflict Indicator</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Response to Disagreement</li> <li>Conflict Resolution</li> <li>Consensus Building</li> </ol>

## Standards and Indicators of Effective Administrative Leadership Superintendent Rubric

**Standard I: Instructional Leadership.** The education leader promotes the learning and growth of all students and the success of all staff by cultivating a shared vision that makes powerful teaching and learning the central focus of schooling.

**Indicator I-A. Curriculum: Ensures that all instructional staff design effective and rigorous standards-based units of instruction consisting of well-structured lessons with measurable outcomes.**

I-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
<p>I-A-1. Standards-Based Unit Design</p>	<p>Does not set the expectation that administrators use effective strategies for ensuring development of well-designed standards-based units, provide adequate resources or support for this activity, and/or monitor or assess progress.</p>	<p>Provides limited training and/or support to administrators to employ effective strategies for ensuring well-designed standards-based units. May sometimes monitor and assess progress and provide feedback.</p>	<p>Provides support and assistance for administrators to learn and employ effective strategies for ensuring that educators and educator teams design standards-based units with measurable outcomes and challenging tasks requiring higher-order thinking. Frequently monitors and assesses progress, providing feedback as necessary.</p>	<p>Empowers administrators to employ strategies that empower staff to create rigorous standards-based units of instruction that are aligned across grade levels and content areas. Continually monitors and assesses progress, provides feedback, and connects administrators to additional supports as needed. Is able to model this element.</p>
<p>I-A-2. Lesson Development Support</p>	<p>Does not state expectations for administrators that they establish effective strategies to ensure development of well-structured lessons, does not provide training or support, and/or does not discriminate between strong and weak strategies for ensuring effective lesson-planning practices.</p>	<p>Provides limited training to administrators on how to establish effective strategies for ensuring that educators develop well-structured lessons and/or does not consistently identify and/or address patterns when there is evidence of a weak strategy being employed.</p>	<p>Supports administrators to learn and establish effective strategies for ensuring that educators develop well-structured lessons with challenging, measurable objectives and appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, technologies, and grouping.</p>	<p>Supports administrators to collaborate on developing strategies that enable educators to consistently develop series of interconnected, well-structured lessons with challenging objectives and appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, materials, and grouping and identifies specific exemplars and resources in each area. Is able to model this element.</p>



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**Indicator I-B. Instruction: Ensures that practices in all settings reflect high expectations regarding content and quality of effort and work, engage all students, and are personalized to accommodate diverse expectations regarding content and quality of effort and work, needs, interests, and levels of readiness.**

I-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-B-1. Instructional Practices	Does not look for evidence of and/or cannot accurately identify ways that principals identify effective teaching strategies when the principals observe practice and review unit plans..	While the superintendent may observe principal practice and artifacts, s/he only occasionally looks for evidence that principals are identifying effective teaching strategies and practices when they observe practice and review unit plans.	While observing principal practice and artifacts, ensures that principals identify a variety of effective teaching strategies and practices when they observe practice and review unit plans.	While observing principal practice and artifacts, ensures that principals know and employ effective strategies and practices for helping educators improve instructional practice. Is able to model this element.
I-B-2. Quality of Effort and Work	Does not set high expectations for the quality of content, student effort, and/or student work district-wide, or expectations are inappropriate.	May set high expectations for the quality of content, student effort, and student work district-wide, but allows expectations to be inconsistently applied across the district.	Sets and models high expectations for the quality of content, student effort, and student work district-wide and supports administrators to uphold these expectations consistently.	Sets and models high expectations for the quality of content, student effort, and student work district-wide and empowers administrators, educators and students to uphold these expectations consistently. Is able to model this element.
I-B-3. Diverse Learners' Needs	Does not look for evidence of and/or cannot accurately identify ways that principals identify effective teaching strategies and practices that are appropriate for diverse learners.	While the superintendent may observe principal practice, s/he only occasionally looks for evidence that principals are identifying effective teaching strategies and practices that are appropriate for diverse learners when they observe practices and review unit plans.	While observing principal practice, ensures that principals look for and identify a variety of teaching strategies and practices that are effective with diverse learners when they observe practices and review unit plans.	Employs strategies that ensure that principals know and consistently identify teaching strategies and practices that are meeting the needs of diverse learners while teaching their content. Is able to model this element.

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<b>Indicator I-C. Assessment: Ensures that all principals and administrators facilitate practices that propel personnel to use a variety of formal and informal methods and assessments to measure student learning, growth, and understanding and make necessary adjustments to their practice when students are not learning.</b>					
I-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary	
<p>I-C-1. Variety of Assessments</p>	<p>Does not communicate or monitor a strategy for assessments, leaving it up to administrators to design and implement their own strategies.</p>	<p>Provides administrators with some formal assessment options and suggests that they coordinate their assessment practices within their teams and include a variety of assessments but does not monitor this practice.</p>	<p>Supports administrator teams to use a variety of formal and informal methods and assessments, including common interim assessments that are aligned across grade levels and subject areas.</p>	<p>Leads administrator teams to develop and implement a comprehensive assessment strategy that includes ongoing informal assessment and common interim assessments that are aligned across grade levels and subject areas. Is able to model this element.</p>	
<p>I-C-2. Adjustment to Practice</p>	<p>Does not encourage or facilitate administrator teams to review assessment data.</p>	<p>Suggests that administrator teams meet to review data and plan for adjustments and interventions but inconsistently monitors this practice.</p>	<p>Provides the resources for planning time and effective support for administrator teams to review assessment data and identify appropriate interventions and adjustments to practice. Monitors administrators' efforts and successes in this area.</p>	<p>Leads, plans, facilitates, and supports administrator team review meetings after each round of assessments. Monitors teams' plans, adjustments to instruction, and outcomes and shares lessons learned with others. Is able to model this element.</p>	

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**Indicator I-D. Evaluation: Provides effective and timely supervision and evaluation of all staff in alignment with state regulations and contract provisions.**

I-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
<p>I-D-1. Educator Goals</p>	<p>Does not support administrators to develop professional practice, student learning and/or district/school improvement goals, review the goals for quality, and/or support administrators in attaining goals.</p>	<p>Supports administrators and administrator teams to develop professional practice, student learning and, where appropriate, district/school improvement goals but does not consistently review them for quality and/or monitor progress.</p>	<p>Supports administrators and administrator teams to develop and attain meaningful, actionable, and measurable professional practice, student learning, and where appropriate, district/school improvement goals.</p>	<p>Supports administrators and administrator teams to develop and attain meaningful, actionable, and measurable professional practice, student learning and district/school improvement goals and models this process through the superintendent's own evaluation process and goals. Is able to model this element.</p>
<p>I-D-2. Observations and Feedback</p>	<p>Rarely conducts visits to observe principal practice and/or does not provide honest feedback to administrators who are not performing proficiently.</p>	<p>Makes infrequent unannounced visits to schools to observe principal practice, rarely provides feedback that is specific and constructive for administrators, and/or critiques struggling administrators without providing support to improve their performance.</p>	<p>Typically makes at least three unannounced visits to each school to observe principal practice every year and provides targeted constructive feedback to all administrators. Acknowledges effective practice and provides redirection and support for those whose practice is less than <i>Proficient</i>.</p>	<p>Makes unannounced visits to schools throughout the year to observe administrator practice and provides targeted constructive feedback to all administrators. Engages with all in conversations with all administrators about improvement, celebrates effective practice, and provides targeted support to administrators whose practice is less than <i>Proficient</i>. Is able to model this element.</p>
<p>I-D-3. Ratings</p>	<p>Assigns ratings for performance, goal attainment, and impact on student learning without collecting and analyzing sufficient and/or appropriate data or does not assign ratings for some administrators.</p>	<p>Assigns ratings for performance, goal attainment, and impact on student learning in a way that is not consistently transparent to administrators.</p>	<p>Exercises sound and reliable judgment in assigning ratings for performance, goal attainment, and impact on student learning and ensures that administrators understand why they received their ratings.</p>	<p>Exercises sound and reliable judgment in assigning ratings for performance, goal attainment, and impact on student learning. Ensures that administrators understand in detail why they received their ratings and provides effective support around this practice. Is able to model this element.</p>

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I-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-D-4. Alignment Review	Does not review alignment between judgment about practice and data about student learning when evaluating and rating administrators.	Occasionally reviews alignment between judgment about practice and student learning data.	Consistently reviews alignment between judgment about practice and student learning data and provides guidance to administrators to make informed decisions about educator support and evaluation based upon this review.	Studies alignment between judgment about practice and data about student learning when evaluating and rating administrators and provides effective support around this practice. Is able to model this element.



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<b>Indicator I-E. Data-Informed Decision Making: Uses multiple sources of evidence related to student learning, including state, district, and school assessment results and growth data, to inform school and district goals and improve organizational performance, educator effectiveness, and student learning.</b>				
I-E. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
<p>I-E-1. Knowledge and Use of Data</p>	<p>Relies on too few data sources to represent the full picture of school or district performance, and/or does not analyze the data accurately.</p>	<p>May work with administrators to identify multiple sources of student learning data, but these data do not provide multiple perspectives on performance, and/or analysis of the data is sometimes inaccurate.</p>	<p>Guides administrators and supports them in identifying a range of appropriate data sources and effectively analyze the data for decision-making purposes.</p>	<p>Leads administrator teams to identify a range of appropriate data sources, including non-traditional information that offers a unique perspective on school and district performance, and models effective data analysis for staff. Is able to model this element.</p>
<p>I-E-2. School and District Goals</p>	<p>Gathers limited information on school and district strengths and weaknesses and/or does not use these data to inform district plans or actions.</p>	<p>Assesses school and district strengths and weaknesses using data that are not carefully analyzed and/or writes an unfocused strategic plan.</p>	<p>Uses data to accurately assess school and district strengths and areas for improvement to inform the creation of focused, measurable district goals. Provides support to principals in their efforts to create focused, measurable school goals.</p>	<p>Involves stakeholders in a comprehensive diagnosis of school and district strengths and weaknesses using appropriate data, and leads a collaborative process to develop a focused, results-oriented strategic plan with annual goals. Is able to model this element.</p>
<p>I-E-3. Improvement of Performance, Effectiveness, and Learning</p>	<p>Does not share assessment data with administrators or provide them with resources and support to use data to make adjustments to school or district plans, and/or model appropriate data analysis strategies.</p>	<p>Shares limited data with administrators to identify student and/or educator subgroups that need support; provides limited assistance to administrator teams in using data to improve performance.</p>	<p>Uses multiple data sources to evaluate administrator and district performance. Provides administrator and administrator teams with the resources and support to disaggregate assessment data and assists them in identifying students who need additional support.</p>	<p>Uses multiple data sources to evaluate administrator and district performance. Provides administrators and administrator teams with the resources and support to disaggregate assessment data and assists them in identifying students who need additional support. Empowers educators to use a range of data sources to pinpoint areas for improvement. Is able to model this element.</p>

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**Standard II: Management and Operations.** *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>Indicator II-A. Environment: Develops and executes effective plans, procedures, routines, and operational systems to address a full range of safety, health, and emotional and social needs.</b>				
<b>II-A. Elements</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>
II-A-1. Plans, Procedures, and Routines	Does not organize the district effectively for orderly and efficient movement of students.	May establish plans, procedures, and routines to guide administrators, but student entry, dismissal, meals, class transitions, assemblies, and recess are not consistently orderly and/or efficient.	Develops systems, plans, procedures, and routines for administrators to implement that generally ensure orderly and efficient student entry, dismissal, meals, class transitions, assemblies, and recess.	Establishes systems, plans, procedures, and routines that empower administrators, students and staff to implement orderly and efficient student entry, dismissal, meals, class transitions, assemblies, and recess. Is able to model this element.
II-A-2. Operational Systems	Fails to establish systems and procedures to support custodial and/or other staff, so that the campus is not generally clean, attractive, welcoming, and/or safe.	Develops systems and procedures that result in inconsistent supervision and/or support of custodial and other staff, resulting in a campus that is not consistently clean, attractive, welcoming, or safe.	Develops systems and procedures for the effective supervision and support of custodial, clerical, food services, and other staff effectively so that the campus is clean, attractive, welcoming, and safe.	Creates and maintains a district environment in which custodial and other staff take personal responsibility for keeping the campus clean, attractive, welcoming, and safe. Is able to model this element.
II-A-3. Student Safety, Health, and Social and Emotional Needs	Does not develop consistent procedures for student discipline; district disciplinary practice varies from school to school; often tolerates discipline violations and/or enforces district policies or procedures inconsistently.	May urge administrators to demand good student behavior but allows varying standards to exist in different schools. Supervises and supports administrators in addressing student discipline and bullying matters on a case-by-case basis in the absence of a system of procedures and consequences.	Supports administrator teams in developing systems and procedures for positive student behavior; models high expectations for student behavior and provides appropriate training for administrators to uphold these expectations. Establishes district-wide routines and consequences, including policies and systems to prevent and address bullying and other behaviors that threaten students' social and emotional well-being.	Guides administrators and teams to develop practices that consistently showcase high expectations for student behavior and invest staff and students in upholding these expectations. Successfully implements district-wide routines and consequences such that students take ownership over addressing bullying and other behaviors that threaten students' social and emotional well-being. Is able to model this element.

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<b>Indicator II-B. Human Resources Management and Development: Implements a cohesive approach to recruitment, hiring, induction, development, and career growth that promotes high-quality and effective practice.</b>				
II-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
<p>II-B-1. Recruitment and Hiring Strategies</p>	<p>Does not successfully lead the recruitment and hiring process.</p>	<p>Leads the recruitment and hiring process but does not consistently identify effective administrators and educators.</p>	<p>Leads the district's recruitment and hiring process and, through it, consistently identifies effective administrators and educators who share the district's mission.</p>	<p>Consistently identifies effective administrators and educators who share the district's mission. Empowers administrators and faculty members to share in a structured, consistent interview process. Is able to model this element.</p>
<p>II-B-2. Induction, Professional Development, and Career Growth Strategies</p>	<p>Does not support new administrators, provide guidance to them to support educators, organize high-quality job-embedded professional development, and/or support the career growth of effective educators.</p>	<p>Develops only a limited district-wide induction program for new administrators and teachers and/or inconsistently implements the district's induction strategy; organizes job-embedded professional development that is not consistently high quality or aligned with goals; and/or does not consistently support effective administrators' and educators' career growth. Does not establish criteria for the awarding of professional status.</p>	<p>Develops district-wide induction support for new administrators and teachers and/or faithfully implements the district's induction strategy; organizes high-quality job-embedded professional development aligned with district goals; and supports the career growth of effective professional personnel by distributing leadership tasks, developing criteria for the awarding of professional status, and monitoring progress and development.</p>	<p>Facilitates the administrator-led design and implementation of induction support, job-embedded professional development, and career growth support all of which are aligned with district goals; are consistently viewed by professional personnel as effective and helpful, and provide multiple opportunities for administrator and educator growth and learning. Leads the administrator team in developing district criteria for the awarding of professional status. Is able to model this element.</p>

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<b>Indicator 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.</b>				
II-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
<p>II-C-1. Time for Teaching and Learning</p>	<p>Does little to minimize disruptions to instructional time and minimize disruptions and distractions for school-level staff, including principals.</p>	<p>Generally acts to minimize disruptions to instructional time and minimize disruptions and distractions for school-level staff, including principals.</p>	<p>Creates schedules, procedures and related systems that maximize instructional time and minimize school day disruptions and distractions for school-level staff, including principals; and consistently monitors the extent to which these systems are effective</p>	<p>Empowers administrators and teams to contribute to the design and monitoring of district systems that maximize instructional time and minimize disruptions and distractions for all school-level staff. Is able to model this element.</p>
<p>II-C-2. Time for Collaboration</p>	<p>Sets unrealistic expectations for administrator team meetings if at all and/or does not create a schedule that provides adequate meeting time for teams. Does not work to prevent or deflect time-wasting activities. Does not establish norms for the administrator team meetings.</p>	<p>Sets inconsistent expectations for administrator team meetings and/or creates a schedule that only provides adequate meeting time for some team meetings. Works to prevent or deflect activities with limited success. Norms for team behavior are unclear and/or not consistently practiced.</p>	<p>Sets expectations for administrator team meetings and creates a schedule that provides sufficient meeting time for all team meetings. Prevents or deflects activities that interfere with administrators' ability to focus on the agenda during team time. Establishes norms for effective team behavior.</p>	<p>Is transparent and forthcoming about expectations for all administrator team meetings; creates and implements a schedule that maximizes meeting time for all team members. Collaborates with team members to develop team norms. Is able to model this element.</p>



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<b>Indicator II-D. Laws, Ethics, and Policies: Understands and complies with state and federal laws and mandates, school committee policies, collective bargaining agreements, and ethical guidelines.</b>				
II-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
<p>II-D-1. Laws and Policies</p>	<p>Demonstrates lack of awareness or consistent non-compliance with some or all state and federal laws and mandates, school committee policies, or collective bargaining agreements.</p>	<p>May know state and federal laws and mandates, school committee policies, and collective bargaining agreements, but inconsistently complies with some laws or policies.</p>	<p>Understands and complies with state and federal laws and mandates, school committee policies, and collective bargaining agreements. Provides the resources and support to ensure district-wide compliance.</p>	<p>Provides the resources and support for all school personnel to understand and comply with state and federal laws and mandates, school committee policies, and collective bargaining agreements. Is able to model this element.</p>
<p>II-D-2. Ethical Behavior</p>	<p>Demonstrates lack of sound judgment reflecting integrity and fairness and/or does not adequately protect administrator, student, family, and/or staff confidentiality.</p>	<p>Generally demonstrates sound judgment reflecting integrity and fairness with occasional lapses in judgment and/or does not always protect administrator, student, family, and staff confidentiality appropriately.</p>	<p>Reliably demonstrates sound judgment reflecting integrity and fairness; protects administrator, student, family, and staff confidentiality appropriately; and expects all district personnel to reflect this practice.</p>	<p>Reliably demonstrates sound judgment reflecting integrity and fairness; protects administrator, student, family, and staff confidentiality appropriately. Effectively supports all staff to do both as well. Is able to model this element.</p>
<b>Indicator 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.</b>				
II-E. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
<p>II-E-1. Fiscal Systems</p>	<p>Builds a budget that does not align with the district's goals or mismanages available resources.</p>	<p>Develops a budget that loosely aligns with the district's vision, mission, and goals or inconsistently manages expenditures and available resources.</p>	<p>Develops a budget that aligns with the district's vision, mission, and goals. Allocates and manages expenditures consistent with district/school-level goals and available resources.</p>	<p>Leads the administrator team to develop a district budget that aligns with the district's vision, mission, and goals with supporting rationale; uses budget limitations to create new opportunities for improvement, when possible; allocates and manages expenditures consistent with district/school-level goals; and seeks alternate funding sources as needed. Is able to model this element.</p>

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**Standard III: Family and Community Engagement.** *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 school and district.*

<b>Indicator 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.</b>				
III-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-A-1. Family Engagement	Does little to welcome families as members of the district, classroom or school community or tolerates an environment that is unwelcoming to some families.	May provide some resources and support and make some attempts to welcome families as members of the district, classroom and school community but does not consistently use culturally sensitive practices and/or work to identify and remove barriers to family involvement.	Provides resources and support for all personnel to use culturally sensitive practices to ensure that all families are welcome and can contribute to the district, classroom, school and community's effectiveness. Works with administrators to identify and remove barriers to families' involvement, including families whose home language is not English.	Provides resources and support for all personnel to use culturally sensitive practices and successfully engages most families, ensuring that all families are welcome and can contribute to district, classroom, school, and community effectiveness. Works with administrators, families, and organizations to identify and remove barriers to family involvement, including families whose home language is not English. Is able to model this element.
III-A-2. Community and Business Engagement	Limits work to the immediate context of the school. Does not make efforts to reach out to community organizations, community members, or businesses that could otherwise contribute to district effectiveness.	Engages some community organizations, community members, and/or businesses in annual district events but does not make efforts to increase their involvement to maximize community contributions for district effectiveness.	Establishes ongoing relationships with community organizations, community members, and businesses. Engages them to increase their involvement to maximize community contributions for district effectiveness.	Establishes strategic partnerships with community organizations, community members, and businesses that improve district effectiveness. Works to increase the types and number of organizations with whom the district partners in order to deepen relationships and increase partner contribution. Is able to model this element.

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<b>Indicator III-B. Sharing Responsibility: Continuously collaborates with families and community stakeholders to support student learning and development at home, school, and in the community.</b>				
III-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
<p>III-B-1. Student Support</p>	<p>Does not work with administrators to support educators to identify student needs, does not work with administrators to support families to address student needs, and/or does not draw upon internal or external resources.</p>	<p>Asks administrators to identify students struggling academically or behaviorally and/or work with a limited number of families to address student needs, utilizing a limited set of resources.</p>	<p>Provides resources and support to enable administrators and educators to identify each student's academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs, including students with disabilities and English learners. Collaborates with administrators to support families to address student needs, utilizing resources within and outside of the district.</p>	<p>Provides resources and support to enable administrators and educators to identify each student's academic, social, emotional, and behavioral needs, including students with disabilities and English learners. Collaborates with administrators to support families to effectively address student needs and prevent further challenges, connecting students with a network of resources within and outside the district. Is able to model this element.</p>
<p>III-B-2. Family Collaboration</p>	<p>Does not set clear expectations or provide support for administrators to regularly communicate with families on ways to support their children's learning at home and at school.</p>	<p>Sets general expectations and provides occasional support for administrators to engage families in supporting their children's learning at school and at home and/or supporting their children with disabilities or limited English proficiency.</p>	<p>Sets clear expectations for and supports administrators to regularly engage families in supporting learning at school and home, including appropriate adaptation for students with disabilities or limited English proficiency.</p>	<p>Sets clear expectations and provides differentiated resources to support administrators to consistently and regularly engage all families in supporting their children's learning at school and home, including families and children with limited English proficiency and/or children with disabilities. Is able to model this element.</p>

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<b>Indicator III-C. Communication: Engages in effective communication with families, community stakeholders, and the media about key district issues, including student achievement, district needs, and best practices in education.</b>				
III-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
<p>III-C-1. Communication with Parents and Community Stakeholders</p>	<p>Poor performance regarding communicating community stakeholders by providing timely and relevant information about student achievement, district needs, and best practices in education. Poor performance regarding opportunities for stakeholder feedback through personal interactions, forums, committees, surveys, etc.</p>	<p>Uneven performance regarding communicating community stakeholders by providing timely and relevant information about student achievement, district needs, and best practices in education. Uneven performance regarding opportunities for stakeholder feedback through personal interactions, forums, committees, surveys, etc.</p>	<p>Communicates effectively with parents and community stakeholders by providing timely and relevant information about student achievement, district needs, and best practices in education. Provides opportunities for stakeholder feedback through personal interactions, forums, committees, surveys, etc.</p>	<p>Communicates effectively with parents and community stakeholders by providing timely and relevant information about student achievement, district needs, and best practices in education. Provides opportunities for stakeholder feedback through personal interactions, forums, committees, surveys, etc. Feedback from stakeholders regarding the superintendent's performance on this element is highly favorable, and the superintendent is able to model this element.</p>
<p>III-C-2. Culturally Proficient Communication</p>	<p>Does not set clear expectations for or provide support to administrators regarding culturally sensitive communication and/or allows inappropriate disrespectful communication with families that ignores different family cultural norms.</p>	<p>May set expectations for administrators regarding culturally sensitive communication but does not provide support to them; and/or occasionally communicates in ways that are culturally insensitive to some families' home language, culture, and values.</p>	<p>Sets clear expectations for and provides support to administrators regarding culturally sensitive communication. Ensures that district-wide communication with families is always respectful and demonstrates understanding of and sensitivity to different families' home language, culture, and values.</p>	<p>Sets clear expectations for, models, and provides differentiated support regarding culturally sensitive communication. Ensures that district-wide communication with families is always respectful and demonstrates understanding and appreciation of different families' home language, culture, and values. Is able to model this element.</p>
<p>III-C-3. Communication with Town, State, and Other Officials.</p>	<p>Does not build effective relationships with town, state, and other officials in order to ensure understanding of the school district's needs, seek assistance to meet those needs, and to understand other officials' questions and concerns.</p>	<p>Uneven performance regarding building and maintaining relationships with town, state, and other officials in order to ensure understanding of the school district's needs, seek assistance to meet those needs, and to understand officials' questions and concerns.</p>	<p>Builds and maintains effective relationships with town, state, and other officials in order to ensure understanding of the school district's needs, seek assistance to meet those needs, and to ensure that the school district is meeting its obligations.</p>	<p>Builds and maintains effective relationships with town, state, and other officials in order to ensure understanding of the school district's needs, seek assistance to meet those needs, and to understand other officials' questions and concerns. Is able to model this element.</p>

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III-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-C-4. Communication with News Media.	Does not develop productive and professional relationships with news media; contributions to media stories do not reflect well upon the school district.	Uneven performance regarding developing productive and professional relationships with news media; contributions to media stories sometimes do not reflect well upon the school district.	Develops productive and professional relationships with news media; provides information and responds to requests in ways that help members of the media report accurately. Contributions to media stories reflect well upon the school district.	Develops productive and professional relationships with news media, including proactive work to ensure that members of the media have access to school district news and sufficient details to provide accurate accounts; ensures that the media has access to information that demonstrates the district's performance. Contributions to media stories reflect extremely well upon the school district. Is able to model this element.
III-C-5. Use of Communication Tools.	Does not effectively utilize a variety of communication tools in order to connect with different stakeholder groups.	Uneven performance regarding the use of a variety of communication tools in order to connect with different stakeholder groups.	Effectively utilizes a variety of communication tools in order to connect with different stakeholder groups, including the Shrewsbury School Journal, cable television, the district website, automated phone calls, e-mail list serves, and social media.	Effectively utilizes a variety of communication tools in order to connect with different stakeholder groups, including the Shrewsbury School Journal, the district website, automated phone calls, e-mail list serves, and social media, and is able to model this element.
<b>Indicator III-D. Family Concerns: Addresses family and community concerns in an equitable, effective, and efficient manner.</b>				
III-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-D-1. Family Concerns	Fails to provide systems and support for personnel to consistently reach out to families in response to concerns, and agreed-upon solutions are often not in the best interest of students.	May systems and support to address concerns with families as they arise, but agreed-upon solutions are not always in the best interest of students.	Provides systems, and support for administrators to reach out to families as concerns arise and works to reach equitable solutions in the best interest of students.	Provides system and support for all school personnel to reach out to families proactively, as soon as concerns arise. Effectively reaches equitable solutions that satisfy families, faculty, and staff and are in the best interest of students. Is able to model this element.

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**Standard IV: Professional Culture.** *Promotes success for all students by nurturing and sustaining a school culture of reflective practice, high expectations, and continuous learning for staff.*

<b>Indicator 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.</b>				
IV-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-A-1. Commitment to High Standards	Does not encourage high standards of teaching and learning or high expectations for achievement with the administrator team, and/or may demonstrate low expectations for faculty and staff.	May ask administrators for commitment to high standards of teaching and learning with high expectations for achievement for all but does not support and/or model it.	Fosters a shared commitment to high standards of teaching and learning; for all administrators, with high expectations for achievement for all.	Leads administrators in developing a shared commitment to high standards of teaching and learning with high expectations for achievement for all. Revisits and renews commitment with administrator team regularly. Is able to model this element.
IV-A-2. Mission and Core Values	Does not develop core values and mission statements for the school.	May develop core values and mission statements but rarely uses them to guide decision making.	Develops, promotes, and models commitment to core values that guide the development of a succinct, results-oriented mission statement and ongoing decision making.	Leads administrators to develop core values and mission statements, share these statements with families and the school district community, and use them to guide decision making. Is able to model this element.
IV-A-3. Meetings	Leads administrator meetings that lack clear purpose and/or are primarily used for one-way informational updates.	May lead administrator meetings that include both one-way informational updates and participatory activities focused on matters of consequence, but does not clearly establish norms.	Plans and leads well-run and engaging administrator meetings that have clear purpose, focus on matters of consequence, and engage participants in a thoughtful and productive series of conversations and deliberations. Establishes clear norms for administrator team behavior.	Plans and facilitates engaging administrator team meetings in which small groups of administrators learn together and create solutions to instructional leadership issues. Team has established norms for behavior and consistently adheres to them. Consistently evaluates the effectiveness of the administrator team meetings. Is able to model this element.

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<b>Indicator 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.</b>				
IV-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-B-1. Policies and Practices	Develops and implements culturally insensitive or inappropriate policies, does not support administrators and staff in building cultural proficiency, and/or creates a culture that minimizes the importance of individual differences.	Takes pride in having a diverse administration, faculty and/or student body, but some policies are not culturally sensitive; and/or provides limited resources for administrators to support the development of cultural proficiency.	Develops and implements culturally sensitive policies that acknowledge the diverse backgrounds, identities, strengths, and challenges of administrators, students and staff. Provides administrators with relevant resources to support them in building cultural proficiency and promotes a culture that affirms individual differences.	Leads stakeholders to develop and implement culturally sensitive policies that acknowledge the diverse backgrounds, identities, strengths, and challenges of administrators, students and staff. Empowers administrators with time, resources, and support to build cultural proficiency and collaborates with community members to create a culture that affirms individual differences. Is able to model this element.

<b>Indicator IV-C. Communications: Demonstrates strong interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills.</b>				
IV-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-C-1. Communication Skills	Demonstrates ineffectual interpersonal, written, or verbal communication skills at times.	May demonstrate adequate interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills but sometimes makes grammatical errors or has difficulty expressing ideas to stakeholders.	Demonstrates strong interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills.	Demonstrates strong context- and audience-specific interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills. Is able to model this element.

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<b>Indicator 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 the administrator's own practice.</b>				
IV-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
<p>IV-D-1. Continuous Learning of Staff</p>	<p>Accepts the practice of administrators working largely in isolation, without consideration of data and best practices, and/or discourages reflection among administrators, faculty and staff.</p>	<p>May encourage administrators to reflect on the effectiveness of interactions with faculty and students and to use data and best practices to adapt practice but does not support administrators in these practices.</p>	<p>Leads all administrators and teams to reflect on the effectiveness of interactions with faculty and students. Ensures that administrators use data, research, and best practices to adapt practice to achieve improved results.</p>	<p>Models for administrators how to reflect on the effectiveness of interactions with faculty and students and uses data, research, and best practices to adapt practice to achieve improved results. Supports all educators to work in teams as often as is feasible and appropriate. Is able to model this element.</p>
<p>IV-D-2. Continuous Learning of Administrator</p>	<p>Does not reflect on personal practice or demonstrate new ways of thinking about administration and leadership.</p>	<p>Occasionally reflects on personal practice, sets meaningful goals, and/or researches ways to improve efficiency and practice.</p>	<p>Reflects on and improves personal practice, sets meaningful goals, and develops new approaches in order to improve efficiency and practice.</p>	<p>Demonstrates openness and commitment to learning; reflects on personal practice; and relies on student data, current research, and best practice to improve own leadership. Is able to model this element.</p>
<b>Indicator IV-E. Shared Vision: 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.</b>				
IV-E. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
<p>IV-E-1. Shared Vision Development</p>	<p>Does little to engage stakeholders in the creation of a shared educational vision, or the vision is disconnected from college and career readiness, civic engagement, and/or community contributions.</p>	<p>Engages administrators, staff, students, families, and community members in developing a vision focused on some aspects of student preparation for college and career readiness, civic engagement, and community contributions.</p>	<p>At all grade levels, continuously engages administrators, staff, students, families, and community members in developing a vision focused on student preparation for college and career readiness, civic engagement, and community contributions.</p>	<p>Leads administrators, staff, students of all ages, families, and community members to develop and internalize a shared educational vision around preparation for college and careers and responsible citizenship. Is able to model this element.</p>



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<b>Indicator IV-F. Managing Conflict: Employs strategies for responding to disagreement and dissent, constructively resolving conflict and building consensus throughout a district or school community.</b>				
IV-F. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-F-1. Response to Disagreement	Does not respond to disagreement or dissent and/or does not use appropriate, respectful, non-confrontational approaches.	May respond respectfully to disagreement and dissent, but responds inconsistently and does not always employ a non-confrontational approach	Employs a non-confrontational approach for responding respectfully and appropriately to disagreement and dissent, using both as opportunities for learning. Models this practice for the administrator team.	Models a variety of strategies for responding respectfully and effectively to disagreement and dissent, using both as opportunities for learning. Provides professional development for the administrator team to build these conflict resolution strategies. Is able to model this element.
IV-F-2. Conflict Resolution	Does not address conflicts in a solution-oriented and/or respectful manner.	May attempt to respectfully resolve conflicts as they arise, but employs only a limited range of strategies.	Consistently employs a variety of strategies to resolve conflicts in a constructive and respectful manner. Models this behavior for the administrator team.	Consistently employs a variety of strategies to resolve conflicts in a constructive and respectful manner and empowers and supports administrators to use these approaches. Is able to model this element.
IV-F-3. Consensus Building	Does not attempt to build consensus within the district community, or attempts at consensus-building around critical school decisions are unsuccessful.	Employs a limited number of strategies to build consensus within the school district community, with varying degrees of success.	<b>Builds consensus within the school district community around critical school decisions, employing a variety of strategies.</b>	Employs a variety of strategies to build consensus within the school district community around critical school decisions, while encouraging dialogue and different points of view. Is able to model this element.



SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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ITEM NO: **VIII. Old Business**

MEETING DATE: **12/18/13**

SPECIFIC STATEMENT OR QUESTION:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

STAFF AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION:



SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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ITEM NO: **X**. **Approval of Minutes**

MEETING DATE: **12/18/13**

SPECIFIC STATEMENT OR QUESTION:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

STAFF AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION:



SHREWSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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ITEM NO: XI. **Executive Session**

MEETING DATE: **12/18/13**

SPECIFIC STATEMENT OR QUESTION:

Will the School Committee enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations where discussion in open session may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body?

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

That the School Committee discuss the information presented and take such action as it deems to be in best interests of Shrewsbury Public Schools.

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

That the School Committee enter into executive session.

STAFF AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION:

Ms. Barbara A. Malone, Director of Human Resources  
Dr. Joseph Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools



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ITEM NO: **XII. Information Enclosures**  
ITEM NO: **XIII. Adjournment**

MEETING DATE: **12/18/13**

SPECIFIC STATEMENT OR QUESTION:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

ACTION RECOMMENDED:

STAFF AVAILABLE FOR PRESENTATION: