

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion:

Creating Cultures of Belonging in Shrewsbury

An Update to School Committee May 26, 2021

A plan is an opportunity.

- Make visible our efforts at continuous improvement
- •Strengthen relationships with students, parents and staff
- •Forge connections with the larger community



The Goal: Environments Where Everyone's Success Matters



Data Informs Planning March, 2021

Consultants Dr. Akuoma Nwadike and Ms. Maureen Manning analyzed student student data, and student supports. Reports will be forthcoming.

2018 2019-2020 2020-2021

SPS Strategic Plan approved

The district identified 4 main priorities.

Schools based goals on priorities.

SPS receives
Equity Audit
Report,
June 2020
District leaders
and other
stakeholders
aligned efforts to
key
recommendations

Strategic
Planning &
PD
July 2020
District
leaders met
with MIT
consultants
for training

Coalition for Equity and Anti-Racism August, 2020 Group developed essential questions and a related vision for DEIB work in the district

District PD Day
October, 2020
Dr. Irvin Leon
Scott & Dr.
Darnisa AmanteJackson led the
district
professional
development day

for ALL staff

January, 2021
Dr.Amante-Jackson
presented to
professional staff
and began
consulting with the
district

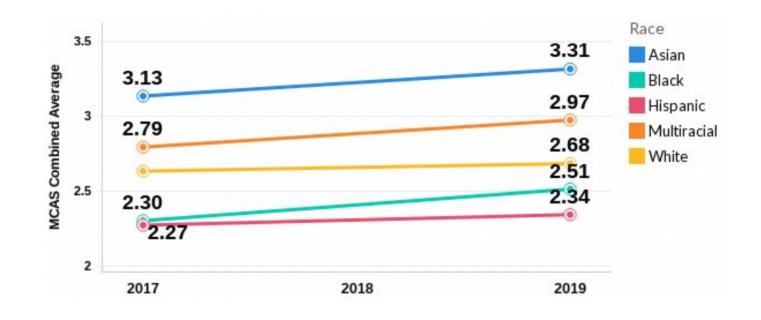
PD Day

Welcome
May, 2021
The district
partnered with
Panorama and
Thought
Exchange to seek
feedback from
the community

Feedback

Data Informed in our Approach with Students

- Dr. Nwadike analyzed MCAS scores from 2017-2019
- An important finding is that scores are trending upwards.



Data Informed in our Approach with Staff

- Build on successes
- Identify new approaches





The Plan

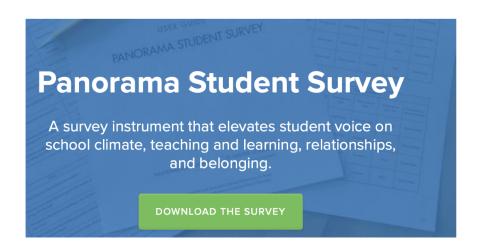


"If I had one hour to save the world, I would spend fifty-five minutes defining the problem and only five minutes finding the solution."

- Albert Einstein

Listen

- Staff survey results informed our approach to professional development
- Panorama survey will go out to students, families and staff in June
- Thought Exchange process will inform Mascot study group



Learn









Diversity is the representation. Diversity can be measured through numbers and is usually tracked by race, gender, sexual identity, age, education, economic background.

Belonging is the ongoing culture created to have all people feel welcome across difference. Manifested in the relationships, in conversations, physical space and written word.

Inclusion is the participation. Inclusion is usually achieved when diverse populations are involved in decision-making that impacts the policies and practices of the organization.

Equity requires changing structures of power & privilege so disparities of historically under-represented groups are eliminated and therefore outcomes cannot be predicted by that grouping.

You've been asked to the party.

You feel welcomed and comfortable going to the party.

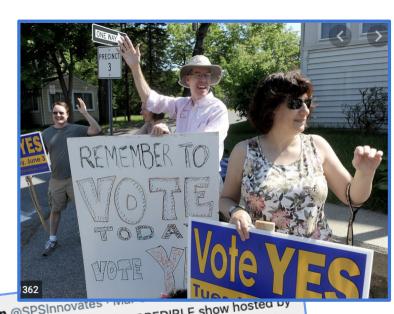
You've been asked to help plan the party.

Redefines what the party entails and who has the power to plan the party.

Plan

In this community, when we work together towards a shared goal, amazing things can happen.





ONIGHT'S THE NIGHT! Tune in to an INCREDIBLE show hosted by students in the SPS Performing Arts Program. See program for the full lineup!

Let's APPLAUD these STUDENTS and teachers! Donate:
bit.ly/SPStelethon and help us reach \$50,000!



Questions?

