#### FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY



### OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP LEARNING

Leading a School District Coaching System

Thursday, February 27, 2025 11:10 AM to 12:30 PM





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## Clay County District Schools 2002-Present

- Director of School Improvement,
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- Elementary and Junior High School Administrator
- Instructional Coach
- Exceptional Student Education Teacher
- General Education Teacher

### **Accomplishments**

- State, National, and International Facilitator: Learning Forward, Learning Forward Florida, Florida Association of School Administrators (FASA), Leadership for Professional Learning, National Association of School and University Partnerships (NASUP)
- Thomas Mulkeen Dissertation Award
- Teacher of the Year for Clay Hill Elementary



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### **Welcome and Connection**

### Please share your:

2:00

- Name
- District/Organization
- Role
- Learning objective you are most interested in



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## **Professional Learning Norms**





Equity of Participation	Active Listening	Respect for All Perspectives
Pause Leave quiet time for others to think and process  Pay attention to self and others Let everyone get their hands on the	Paraphrase     "So are you saying?"     "I think I heard is that right?"	Presume positive intentions  "What ideas do you have about how we can improve?"  "Tell me more about your thinking"
materials • Step up and step back  Place ideas on the table • "Here is one option" • "One thought I have is"	"I'm just going to turn my phone off so I can really listen to you."	Probe  Please say more about"  I'm curious about"

Adapted from Adaptive Schools <a href="http://www.thinkingcollaborative.com/norms-collaboration-toolkit/">http://www.thinkingcollaborative.com/norms-collaboration-toolkit/</a> and the New Teacher Center <a href="http://www.newteachercenter.org">www.newteachercenter.org</a>



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### **Purpose: Coaching for Student Outcomes**

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"The ultimate goal of instructional coaching is not to improve teacher practice for its own sake, but to create the conditions for all students to learn at high levels. Effective coaching is a relentless focus on student outcomes, using teacher practice as the lever to achieve those outcomes."

- synthesized from the work of Jim Knight



### **District Coaching System Theory of Action:**

f.... [the actions that will take place]









### **CCDS Coaching System Theory of Action:**

f.... all CCDS coaches work alongside teachers in classrooms, using evidence-based coaching practices to support the implementation of the OneClay Vision instructional practices

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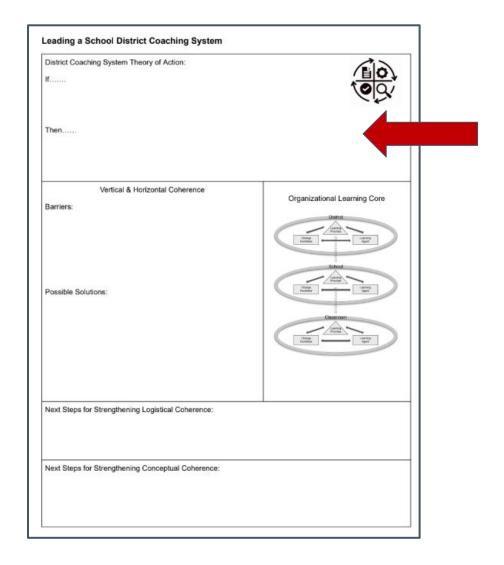
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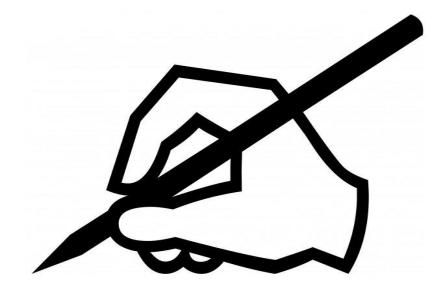




### What is your District Coaching System Theory of Action?









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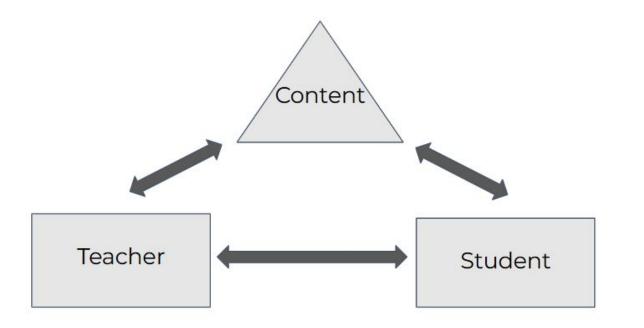
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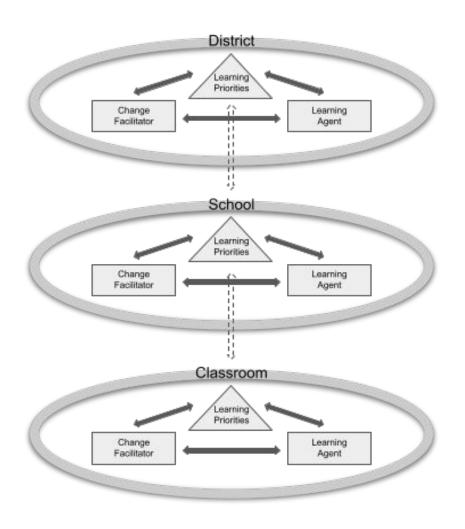
-Richard Elmore, 2008

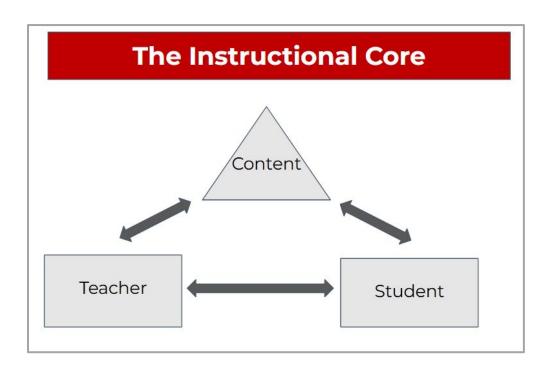
### **The Instructional Core**





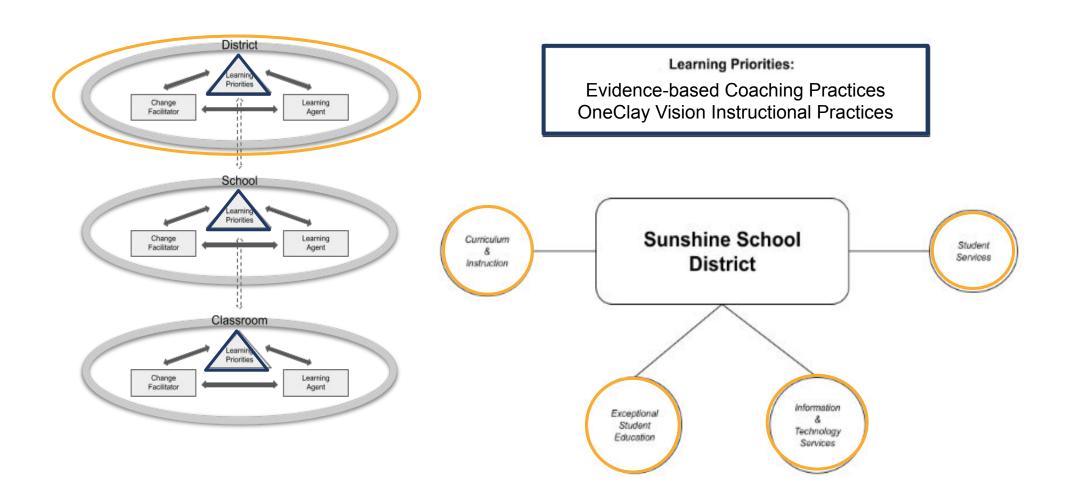
### **Organizational Learning Core- Vertical Coherence**





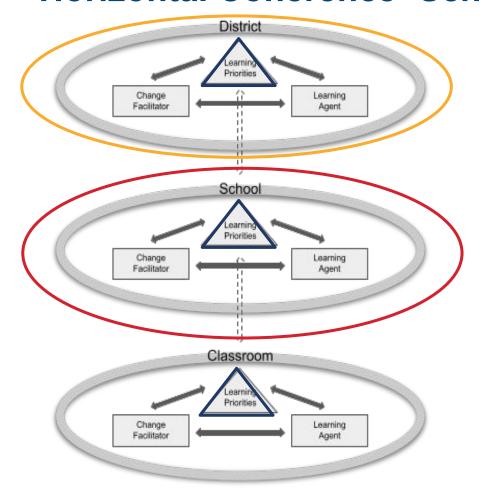


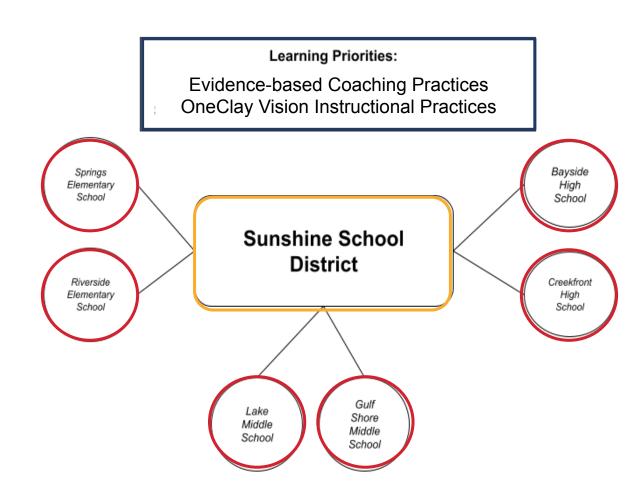
### **Horizontal Coherence- District Level**





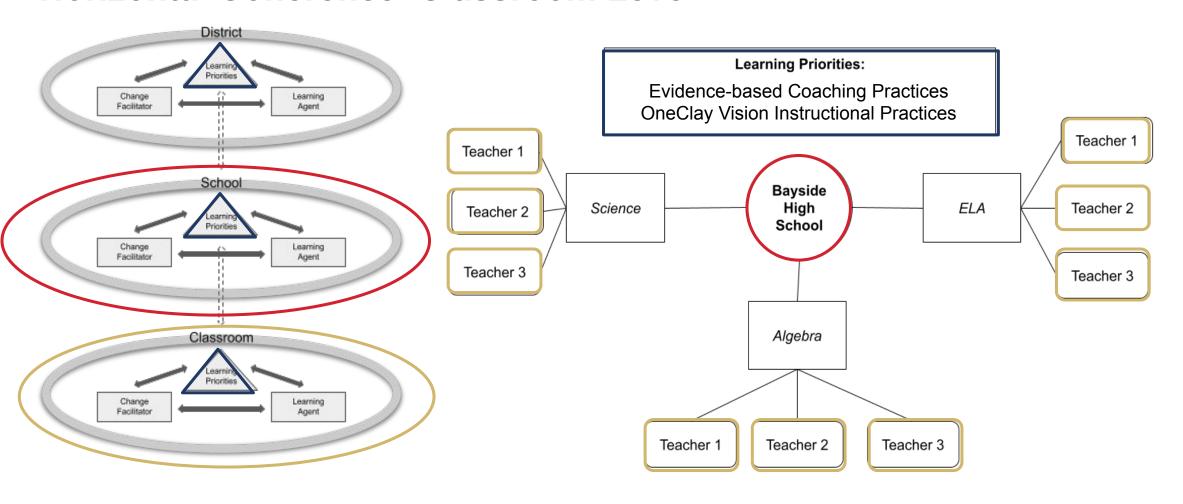
### **Horizontal Coherence- School Level**







### **Horizontal Coherence- Classroom Level**





## What are barriers to vertical and horizontal coherence in your system?

## Leading a School District Coaching System District Coaching System Theory of Action: Then... Vertical & Horizontal Coherence Organizational Learning Core Possible Solutions Next Steps for Strengthening Logistical Coherence: Next Steps for Strengthening Conceptual Coherence:









3:00

What are common barriers to vertical and horizontal coherence across systems?





**Lack of Focus** 

Lack of Knowledge & Understanding

**Lack of Resources** 



### **Establishing Focus**

3:00

## The What







#### Planning Conversation Tool- For the Beginning of Coaching Cycle

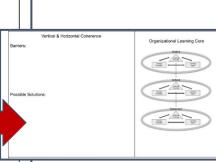
Key Components	Purpose/Rationale	Coaching Questions/Moves	
Application of <b>Growth Mindset</b> and setting the purpose for coaching cycles	Set the context of the planning conversation to make the purpose transparent.  Build from assets/strength-based coaching. This supports the establishment of attainable goals.	The purpose of this conversation is to discuss an area of focus that aligns with the school's goals and your intended outcomes. We plan upfront what we want to accomplish to be clear about the process and the evidence we're going to be looking for as we work together over the next few weeks.  We also want to build from your strengths. So tell me a little bit about what you're seeing in your classroom and what has been going well so far?	
Develop a Coaching Cycle Focus Question aligned to increasing student achievement.	Determine an area the teacher wants to collect data around. This should link a teaching action to a student outcome.  This can be generated through discussion of areas of opportunity for students, and current actions the teacher is taking regarding their area of interest.  Utilize the school improvement goals, FEAPs expectations, and/or the OneClay Vision are connected to this focus question.	What is the area of student learning that you would like to gather more information about during this cycle?  What have you learned or tried so far in this area of focus?  How has student learning improved as a result of what you have tried?  What question when answered would help you monitor the impact of an instructional strategy/practice on this area of student achievement?  How does this  SIP. FEAPs and/or instructional vision?	

What bite size action step would you like

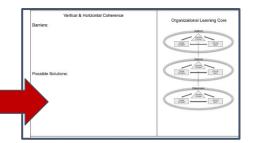
focus area? Questions Stems for Coaching

to try in the next few weeks related to this

# The How







# Strengthening Knowledge & Understanding

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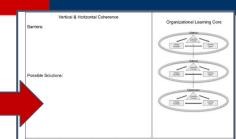


Aligned
Meeting
Schedule for
District
Specialists and
Coaches

Audience	Frequency of Meeting	Day & time	Duration of Meeting	Purpose	Facilitator
Professional Learning 12-month Specialists (Content, Reading, ESOL)	2x a month	Every other Monday morning (the same day as district specialists) 8:30am-11:30am	3 hours	Foster a K-12 perspective of supporting student learning     Collaborate & problem solve around content priorities     Connect across content areas for a coherent way of work and comprehensive support for schools	PL Director & Supervisor
All District Specialists	2x a month	Every other Monday afternoon 12:30-3:00	2.5 hours	-Foster a common district language and focus on the OneClay Vision -Connect across departments for coherent support for schools -Learn from others across departments	PL Director & Supervisor
SIPLA (all content, reading, and ESOL specialists and coaches)	1 x a month (last Friday)	Friday morning 8:00am-10:30am	2.5 hours	-Build community among all coaches and specialists - Learn together to develop our understanding of designing and facilitating meaningful professional learning experiences: book study?	PL Director & Supervisor
Content Teams	3 x month	Friday mornings 8:00-10:30am	2.5 hours	Communicate priorities with coaches in content teams     Learn together as a content team about ways to support teachers in your content	12 Month Content Specialists
Teacher Support	3 x a month	Friday mornings 8:00-11:00am	3 hours	- Learn together to develop an understanding of designing and facilitating meaningful support for beginning teachers - Collaborate & problem solve around ways to support beginning teachers	Teacher Support Coordinator
District Literacy Leadership	1 x a month	2nd Tuesday 11-12:30	2 hours	Check in on literacy data each month     use data to inform next steps for support	Reading Supervisor







### **Developing Resources**

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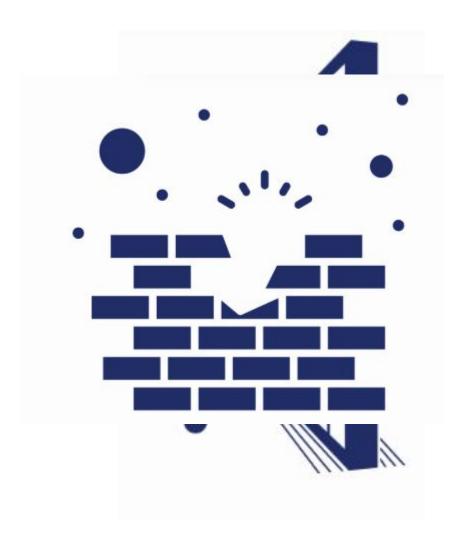
		Stage 1: S	urviving	
Characteristics that Define This Stage	Management Indicators	How to Move Forward	Instructional (Rigor) Indicators	How to Move Forward
Feeling Overwhelmed; Begins to Implement Strategies with Varying Levels of Success	Teacher creates classroom rules     Teacher acknowledges there are unwanted behaviors/lack of engagement and tries various methods to address	-Plan and practice critical routines and procedures for all parts of the instructional day (Routines 101: GBF p.89)	- Teacher leads the majority of the lesson, and does the majority of the thinking - Teacher asks few, if any questions throughout the lesson - Teacher provides interesting facts, details, and/or related stories about the content	Utilize standards and curriculum resources to plan (Develop effective lesson plans 101: GBF p.110)     Infernalize (script, practice, and write higher order questions) for existing lesson plans (GBF p.120)
		Stage 2: E	merging	
Characteristics that Define This Stage	Management Indicators	How to Move Forward	Instructional (Rigor) Indicators	How to Move Forward
Recognizes the Need to Create a Classroom Structure Conducive to Learning: References Curriculum Resources	- Teacher notices when specific students are not engaged - Teacher physically occupies all quadrants of the room - Refers to expectations (may be implied) with redirects/reprimands/or consequences	- Develop *Strong Voice* (GBF p.98)	- Teacher has materials organized in advance - Teacher provides clear directions for instructional activities - Teacher includes whole group response opportunities for engagement - Teacher asks recall or basic comprehension questions - Student responses are not tracked/built upon - Use of technology/lab equipment (teachers & students)	-Write precise learning targets (GBF p. 112 & Q1 Continuum) -Monitor student work in real time (GBF p. 205) - Pian aligned checks for understanding/exit tickets (GBI p.117 and Q2 Continuum)
		Stage 3: N	fanaging	
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Awareness of classroom climate, allows opportunities for student engagement and participation	- Explicitly states expectations - Teacher exhibits presence and "Strong Voice" - Teacher recognizes and responds to behavior (reactive)	- Monitor (develop teacher radar ) and adjust (Routines 201: GBF p. 149-172)	Teacher communicates high expectations     Teacher references the learning goal and explains why the upcoming content is important.     Teacher asks higher order questions     Students respond with short answers	-Plan checks for understanding aligned to learning targets (Q2 Continum) - Develop success criteria (ides student responses (GBF p.185) - Teach students to respond to





Sessions





**Establishing Focus** 

Strengthening Knowledge & Understanding

**Developing Resources** 

Logistical Coherence

Conceptual Coherence



### **Logistical Coherence**

Having all the "nuts and bolts" of a process organized in a way that supports its intended purpose

- Everything fitting together: Ensuring all the necessary components (resources, schedules, actions) work in a coordinated way.
- Smooth operation: Minimizing disruptions and ensuring efficient flow.
- Logical arrangement: That the plan of how things are done, makes logical sense.

2:00



What are next steps you might take to strengthen logistical and conceptual coherence?

### **Conceptual Coherence**

Aligning the ideas, principles, and beliefs within a system to logically support one another

- Meaningful connections: Ensuring that all the underlying concepts fit together in a way that makes sense.
- Internal consistency: Avoiding contradictions and ensuring that the core ideas are mutually reinforcing.
- Shared understanding: That the core ideas of a system are understood, and have logical connection between each other.



### **Logistical Coherence**

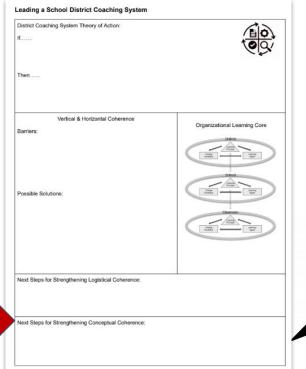
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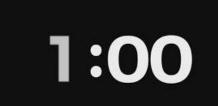
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## What types of data do you use to monitor and reflect on coaching impact?



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	ing System to Improve Student Outcomes
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Other notes:	





What data sources are in place to monitor each element of our theory of action?

# Theory of Action





# Monitoring Impact







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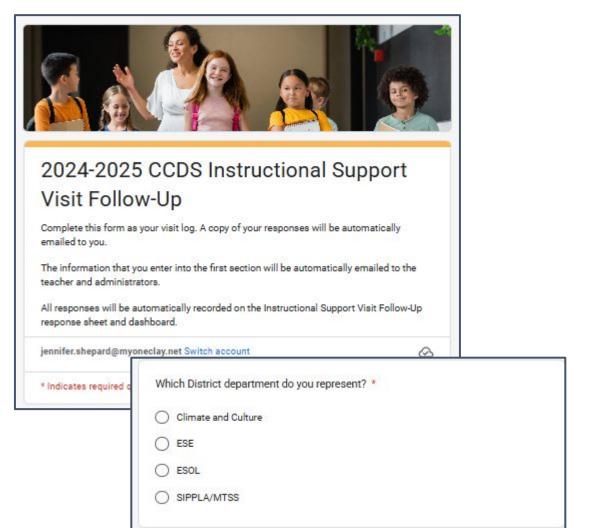


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### Coaching Log and Professional Learning Session Follow-Up





Consistent
Communication
with School
Leaders

Document
Support by
School,
Teacher, Topic,
and Coach



### **Coaching Dashboards**





What are possible next steps for monitoring coaching support in your schools?





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School Walkthrough Dashboards School Improvement Walks

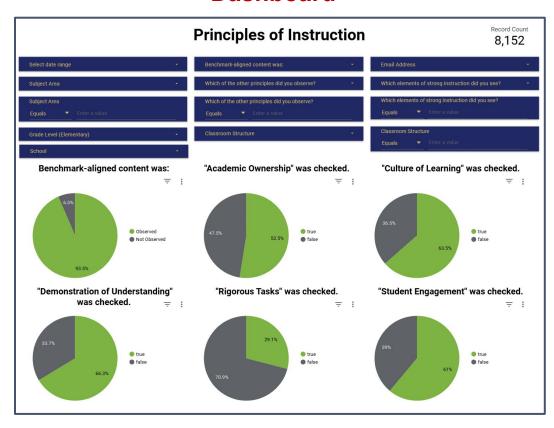
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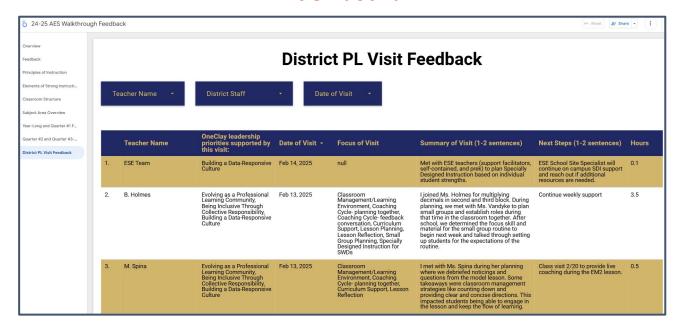


### **Classroom Walkthrough Dashboards**

### District Walkthrough Dashboard



### School Walkthrough Dashboard



Reflect on Impact in Classrooms

Inform Next Steps for Support



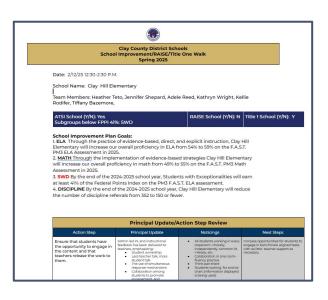
### **School Improvement Walks**

Reflect on Impact in Classrooms

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- Federal ESSA Accountability Status by Sub-group (SWD, ESOL, Title I)
- RAISE Status (ELA Priority)
- Math Priority
- Science Priority
- Social Studies Priority





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### **Student Achievement Data: PM1, PM2, PM3**



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## PM Data Meetings to realign coaching support based on student need.

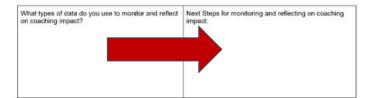
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7th ELA								Ţ.
8th ELA	. •							
7th Reading								
8th Reading								
9th Reading								
10th Reading								
7th Math	Upon request -	Ashlei Harrington				ILI EAG	T DM2	
8th Math	Intermittent -	Ashlei Harrington	KHH Math Support Meeting Notes		JH FAST PM2			
Algebra I	Frequent	Ashlei Harrington	KHI Matif Support Meeting Notes			Alg 1	Alg 1A	
Geometry	Intermittent -	Ashlei Harrington				Geo	Alg 1B	
7th Science	Frequent	Leslee Bryan			KILLO L. S. D. L.			
8th Science	Frequent -	Leslee Bryan		KHJ Science Data				
Environmental	Upon request -	Ruelas			VUU DI	ology Data		
Biology	Upon request -	Ruelas			KIII DI	лоду Бага		
7th US History	Frequent	Rachel	KHH SS Support Meeting Notes		MJ USH Q1	MJ US	H Midterm	
Civics	Intermittent -	Stephanie			Civics Q1	Civics	Midterm	
11th USH	Intermittent -	Stephanie			USH Q1	USH M	lidterm	



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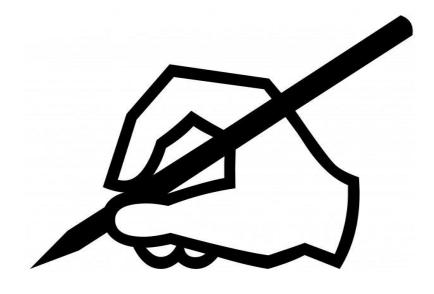
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### **Action Planning**

Your Action Plan for Leading a Coaching System to Improve Student Outcomes
Identify next steps for strengthening a clear coaching structure district-wide and techniques to monitor and track its effectiveness.
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Session Feedback

