

# RSU 23 Birth to Third Grade Action Plan



# **Alignment with District and Community Goals**

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Taken from the RSU 23 Strategic Plan

Community Goal 1. Creating opportunity for a safer and simpler life

Community Goal 2. Upholding high community standards

Community Goal 3. Embracing our history and culture

Community Goal 4. Fostering year round business success and

Community Goal 5. Empowering residents and enriching relationships

Taken from the OOB Community Friendly Connection Mission Statement

|   | Strategies  | Completion Date |
|---|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Increase access to and improve quality in programs serving children from birth to fifth grade | 6/30/2020       |
| 2 | Engage, educate and support families of children from birth through third grade               | 6/15/2020       |
| 3 | Continue to improve teaching and learning in grades Pre-K through fifth grade                 | 6/30/2020       |

### Strategy #1

Increase access to and improve quality in programs serving children from birth to fifth grade

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(From OOBCFC Mission Statement)

| Early Evidence of Impact   | Short Term Evidence of Impact  | Long Term Evidence of Impact   |
|--|--|--|
| <b>1A.</b> Child care staff have been introduced to the CLASS tool | <b>1A.</b> Child care staff demonstrate improved use of effective interactions as measured by the CLASS tool | <b>1A.</b> Students experience increased social/emotional development and fewer behavioral disruptions as evidenced by a 15% |
| <b>1B.</b> Child care options in the community have expanded       | <b>1B.</b> Non-Profit(501c3) has been established and funding sources/fund raisers for                       | reduction in the number of expulsions and suspensions from child care programs   |
|  | scholarship fund have been identified  | <b>1B.</b> Child care scholarships are regularly awarded to allow equal access to high quality care                          |

| Strategy # 1 Actions   | Lead                           | Start Date | Complete By | Resources Needed  |
|--|--------------------------------|------------|-------------|---|
| <b>1-A</b> . Support quality interactions that promote social-emotional, cognitive and language development in children in existing child care programs (OOB Recreation Department) in the community by providing professional development                           | Sue Gallant &<br>Mike Flaherty | 6/1/2019   | 7/1/2019    | Funding for B-3 Coordinator position, trainer stipends, and use of school facilities for training sessions          |
| 1-B. Collaborate with community agencies and civic groups to establish a nonprofit organization(501c3) with the purpose of increasing equitable access to high quality childcare and enrichment opportunities for children living in the Old Orchard Beach Community | Sue Gallant &<br>JoAnne Dowd   | 5/1/2019   | 6/30/2020   | Funding for B-3 Coordinator position,<br>Grant notification subscription, and<br>legal services. Creation of Board. |

| Strategy # 1 Budget             | Action<br>Item | Amount   |
|---------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| B-3 Coordinator Salary          | 1A & 1B        | \$30,000 |
| Trainer Stipends                | 1A             | \$ 900   |
| Training Materials              | 1A             | \$ 100   |
| Grant notification subscription | 1B             | \$ 200   |
|                                 | Total          | \$31,200 |

#### Strategy #2

Engage, educate and support families of children from birth through third grade

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| <b>2A</b> . Family support group has been formed with at least 5 members in attendance at monthly meetings | <b>2A:</b> Family support group meetings have increasing attendance and group members have been involved in planning at least two speakers or parent training events for the | <b>2A.</b> Family support group sustained regular attendance at monthly meetings and parent training events with 80% of participants indicating beneficial takeaways on exit tickets |
| <b>2B.</b> Family Resource Center has been established at Jameson School                                   | upcoming school year   | <b>2B.</b> Family Resource Center has been   |
|  | <b>2B.</b> Family Resource Center is opened offering   | consistently open with the center log  |
| 2C. Schedule and staff for Early Learning  | both staffed and unstaffed hours and an Open   | reflecting that at least 15% of the Jameson  |
| Counts events have been established and calendar of events has been shared with the                        | House has been held  | School Families accessed the Center at least once during the year  |
| community  | <b>2C.</b> Early Learning Counts events are attended   |  |
|  | by at least 20 families from the Old Orchard Beach community   | <b>2C.</b> Families who attended the ELC events report an increase in reading at home through the family survey at Pre-K/K screening.  |

| Strategy # 2 Actions   | Lead           | Start Date | Complete By | Resources Needed   |
|--|----------------|------------|-------------|--|
| 2-A. Establish a parent/family group to support families of children in the B-3 age range through regular meetings, parenting classes, workshops and presentations by guest speakers.  | Sue Gallant    | 5/1/2019   | 6/1/2020    | B-3 Coordinator, meeting space and funding for guest speakers and trainers   |
| 2-B. Establish a Family Resource Center at the Jameson Primary School to encourage parent participation and involvement in the school community as well as to serve as a hub for accessing information and services available through community agencies and programs. | JoAnne<br>Dowd | 6/01/2019  | 6/15/2020   | Space to house the resource center with comfortable furnishings, funding for resource materials and technology to access online resources, support from the B-3 Coordinator to provide support and resources |
| 2-C. Host three <i>Early Learning Counts</i> events for families to promote developmentally appropriate family interactions that will support development across all domains.  | Sue Gallant    | 9/1/2019   | 6/1/2020    | B-3 Coordinator to facilitate and funding for books to build home libraries and materials for take-home literacy and math activities   |

| Strategy # 2 Budget                   | Action<br>Item        | Amount                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| B-3 Coordinator Salary                | 1A, 1B, 2A,<br>2B, 2C | previously<br>budgeted |
| Speakers & Trainers for Support Group | 2A                    | \$ 4,000               |
| Materials for Parent Resource Center  | 2B                    | \$ 2,050               |
| Books & Materials for ELC events      | 2C                    | \$ 1,000               |
|                                       | Total                 | \$ 7,050               |

# Strategy #3

Continue to improve teaching and learning in grades Pre-K through fifth grade

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| 3A-C: Staff are consistently observed using effective teacher/child interactions and engaging students in developmentally appropriate, hands on, curriculum | 3A-C: Students demonstrate increased engagement in learning as evidenced by a reduction of at least 10% in truancy rates school wide | 3A-C: Students demonstrate improved social-emotional regulation and increased engagement in learning as evidenced by a 10% reduction in behavioral referrals and truancy rates school wide |

| Strategy # 3 Actions   | Lead                                  | Start Date | Complete By | Resources Needed   |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|--|
| 3-A. Continue the use of the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) tool to promote effective teacher child interactions through the PD offerings for grades Pre-K to Five.                                     | JoAnne Dowd &<br>Sue Gallant          | 9/1/2019   | 6/30/2020   | Funding for MMCI training and recertification of 4 CLASS Observers   |
| 3-B. Continue the use of Teaching Strategies Gold in grades Pre-K, K and 1 with the intent to expand use in the future.  | JoAnne Dowd &<br>Sue Gallant          | 9/1/2019   | 6/1/2020    | Professional development in<br>effective use of Gold® tool and<br>review of TSG data as part of CQIS<br>system |
| 3-C. Continue to refine the use of developmentally appropriate curriculum at the Kindergarten level through participation in the MDOE Kindergarten Curriculum Pilot  | JoAnne Dowd &<br>Bethany<br>Rocheleau | 4/1/2019   | 6/1/2020    | Resources provided through MDOE<br>Kindergarten Pilot  |
| 3-D. Expand opportunities for students to learn through developmentally appropriate hands- on interdisciplinary learning opportunities through a pilot of Boston Curriculum or Project Based Learning in grades 1&2. | JoAnne Dowd &<br>Mike Flaherty        | 6/1/2019   | 6/1/2020    | Professional Learning Group facilitated by Director of Curriculum & Instruction                                |

| Strategy # 3 Budget                              | Action<br>Item | Amount   |
|--|----------------|----------|
| MMCI Materials & CLASS Observer<br>Certification | 2A             | \$ 1,700 |
|  | Total          | \$ 1.700 |