

2008-2009 School Plan for the School Land Trust

1. Have you shown the new DVD, *A Matter of Trust*, to the council/committee?

Yes

2. School's identified most critical need(s) addressed in this plan:

Reading

3. Briefly describe the School LAND Trust Plan.

Academic Goals:

Enter specific academic goal(s) Jefferson JR has set to improve student performance with School LAND Trust money, please do not include other funding sources.

1- Reading

Our most critical academic need is in the area of reading. One of our goals is to better identify, place and serve students who are below grade level in ability. Through collaboration, communication, and professional learning we will improve literacy across the curriculum.

2- Collaboration and Communication

We are working to improve collaboration and communication on a school and community level for improved student achievement.

3- Professional Learning

Next year our professional learning focus will be a theme of improving student achievement by determining and defining 1- What we want students to know and be able to do. 2- How we will know they understand and are able to perform. 3- Determining what we are going to do to help the students who do not understand. We will also continue to build our skills with technology in the classroom. The focus of technology will be to improve communication, organization, and student achievement.

Planned Steps:

Describe in detail the steps Jefferson JR will take to reach each goal.

1- Reading

We plan to use land trust money to provide FTE for developmental and fundamental reading classes for students who need specific instruction in reading fluency and comprehension. A secondary result will be reducing class size in regular education classes. In addition, funds will be used to pay for extra time and preparation required to identify and place students in classes needed. This includes meeting and collaborating as groups, working with feeder elementaries, individual meetings with parents, and extra support with meeting/testing students who are new to the school.

2- Collaboration and Communication

Land Trust funds will be used to stipend school wide committee chairs for organizing and reporting meeting outcomes to the principal and leadership committee for further decision making and school wide distribution of information. In addition, department chairs will receive stipends for conducting and providing notes of department meetings to the principal. Funds will also be used to finance communication media to the community. This will include mailing the school newsletter, maintaining the school website, updating the school calling machine, and conducting evening parent meetings.

3- Professional Learning

Our desire is to use Land Trust funds to pay for presentations, conferences, and stipends centered around our Lifelong Learning Committees professional learning theme for next year and our technology training opportunities. Our LL Committee meets monthly to determine direction, review staff feedback, and plan. The professional learning theme for next year focus's on improving student academic achievement with an emphasis on literacy.

Measuring Progress toward goals:

Which beginning and ending measurements is Jefferson JR going to use to measure progress towards each goal?

1- Reading

Our reading teachers will keep track of student progress while in the classes. The data we will use to determine effectiveness will include, CRT scores and AIMS test scores. Our overall beginning and ending measurement will be determining how many students are showing grade level progress after taking the class. We will continue to use CRT scores to measure the overall school's improvement in literacy.

2- Collaboration and Communication

We will use the IBRIC parent survey response to determine the effectiveness of our efforts to improve communication with the community. We will compare the current years survey results to the previous year. In addition, we will use yearly staff exit interview survey results to determine the effectiveness of efforts to promote collaboration and communication within the school.

3- Professional Learning

The school's Lifelong Learning Committee will survey staff to determine effectiveness of presentations and conferences.

Plans for expenditures of increased distribution:

The 2008 - 2009 distribution is an estimate. If the actual distribution is more than the estimate, how will the school expand progress towards goals with an increased

distribution? We will work to lower class size and increase services in our Reading and ESL classes.

4. How does this plan relate to the school improvement/strategic plan?

Jefferson's School Student Achievement Plan centers around literacy, numeracy, and school climate. Our Land Trust plan and funding center primarily around literacy, but is not strictly limited to literacy. Our plan will help provide ongoing improvement in our school climate and in student numeracy achievement. Our Land Trust goals of collaboration and communication in tandem with our goal for professional learning will make this happen.

5. Financial Proposal – Total Estimated Funds \$50,143

Salaries and employee benefits - \$30,000

Professional Development and Technical Services - \$5,000

Other Purchased Services (Travel/Admissions/Printing) \$1,000

6. If Jefferson JR has used School LAND Trust funds to acquire matching grants or donations, please explain below.

7. How will the plan and results be publicized to your community?

School Newsletter

School Website