

ALTERNATIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

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☼The Aiken County Public School District will be known for (strategic plan):

- ☼ Safe **learning environments** where **every student** has the opportunity to achieve...
- ☼ Highly qualified educators and competent support persons who can orchestrate and facilitate **exceptional learning outcomes** at every level...
- ☼ Facilities that **nurture effective learning practices** for all students...
- ☼ Appropriate *use of technology to further learning*...
- ☼ ...high expectations for student success, student, **parental and community engagement**, and continuous improvement.

DISTRICT STRATEGIC GOALS

- ☼ Goal #2

- ☼ By the Spring of 2014, the district on-time graduation ...will be at least 80% or exceed districts like ours.

- ☼ Goal #4

- ☼ By the Spring of 2014, 95% of the district's stakeholders will indicate satisfaction with the learning environment...

PURPOSE OF CHANGE

- ✻ In order to meet the **varying needs** of the student population, Aiken County Public Schools must have a **flexible** and **seamless learning environment** for *elementary, middle,* and *high* school students.

RATIONALE/ ASSUMPTIONS

- ✻ We need to be proactive by providing **better interventions**.
- ✻ We need **seamless transition plans** for students to move to and from the general education environment.
- ✻ We need a **holistic approach** to meeting the needs of students by tapping into *community resources* that will address the social and emotional needs of **students**, **parents**, and **teachers** as soon as problems areas for students are identified.

**PROPOSED FRAMEWORK
ADDITIONS/MODIFICATIONS
2011-2012**

INCREASE INTERVENTIONS - BE PROACTIVE

- ✻ Begin organizing **community involvement** in providing social/emotional interventions for *students, parents, and teachers* for identified students in their home schools prior to being referred for expulsion.
- ✻ Provide **training** for guidance counselors, ISS proctors, and School Improvement Teams in utilizing guidance services for **behavioral interventions**.
- ✻ Provide four **social workers or therapeutic counselors** to provide **behavioral interventions** for high school students identified as being at-risk. (replicate the CARS model from USC-Columbia being piloted in 2011-2012).

**CHANGE OUR
INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY
MODEL AS NEEDED**

SAL KAHN ON VIRTUAL LEARNING

A man with dark hair, wearing a red long-sleeved shirt, is shown in profile, facing right. He appears to be speaking or gesturing with his hands. The background is a solid blue color with some faint vertical lines. The image has a slightly grainy, video-like quality.

MARCH 2011

LONG BEACH CALIFORNIA

SHORT-TERM ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS

- ✻ One for each area at high schools or current locations (Area 1 and 3 @ BLC or Pinecrest).
- ✻ *Elementary* certified teacher at BLC or Pinecrest.
- ✻ Provide a **proctor** for middle/high students (as opposed to a certified teacher) and **accredited online learning** opportunities - 20 days.
- ✻ Provide **therapeutic counseling** for students on a daily/weekly basis and **coordinate community resources** for students.
- ✻ Provide **transition assistance** for students returning to home schools.

LONG TERM ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

- ✻ **One centralized location** for the remainder of the school year (elementary, middle, and high).
- ✻ Virtual Learning and traditional learning.
- ✻ Provide **daily therapeutic counseling**.
- ✻ Provide vocational courses and career counseling - *focusing on a successful future and graduating.*

BUDGET
AT RISK (388)
&
IDEA

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Personnel	\$1,395,000	\$645,000
Hardware/Software	\$385,985	\$?
Materials and travel	\$55,000	\$100,000
Professional Development	\$40,200	\$?
Total	\$1,876,185	\$745,000

FUTURE PLANS...

- ✻ Current committee review budget and framework (at least twice).
- ✻ Additional committees (principals, board members, teachers, community members, etc.) review proposal, offer support, recommendations, etc.
- ✻ Hammer out logistics with administration.
- ✻ Implement (likely into the start of next year)

QUESTIONS?