Agenda

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Meeting Norms

1. Always assume positive intent
2. Equity in Voice: “Two before me” rule
3. Activate change by raising and addressing systemic issues
ODLSS Updates
Key Investments

- Special Education Budget 18-19 increased by 27 million
  - increased 146 special education teachers and 84 SECAs
- Special Education Budget 19-20 increased to 20 million
  - increased 99 special education teachers and 184 SECAs
- Changed the appeals process to a position request process
  - streamlined the process to provide positions in 3-5 days
  - created sub-process for schools to have substitute SECAs until the school is able to hire a SECA
- Created ODLSS Translation & Interpretation Team
  - currently we have 5/9 team members
Key Investments Continued

- Hired 4 Parent Involvement Specialists
  - Support parents through the IEP process
  - Act as the liaisons between the parents and schools
  - Facilitate monthly Parent University, and other trainings for the parents
  - Engage community organizations to support parents of students with disabilities

- Added full-time case manager positions to 78 schools
  - 94 positions (schools above 116 IEPs, excluding Speech only students)

- We have budgeted an additional 160 full-time social worker positions to improve social-emotional supports for students

- Expanded Behavioral Health Team from 3 to 12 staff members
ODLSS Programs and Placement

Expanded Cluster programs for SY 19-20 to provide more programs to students closer to their neighborhoods:

- Added 12 new cluster programs for High Schools
- Added or expanded 25 cluster programs at Elementary Schools

Expanded 30 new Blended Early Childhood full-day and half-day programs for 19-20

Provided a choice lottery process for cluster program with moderate and intensive supports for incoming freshman students
ODLSS Academic Supports

- Expand professional development to special education teachers for Wilson Structured Literacy
  - 51 schools have signed up to participate over the summer of 2019
- Increased professional development to special education and general education teachers on Specially Designed Instruction (SDI), co-teaching, inclusion and cluster programming
- Provided 25 training sessions across the District on Progress Monitoring
- RSP partnership with Lurie’s to equip school psychologists and school social workers with interventions to address anxiety, anger management, and exposure to trauma
Systems to monitor Schools

- ODLSS senior administrative team met with all the network chiefs to jointly identify intensive support schools to improve special education practices.
- District Representatives are monitoring special education compliance at the local school level.
- Working collaboratively with ISBE monitor to address complaints and make school visits.
- Special Education Administrators are providing on-site instructional supports to the teachers and the building level administrators.
ISBE and CPS collaboration

- Collaborated with ISBE on a weekly basis
  - Focus on training special education teachers, principals and general education teachers (over 25,000 have been trained)
- Provided joint trainings for parents at Parent Universities
- Addressed concerns from parents, teachers and advocates at the school level
- Participated in IEP meetings, mediation, and facilitated IEP meetings
- Participated in joint school level administrator meetings with District Representatives (DR)
- Attended weekly DR meetings
- Attended Case Manager meetings
Goals for ODLSS-PAC
Vision of ODLSS PAC

ODLSS PAC is a parent/guardian panel that provides the District with information, advice, and recommendations to achieve the following:

- Establish a communication path with our schools, parents, and communities
- Improve students with disabilities achievements
- Become thoughtful partners
ODLSS PAC Expectations

- Forum to share feedback and constructive solutions
- Provide feedback on major initiatives
- Recruit parents from each network
- Establish board membership that reflects CPS-ODLSS student population
- Provide information to parents
Suggested Structure of PAC

- 2 parents or guardians per Network
- Serve and commit to a 1 year term
- Parents/guardians of student with disabilities
- Elected Officials appointed by members
- Diverse group of parent representatives
Addendum
Key Investments Continued

- **School Psychologists:**
  - FY 20 budget will contain 250 psychologist positions, up from 230 in FY 19.
  - Currently, 248 positions are staffed or in the process of being staffed.

- **Social Workers:**
  - FY 20 budget will contain 455 social work positions, the same as in FY 19.
  - Currently, 418 positions are staffed or in the process of being staffed.
Key Investments Continued

- **Speech-Language Pathologists:**
  - FY 20 budget will contain 340 speech-language pathologist positions, up from 335 in FY 19.
  - Currently, all positions are staffed or are in the process of being staffed.

- **Audiologists:**
  - FY 20 budget will contain 12 audiologists positions, the same as in FY 19 (FY 19 increased from 9 to 12 audiologists).
  - All are currently staffed.
Key Investments Continued

● Occupational Therapists:
  ○ FY 20 budget will contain 132 occupational therapist positions, the same as in FY 19. (FY 19 increased from 125 to 132).
  ○ All are currently staffed or are being staffed.

● Physical Therapists:
  ○ FY 20 budget will contain 37 physical therapist positions, the same as in FY 19. (FY 19 increased from 35 to 37).
  ○ All are currently staffed or are being staffed.
Key Investments Continued

Increased nursing supports:

- Added 8 more Certified School Nurses (CSNs)
  - 5 more on-boarding in July
- Added 10 more Health Service Nurses (HSNs)
- Added 26 more Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs)
- Added 5 additional nursing vendors to meet the daily needs for students
Upcoming Events & Opportunities

Parent University - “What is the Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS) and the IEP Report Card?”

May 14 - Dyett
May 16 - Avondale and Corliss
May 21 - Sullivan
May 23 - Bogan
May 24 - Perez

Next PAC Meeting: Thursday, June 13th @ 6:00 PM at Colman