

# STRATEGIC EFFORTS TO IMPROVE GRADUATION RATES

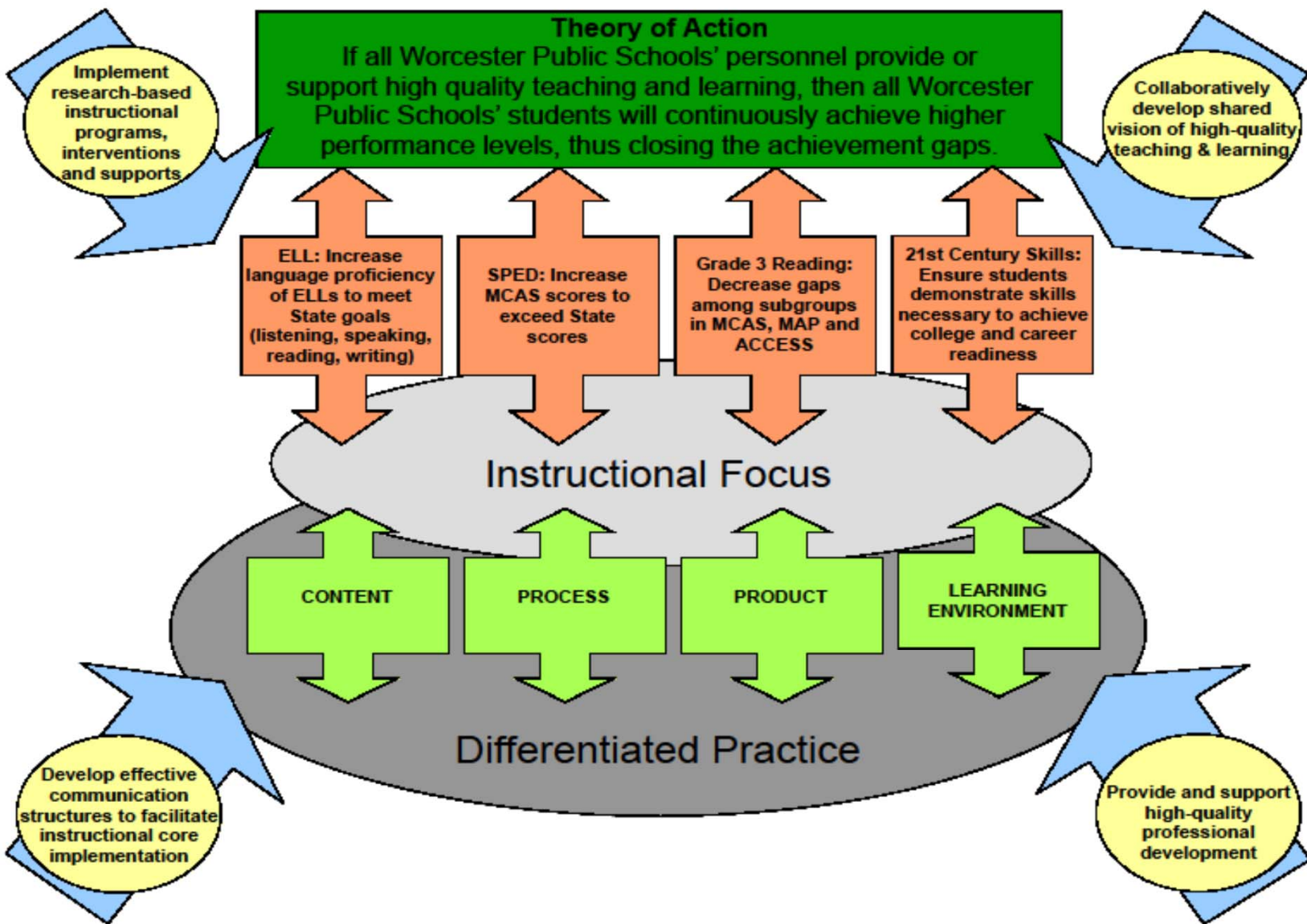
*Report of the Superintendent*

*March 6, 2014*



Superintendent Evaluation  
Rubric  
Standard I  
Indicator I-A, I-B,  
Standard III  
Indicator III-A, III-B  
Standard IV  
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## Graduation Rates

Year	4 Year Cohort	5 Year Cohort
2013	73.4	-
2012	72.3	77.6
2011	72.0	77.7
2010	71.4	75.0

## Drop Out Rates

Year	Rate
2013	3.4
2012	4.1
2011	3.7
2010	3.8

### District Target 2013

Graduation Rate:

- ✓ 4 Year Cohort: 78%
- ✓ 5 Year Cohort: 81%

Drop Out Rate: 3.1%

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- New Graduation Requirements aligned with MassCore Recommended Program of Studies effective 2013-2014
- Professional Development Institutes for grades 9 and 10 teachers
- North High School - Graduation Specialist Outcomes
- \$435,000 in Competitive Grants Awarded to the WPS since January 1, 2014

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## ➤ MassGrad Promising Practices Implementation Grant \$75,000

- ✓ Middle School Transition Teams
- ✓ Transition Academy - Grade 8 Students
- ✓ High School Transition Teams
- ✓ High School Graduation Teams
- ✓ Competency-Based Education Training - Alternative Settings

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## ➤ Gateway Cities - Career Academy Grant \$45,000

- ✓ Created Design Team to develop the school of Technology and Business at North High School (CTE Pathway)
- ✓ Advisory Council composed of members of the computer and business industries, community members and WPS staff (WIB, Money Magazine, EnerNOC, and others)
- ✓ Implementation of Career Academy: 200+ grade 9 students enrolled in academy
- ✓ Professional Development for teachers to support the Technology and Business Curriculum

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- Alternative Education Grant: Education Pathways to Support Students Most At-Risk of Not Graduating from High School \$10,000
  - ✓ Evaluate District's Alternative Pathways
  - ✓ Identify District's Strengths and Areas for Improvement
  - ✓ Explore Alignment of Existing Resources
  - ✓ Recommend Strategic Planning for Program Enhancement

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- Gateway Cities Education Agenda: English Language Learners Enrichment Academy \$185,000
  - ✓ Summer Enrichment Academy for middle school students - targeting students with intermediate English Language Proficiency - EPL 3
  - ✓ Partners:
    - ❖ WSU - Worcester State University
    - ❖ LEI - Latino Education Institute
    - ❖ ACE - African Community Education
    - ❖ WRAP - Worcester Refugee Assistance Program
    - ❖ QCC - Quinsigamond Community College
    - ❖ Esperanza y Su Exito Television Show
  - ✓ Summer Academy Components: Academic, Enrichment, Cultural Competency Training for Staff, Family/Community Engagement, Field Trips
- ✓ WSU to host Summer Academy



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## ➤ Innovation Schools Enhancement and Sustainability Grant \$120,000

- ✓ Chandler Magnet \$30,000 - Advance literacy and dual language program work
- ✓ Goddard Scholars \$30,000 - Advance implementation of Gifted and Talented component
- ✓ Lincoln Street \$30,000 - Advance literacy skills with focus on writing strategies
- ✓ Worcester Technical High School \$30,000 - Advance work relative to Senior Capstone initiative