Strategic Objective (SO): 1.02 Utilize content-area standards and be proficient in best practice instructional strategies.

Topic of Strategic Objective (SO) e.g., Math, PEAKS, etc.: Best Practice Instructional Strategies in the implementation of the MT CCSS.

Leader: Principal	Action Plan Projected Completion Date: June,
Team Members: Longfellow Staff	2015

Evaluation Plan: Describe steps you will take to determine if you have reached this strategic objective.

- 1. Track sharing of Quadrant D lessons during staff meetings.
- 2. Monitor student progress in ELA standards acquisition by grade levels during building-based Early Release Day, grade level meetings.

Best Practice Investigation: What information is uncovered looking at best practice in relation to this strategic objective. Implementation of reading and writing best practices will include Readers and Writers Workshop. Support provided by: Instructional Coaches with supporting materials from Luch Caulkins.

Effective schools research shows that when Understanding by Design (UbD) is used to help teachers plan instruction by beginning with standards, planning assessments and then lessons, achievement increases. Technology integration and differentiation practices also support student academic growth in the research.

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Action Steps	Who	Timeframe
What actions will be taken to achieve this SO? Include what	Who will be responsible for	What is a realistic
staff may need to learn to accomplish this SO.	what actions?	timeframe for each
		action?
1. Encourage and facilitate the involvement of the	1. Principal	1. June, 2013
Longfellow Instructional Coach in support of teachers as		
they implement best practices in CCSS, including CCSS		
reading, writing, and the eight Mathematical Practices,		
2. Review Understanding by Design strategies in lesson	2. Instructional Coach	2. June, 2013
development and implementation during staff meetings.		
3. Teacher development and implementation of at least	3. Classroom Teachers	3. June, 2013
two, Quadrant D focused, UbD based activities per grade		
level during the 2012-2013 school year.		
4. MT CCSS in ELA review by specialists with the goal of	4. Specialists	4. October, 2012
having specialists (i.e. Health Enhancement, Library and		with on-going
Music) support the skills and knowledge acquisition		support to follow
identified for each grade level.		
5. Support teachers in the full implementation of Writer's	5. Instructional Coach,	5. On-going
Workshop and use of the new writing continuum scoring	Teachers	
rubrics and revised report card (standards-based report card		
for writing).		

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6. Continued use of internet based resources to support	6. Teachers, Instructional	6. On-going
instruction and learning toward proficiency in the MT	Coach, Support Staff	
CCSS.		
7. Teachers will develop proficiency in the operation and	7. Principal, Teachers,	7. June, 2014
use of Inform through staff meeting trainings and district	Instructional Coach &	
professional development opportunities as available and	Tech Mentor	
needed.		

Progress expected by the end of the year:

- 1. Teachers will share their Quadrant D lessons with their colleagues during staff meetings throughout the 2012-2013 school year.
- 2. Specialists will submit an electronic description of contributions they will make to student development of the CCSS in the area of ELA.
- 3. Two staff meetings will be dedicated to a focus on UbD/Rigor & Relevance lesson design and the CCSS ELA standards.
- 4. Full implementation of the Writing continuum and scoring guides for reporting student writing progress.
- 5. Full implementation of the revised report card with accompanying information to parents about standards based grading in writing.

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