

NOCCS Head of School Priorities for 2021-22 School Year

For the 2020-21 school year, the theme for the school community was “the stories they will tell.” We focused our work as a staff on making sure that we maintained a sense of community while students were forced into online distance learning for the majority of the year. We did not focus on traditional academic metrics because we were trying to help our students, and by extension the entire community, through a global pandemic. The metrics for success were around maintaining communication with families, increasing our capacity to offer quality online education, and educating ourselves about what a return to in-person learning with an ongoing pandemic would look like logistically.

This year we are continuing that work of understanding how to maintain safe in-person learning. However, we are also returning to a relatively normal set of criteria for measuring success. For this year the theme is “by the numbers, by the feelings.” We are focusing on improving math instruction and restorative practices. The goal is to improve math “on or above grade level achievement” by at least 10 % and to reduce both suspensions and out of classroom referrals from 2019-2020 by half.