



Principal's Report – September 2023
Submitted to DSA Board of Directors
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Purpose:

The Principal's Report is designed to provide the Board of Directors of DSA with a current snapshot of the state of the school. Monthly, at least one week in advance of board meetings, I will provide information related to Academic Performance, Operational Health, and progress towards charter contract goals of the school. Board Members are expected to read the report prior to the monthly board meeting and come prepared with any questions or items for discussion that can be addressed at the meeting. Note that information presented is a snapshot of that current month and is subject to change rapidly depending on the season of the school year (ex. enrollment numbers during the summer or academic data prior to the end of the quarter).

Academic Updates:

- Culture is set! 3 weeks down and many more to go, but the year is fully underway.
- Classes have been leveled based upon diagnostic testing that took place last week.
- Classroom teachers are off to a great start with grade level content.

Operational Updates:

- **Enrollment Updates Fall 2023:**
 - 379 students currently enrolled
 - Shortfall of 116 students at this time
 - Team has gone canvassing
 - Flyers mailed and passed out to businesses
 - Possible causes:
 - Opening of 2 new charter schools directly in our attendance zone serving similar grade levels
 - Glitches in schoolmint platform that caused parents not to receive proper communication – account has since been cancelled and complaint filed.
 - Remedies
 - Finance team is working on forecasts for possibilities and a clear indication of what this means for the budget
 - Possible reduction in force may be necessary – 3-5 positions at minimum
 - Staff has been informed of this possibility
 - Volunteers first, then performance based, then last hired
- **Current Staffing:**
 - Hiring freeze on Spanish teacher until enrollment is stabilized
- **Resignations:**
 - No new resignations
- **Terminations:**
 - No new terminations
- **Upcoming important dates:**
 - September 15 – Purple Coat Ceremonies
 - Kinder: 830am – 930am and 945am – 1045am
 - 1st/2nd Grades: 11am – 12pm
 - 3rd – 5th Grades: 1215pm – 115pm
 - September 28 – Panther Parent University at 630pm – 8pm
 - October 9-13 – Fall Break – DSA is closed
 - October 28 – Fall Festival – 10am – 2pm