Rubric for Evaluating Colorado's Principals and Assistant Principals

Effective principals in the state of Colorado are responsible for the collective success of their schools, including the learning, growth and achievement of both students and staff. As the schools' primary instructional leaders, effective principals enable critical discourse and data-driven reflection about curriculum, assessment, instruction, and student progress, and create structures to facilitate improvement. Effective principals are adept at creating systems that maximize the utilization of resources and human capital, foster collaboration, and facilitate constructive change. By creating a common vision and articulating shared values, effective principals lead and manage their schools in a manner that supports schools' ability to promote equity and to continually improve their positive impact on students and families.

| QUALITY STANDARD I Principals Demonstrate Strategic Leadership | | | | |
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| Basic | Partially Proficient | Proficient (Meets State Standard) | Accomplished | Exemplary |
| ELEMENT A: School Vision, Mission and Strategic Goals: Principals collaboratively develop the vision, mission, values, expectations and goals of the school, collaboratively determine the processes used to establish these foundations and facilitate their integration into the life of the school community. | | | | |
| THE PRINCIPAL: ensures that the vision, mission, values, beliefs and goals of school are: Familiar to staff and other stakeholders. Developed through a collaborative process including staff and other stakeholder groups. Routinely updated. | THE PRINCIPAL: ensures that the school's vision, mission, and strategic goals are: Part of routine school communications with staff and other stake- holders. Integrated into school programs. | THE PRINCIPAL: collaboratively establishes strategic goals that are: Focused on student achievement. Based on the analysis of multiple sources of information. Aligned with district priorities. Measurable. Rigorous. Concrete. | SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS: ☐ Incorporate strategic goals into their instructional plans. ☐ Identify and address barriers to achieving the school's vision, mission and goals. | SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS: Collaboratively implement strategies to address the school's vision, mission, and strategic goals. Assume leadership roles in updating the school's vision, mission, and strategic goals. |
| ELEMENT B: School Plan Principals ensure that a plan is in place that supports improved academic achievement and developmental outcomes for all students, and provides for data-based progress monitoring. | | | | |
| THE PRINCIPAL: ☐ Implements systems and processes for planning and managing change. ☐ Works collaboratively to develop the school plan. | and THE PRINCIPAL: communicates effectively to staff and other stakeholders: Personal commitment to continuous school and district improve- ment. Components of school's plan. Progress toward meeting school goals and outcomes. | and THE PRINCIPAL: establishes clear and consistent processes and systems to: Monitor progress to- ward achieving school goals and student outcomes. Regularly revise school goals and outcomes based on progress monitoring data. | and SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS: Conscientiously implement the school plan. Address barriers to achieving school's vision, mission, and strategic goals. | and SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS: ☐ Track student progress. ☐ Collaboratively develop short-term and long-term plans to improve student outcomes. |

QUALITY STANDARD II Principals Demonstrate Instructional Leadership Proficient Accomplished Basic **Partially Proficient Exemplary** (Meets State Standard) **ELEMENT A: Curriculum, Instruction, Learning and Assessment** Principals promote school-wide efforts to establish, implement and refine appropriate expectations for curriculum, instructional practices, assessment and use of data on student learning based on scientific research and evidence-based practices that result in student academic achievement. THE PRINCIPAL: . . . and . . . and . . . and . . . and Sets expectations for THE PRINCIPAL: THE PRINCIPAL: **SCHOOL STAFF SCHOOL STAFF** staff regarding: reinforces instructional implements a school **MEMBERS**: **MEMBERS:** ☐ Differentiating ininitiatives through: wide instructional ☐ Develop and ☐ Initiate classroom struction. ☐ School wide activities. approach that is: implement ideas for based changes based ☐ Assessing student ☐ Reflective of input ☐ Implementation of improving student on discussions with work. the district's approved from staff. learning. colleagues and results ☐ Monitoring student curriculum. ☐ Aligned with student ☐ Use evidence-based of data analysis. progress. ☐ Clear, consistent, and performance stanpractices. ☐ Aligning instruc-☐ Make corrections to frequent communicadards. ☐ Refine curriculum, tional strategies with their instructional tion with staff. ☐ Supported by reinstruction, and asstudent performance approaches based on ☐ Consistent and objecsearch. sessment approaches standards. personal reflection. \square Enhanced by the use tive use of data for based on data, school ☐ Applying research decision making. of appropriate tech-☐ Use evidence-based wide discussions and based strategies. nologies. idea generation. strategies appropriate for addressing school and student needs. **ELEMENT B: Instructional Time** Principals create processes and schedules which maximize instructional, collaborative and preparation time. THE PRINCIPAL: . . . and . . . and . . . and . . . and ☐ Limits interruptions to THE PRINCIPAL: THE PRINCIPAL: **SCHOOL STAFF SCHOOL STAFF** instruction. ☐ Manages time so ☐ Quickly and efficiently **MEMBERS: MEMBERS:** teaching and learning resolves issues that protect instructional ☐ Advocate to adminare the school's top disrupt the school time by: istrators for uninterpriority. day. ☐ Assuring that students rupted instructional stay on task. time. ☐ Implements a master ☐ Limiting transitions schedule providing ☐ Adjust instructional that can influence planning and collabostrategies to maximize time available. ration time for all staff. time on task. **ELEMENT C: Implementing High-quality Instruction** Principals support teachers through ongoing, actionable feedback and needs-based professional development to ensure that rigorous, relevant and evidence-based instruction and authentic learning experiences meet the needs of all students and are aligned across P-20. THE PRINCIPAL: . . . and . . . and . . . and . . . and ☐ Provides needs based THE PRINCIPAL: THE PRINCIPAL: SCHOOL STAFF **SCHOOL STAFF** professional develop-☐ Aligns professional ensures that the school's **MEMBERS: MEMBERS:** ment. development offerinstructional program is: ☐ Actively participate in ☐ Identify their profesings with the school's ☐ Relevant to students' professional develsional development ☐ Supports staff in the most critical needs. needs and interests. opment activities needs. implementation of a ☐ Focused on quality of to develop and/or rigorous instructional ☐ Actively engages in classroom instruction. ☐ Apply lessons learned sustain their leaderprogram. professional develop-☐ Aligned with P-20. through professional ship capacity. ment activities along ☐ Evidence-based. development. with staff. Provides performance feedback to teachers that is:

☐ Actionable. ☐ Timely.

ensure their success.

QUALITY STANDARD IV Principals Demonstrate Human Resource Leadership Proficient Partially Proficient Accomplished Exemplary Basic (Meets State Standard) **ELEMENT A: Professional Development/Learning Communities** Principals ensure that the school is a professional learning community that provides opportunities for collaboration, fosters teacher learning and develops teacher leaders in a manner that is consistent with local structures, contracts, policies and strategic plans. THE PRINCIPAL: . . . and . . . and . . . and . . . and ☐ Organizes the school THE PRINCIPAL: THE PRINCIPAL: SCHOOL STAFF **SCHOOL STAFF** as a professional provides professional ☐ Provides opportuni-**MEMBERS: MEMBERS:** learning community. development that is: ties for staff to as-☐ Actively engage in the ☐ Assume leadership ☐ Of high quality. sume leadership roles creation and impleroles within profes-☐ Tailored to meet staff within the school. mentation of the sional learning comneeds. school's professional munities. ☐ Focused on student learning community. learning. ☐ Research based. ☐ Job embedded ☐ Designed to meet student learning needs. ☐ Aligned with the school improvement **ELEMENT B: Recruiting, Hiring, Placing, Mentoring, and Dismissal of Staff** Principals establish and effectively manage processes and systems that ensure a knowledgeable, high-quality, high-performing staff. THE PRINCIPAL: . . . and . . . and . . . and . . . and ☐ Adheres to district THE PRINCIPAL: THE PRINCIPAL: **SCHOOL STAFF SCHOOL STAFF** and state policies and Considers school and ☐ Supports low per-**MEMBERS: MEMBERS:** procedures related to forming teachers in district strategic goals ☐ Accept school place-☐ Use the advice of personnel activities. and student outcomes ways that will improve ments where they are coaches, mentors, when making personnel their performance. needed most in order and/or experts in ☐ Makes personnel asdecisions such as: to address student various fields in order signments within the \square Recruiting staff. ☐ Places personnel in learning needs. to improve their parameters of district \square Hiring staff. positions to ensure practice. policy. ☐ Assigning staff. that all students have ☐ Evaluating staff. equal access to highly ☐ Dismissing staff. effective teachers. ☐ Provides support for ☐ Dismisses or does not new teachers and rehire teachers when staff members to help necessary.

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- students, parents and the community on a regular basis.
- ☐ Responds to contact from parents and community members in a timely and meaningful manner.
- ☐ Prioritizes communication as a high priority area for the school.
- ☐ Invites parents and the community to share ideas and concerns.

☐ Offers a variety of venues for communication available for students, staff, parents/guardians, and community stakeholders.

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☐ Use existing communication structures such as newsletters and blogs to expand and enhance communication between the classroom and the school community.

☐ Develop effective strategies to sustain positive meaningful communications with parents, students, and the community.

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