



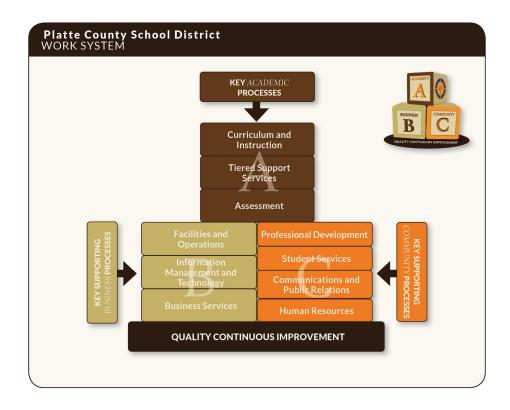
# **KEY PROCESS UPDATE**

**Business Services** 

**June 2024** 

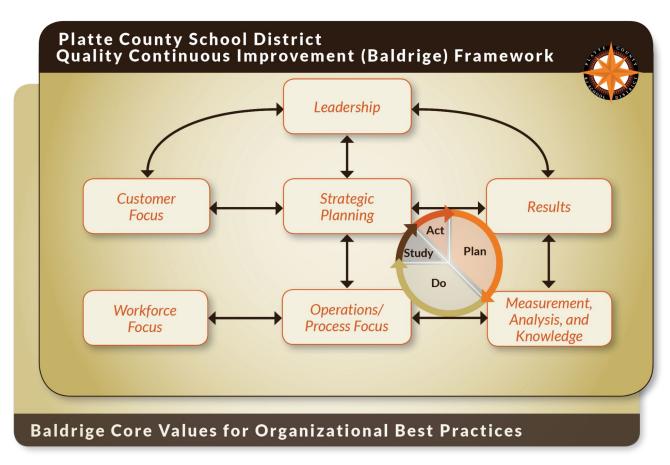


## **WORK SYSTEM**





# **QCI FRAMEWORK**





### **LEADERSHIP**

#### Business Services Team Members

- Dr. Jay Harris Superintendent
- Dr. Drew White Deputy Superintendent
- Wayne Krueger Interim Executive Director of Business Services
- Brian Noller Incoming Executive Director of Business Services
- Emmy Brown Business Services Manager
- Lynda Cowan Accounts Payable/Receivable Specialist
- Teri White Payroll Specialist
- Kari Lasley Payroll Specialist
- Cheryl Spears Interim Business Services Support

The purpose of Business Services is to proactively and responsibly manage district finances to support student success.





- Parents and Community (from our 2021
   Stakeholder Requirements Survey)
   "What should the financial priorities be for our school district?"
  - Attract and retain quality staff by providing competitive our daily operations, we salaries and benefits
  - Maintain manageable class sizes
  - Maintain up-to-date technology
  - Provide students and staff with quality educational supplies, materials and resources in the classroom
  - Maintain clean, well-repaired, secure buildings

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and meet the needs of our staff.

- Students (from our Focus Groups)
  - Quality teachers
  - Meaningful connections and experiences with staff and other students
  - Real World Learning engaging and relevant experiences and access to resources
  - Co-curricular and extra-curricular opportunities
  - Safe and caring environment
  - Equitable experiences (ex. Middle School alignment)

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- Staff (from our Focus Groups)
  - Quality Professional Development
  - Behavior Management
  - Competitive salary & benefits for our staff

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#### Staff (BST)

- Enhance the operational efficiency of Business Services by restructuring essential job functions
- Maintain reserve fund balance in the range of 18-22% in funds 1 and 2 (BOE Policy DIAA)
- Develop staff compensation plans to have all employee categories in the top 1/3 of Local 15 comparisons
- Focus on safety & security enhancements for all environments
- Ensure sufficient resources for tier 1, 2 & 3 strategies and instructional priorities aligned with CSIP and BSIP.
- Focus on funding programs and services based on student needs and outcomes
- Identify and investigate strategies to enhance revenue while being fiscally responsible with budgeted expenditures
- Cultivate Internal Controls to align with best practices

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#### Performance Measures

- Fund Balance
- Bond Rating
- Audit Results

#### Perception Measures

- Tax Levy By District
- Stakeholder Survey Value for Tax Dollars & Managing Enrollment Growth



Fund Balance								
	2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23							
Reserve Ratio	14.00%	15.19%	18.13%	21.82%	28.14%	24.47%	27.1%	

PCR-3 Bond Ratings							
Year General Obligation Bond Rating Leasehold Revenue Bond Rat							
2019-20	AA	AA-					
2020-21	AA	AA-					
2021-22	AA	AA-					
2022-23	AA	AA-					
2023-24	AA	AA-					

PCR-3 Audit Findings							
Year	Year Material Weaknesses Written Findings for Federal Pro						
2019-20	0	0					
2020-21	0	0					
2021-22	0	0					
2022-23	0	0					
2023-24	0	0					



Tax Lev	y by District
Fort Osage	\$6.3700
Raytown	\$6.3200
Grandview	\$5.9557
Liberty	\$5.9277
Blue Springs	\$5.7286
North Kansas City	\$5.6663
Lee's Summit	\$5.4837
Independence	\$5.4371
Park Hill	\$5.3955
Excelsior Springs	\$5.2262
Platte County	\$5.0193
Grain Valley	\$4.9263
Smithville	\$4.8404
Kearney	\$4.7742
North Platte	\$4.7400
West Platte	\$3.9999

2023 tax rates per DESE



#### Parent Survey

The District provides value for the tax dollars spent.							
Cycle	Responses	Top Level(s) Percent	Neutral Percent	Bottom Level(s) Percent	Survey Performance Index (SPI)		
2019-20	1258	70.19%	22.10%	7.71%	384.34		
2020-21	1221	68.39%	21.95%	9.67%	375.18		
2021-22	1138	66.61%	21.70%	11.69%	372.32		
2022-23	1073	68.50%	21.71%	9.79%	378.56		
2023-24	597	67%	23%	11%	367.34		

Th	The District is proactively and effectively managing student enrollment growth.							
Cycle	Responses	Top Level(s) Percent	Neutral Percent	Bottom Level(s) Percent	Survey Performance Index (SPI)			
2019-20	1254	59.89%	26.87%	13.24%	363.40			
2020-21	1220	59.75%	28.34%	11.88%	362.30			
2021-22	1135	59.12%	27.58%	13.30%	359.91			
2022-23	1071	60.59%	28.10%	11.30%	366.01			
2023-24	590	58%	29%	12%	353.22			



#### Certified Staff Survey

The District provides value for the tax dollars spent.							
Cycle	Responses	Top Level(s) Percent	Neutral Percent	Bottom Level(s) Percent	Survey Performance Index (SPI)		
2019-20	252	69.05%	21.83%	9.13%	368.65		
2020-21	205	69.27%	24.88%	5.85%	378.54		
2021-22	216	61.11%	26.39%	12.50%	358.31		
2022-23	265	62.64%	27.92%	9.44%	366.42		
2023-24	164	60%	30%	10%	360.67		

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2019-20	254	56.69%	25.59%	17.72%	344.88			
2020-21	206	67.96%	19.90%	12.13%	366.99			
2021-22	216	71.76%	18.06%	10.18%	371.30			
2022-23	265	67.55%	23.02%	9.44%	370.94			
2023-24	164	55%	21%	24%	339.63			



#### Classified Staff Survey

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Cycle	Responses	Top Level(s) Percent	Neutral Percent	Bottom Level(s) Percent	Survey Performance Index (SPI)		
2019-20	125	63.20%	29.60%	7.20%	372.80		
2020-21	94	61.70%	28.72%	9.57%	371.28		
2021-22	89	49.44%	41.57%	8.99%	356.18		
2022-23	104	55.77%	29.81%	14.42%	350.00		
2023-24	77	41%	42%	17%	325.97		

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2019-20	125	58.40%	35.20%	6.40%	368.80			
2020-21	94	61.70%	31.91%	6.38%	377.66			
2021-22	90	57.78%	34.44%	7.78%	366.67			
2022-23	104	58.66%	31.73%	9.61%	371.15			
2023-24	77	45%	34%	21%	325.97			



- Key Process Strategic Goals 2024-25
  - Enhance operational efficiency of data and practices within the PCR-3 District
  - Maintain fund balance in the desired range of 18-22% while building our fund 4 balance
  - Improve stakeholder perception of the District's fiscal responsibility

#### **CSIP Goal:**

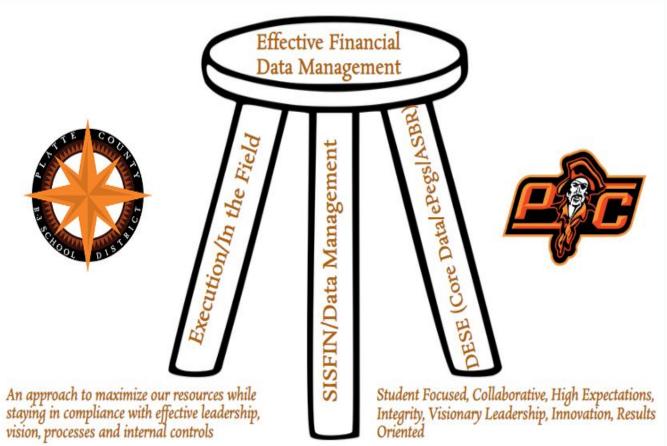
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#### Action Items

- Enhance Operational Efficiency
  - Reviewing and formalizing processes for collecting, assigning, and reporting data
    - BST-HR-Director's Collaboration Processes
    - Internally auditing current data for accuracy and making necessary adjustments
    - Continuous monitoring
  - Reinforce processes and staff training to increase efficiency
  - Tracking errors, identify improvement and taking actions/strategies to correct





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#### Action Items

- Maintain a Healthy Fund Balance
  - Expedite the budget development timeline and pay approval
  - Monthly monitoring and accountability of purchases and balances
  - Continuous review of the zero-based budgeting process
  - Continuous focus on building fund 4 balances
  - Long-range facility and capital improvement planning
  - Five-year projections expenditure/revenue
  - Continuous review of the budget action plan

#### Fiscal Responsibility Perception

- Collaborating on the creation of the Annual Report
- Creating a comprehensive, informative budget document
- Being more intentional in educating our board and our community on opportunities and challenges of school finance as well as the state of our district



# **QUESTIONS?**

