

District: Naugatuck Public Schools

Team Lead: Angela Griffin, Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

	Naugatuck Public Schools Increasing Educator Diversity Plan In alignment with Naugatuck Board of Education Policies 4111, 4111R, and 8019										
Vision	The Naugatuck Public Schools (NPS) is committed to the success of every student in every class in each of our schools. Our mission is to ensure that all students graduate ready for college, career, and life, exemplifying our Vision of the Graduate. We believe that it is the right of every student to have an equitable educational experience within the Naugatuck Public School District and equity is a fundamental value necessary for a high-quality education. NPS is committed to recruiting, hiring, and retaining multilingual and BIPOC educators (Black, Indigenous and people of color), including Latino, Asian and Black educators, a staff who reflects the racial, cultural, and linguistic diversity of our schools and the greater community.										
Theory of Action	IF Naugatuck Public Schools establishes a shared and articulated vision for and commitment to equitable practices for the recruitment, hiring, and retention of talented multilingual and BIPOC staff, THEN we will attract and retain talented multilingual and BIPOC educators through inclusive, safe, welcoming, and supportive schools where teachers feel valued and supported, AND district and school climates will exemplify equitable learning environments that enable students to explore and develop themselves as learners and valued community members as they become the NPS Vision of the Graduate.										
Team Members	Angela Griffin Director of DEIB	John Lawlor HR Director	Christopher Montini Superintendent	Melissa Cooney Assistant Superintendent	Nicole O'Connell Director of Special Services	Caroline Messenger Curriculum Director					

Recruitment

Goal: Increase the number of multilingual and BIPOC teachers and administrators in the district to be representative of the students of which they serve. Reduce the gap between the percentage of educators of color (6.7% in 23.24) and the percentage of students of color (58.8% in 23.24). We will increase the percentage of multilingual and BIPOC educators from 8.6% to 10.0% in 2024-25.

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Strategy/Key Activity	Who Owns the Strategy	Completion Date	Indicators of Progress	Resources Required	Risks and Mitigation	Communication and Engagement Efforts
committee(s) is representative of the diverse student population in the district. Include BIPOC staff members on every interview committee.	HR Director Melissa Cooney	Established by July 2025 with committee members added as needed.	Interview committees are operational throughout the year. 10% increase in the amount of BIPOC interview committee members. Committee adjusts, revises and develops culturally responsive interview questions unique to individual roles for each position.	meet.	the interview process: Outreach to available BIPOC administrators and district staff who may have more flexibility in scheduling. Survey building principals	S
residency and grow- your-own programs such as the RESC	John Lawlor, Director of Human Resources Angela Griffin, Director of DEIB	June 2025	5% increased participation and in Teacher Residency Programs. Increased number of Naugatuck resident applicants	Grant funding to pay TRP teacher resident salaries and TRP mentor teacher stipends. Applicant data tracking.	Limited qualified applicants: Additional outreach through recruitment programs and nontraditional community outreach such as local communities of faith and host information session for non-certified staff.	Communication and engagement with HBCUs and HSIs (Hispanic Serving Institutions) Communication to administration and staff regarding information sessions.
available college preview fairs to create a pathway to inspire	Angela Griffin, Director of DEIB John Harris, Naugatuck High School Principal	June 2025	Maximized enrollment in grow-your-own programs such as EdRising. EdRising student enrollment indicative of engagement in the program. Include BIPOC staff in college visits as an incentive to attract applicants.	 EdRising partner fees, and curriculum Teacher and student conference fees 	EdRising program: Increase outreach and incentive for student participation in the EdRising program through	Naugatuck High School actively markets Edrising opportunities with students. Teacher Education pathway included in the NHS Program of Studies.

committee attendance at educator diversity recruitment		June 2025	Increased participation rate and engagement in recruitment and RESC Alliance recruitment opportunities. Include BIPOC staff in career fairs as an incentive to attract applicants.	Data or survey collection of the number of diverse applicants that apply for teaching	and education organizations. Insufficient increase in interviewing BIPOC staff representative of the population we serve: Work with colleges and universities to widen outreach,	Review IED Plan with staff members prior to attending college fairs communicate the opportunities to participate, and expectations for the process. Actively communicate openings to colleges and universities.
-					and increase visibility and attendance at recruitment fairs	
diverse publications and organizations.	Human Resources Angela Griffin, Director of DEIB		Increased number of applicants directly related to advertisements in diverse publications. Feedback from candidates.	District funding to place advertisements with publications and organizations.	No change in applicant response: Continue to attend college and recruitment fairs. Advertise earlier in the year with publications and organizations. Build additional relationships with diverse community organizations.	Recruitment includes but is not limited to job postings on NPS DEIB webpage, and on diverse recruitment partner organizations: • NEMNET • NABSE • CALAS • TEACH CONNECTICUT Direct outreach by the Director of DEIB to individual organizations.
Implementation of a support group (Affinity Group) for educators inclusive of diverse NPS staff. Affinity group meets on a monthly basis, with survey input from the group regarding authentic goals, meeting structure and meeting agendas.	Angela Griffin, Director of DEIB	June 2025	Affinity Group meets monthly. Survey data from participants indicates success and a sense of belonging.	accessible to participants for	Lack of engagement or participation: Advertising opportunities within the school community to attract membership including but not limited to the district weekly newsletter and in-person opportunities such as a table at Convocation. Focus on individual relationship building and outreach by DEIB Director and members of the Affinity Group.	

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rs. data about effectiveness of fidelity: Human Resources to review for
process. alignment and communicate
craining are Calibration and consistency of adopted revisions
Ally. Authentic implementation of use.
plan. Revised process posted on district
iverse Develop a shared annual website and communicated to
timeline of the process. administration.
Leverage feedback for
improvement.
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Hiring and Selection

Hiring and Selection Goal: Enhance educator diversity in the workforce by increasing both the number of multilingual and BIPOC applicants who are interviewed by 10% and the number of diverse educators hired each year by 10%.

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	Human Resources		Increased number of BIPOC and multilingual candidates interviewed and hired as compared to previous years. Interview committees will be visibly diverse and include multilingual and BIPOC students, staff, and families. Feedback from candidates.	participate in multiple interviews.	process in buildings. Non-diverse committees. Outreach across buildings when BIPOC committee members are	Districtwide outreach to staff willing to participate in interview committees. Communicate significance of committee participation and appreciation for their efforts at BOE meetings.
Equity Framework and philosophy.	Human Resources Angela Griffin, Director of DEIB	May 2025	Racially and culturally inclusive job descriptions and interview questions. Racially and culturally inclusive interview questions will be embedded in the NPS hiring flowchart/timeline. Feedback from candidates at New Staff Orientation.	committee members to review interview questions and job descriptions.	interview questions at building-based interviews. Director of Human Resources and Director of DEIB will oversee	Director of DEIB and Director of Human Resources to review questions for alignment with DEIB Equity Framework and philosophy and share revisions and changes with district administrators for use.

Prior to each interview require all interview committee members to watch the NPS implicit bias supplement training video and sign the NPS Equal Opportunity and Confidentiality Form.	1	May 2025	Feedback from hired candidates indicates a positive process.	NPS pre-interview Implicit bias training video. NPS Equal Opportunity Form. CSDE Diversity Training Modules for Hiring and Recruiting Diverse Educators.	consideration in the process: Annual DEIB and professional development for all staff. Continued work on cultural change and immunity to change via Harvard Cultural Change model.	District and building administrators ensure viewing of implicit bias training video prior to each interview and signature on the NPS Equal Opportunity and Confidentiality Form. Harvard Cultural change model implemented at building level by administration.
Review and revise interview processes to include an equitable scoring system or single-point rubric for assessing candidates during the interview process:	•	May 2025	 School-Based Interview Questions Sample Lesson Plans School-based 	scoring process and single-point rubric. Feedback from interview committee members about the process.	regarding change in the process: Annual HR training for all interview committee members.	District and building-based administrators calibrate revised processes and scoring systems before screening applicants.
 Monitor and Adjust: Monitor the process of strategy completion Collect data and feedback Evaluate the plan and make revisions as needed 	John Lawlor, Director of Human Resources Angela Griffin, Director of DEIB Superintendent and Districtwide Administrators	May 2025	Documents and training completed. Diverse interview committees. Feedback from the committee	data about effectiveness of process	use: Review effectiveness and timeline for completing the process. Leverage feedback for improvement.	Director of DEIB and Director of Human Resources to review for alignment and communicate adopted revisions Report on progress to the full administration team and Board of Education.

Retention

Retention Goal: Retain 95% of the number of highly qualified multilingual and BIPOC teachers, administrators, and staff of color in the district to be representative of the diversity of the district wide student body.

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Create authentically safe spaces Angela Gr	iffin, Director of DEIB Jun		·	Direct feedback from Affinity		Review of progress with district
where multilingual and BIPOC		E	engagement in Affinity groups.	group and DEIB Committees.		administration regarding
staff can develop a sense of District an						progress of IED strategy
affinity and belonging with other administra	ators][District DEIB and DEIB teams in	Time to meet and support	Provide opportunity for feedback	completion.
educators including but not		S	schools	from administration.	and structure of the groups	District DEID Constitution
limited to affinity groups and the					ithrough surveys.	District DEIB Committee acts as
district and school-based DEIB					li	a liaison between the district
Committees.					improvement.	and school climate committees.
Provide systems of support for K-12 Adm	ninistration May	ay 2025 I	ncreased number of multilingual	Crant funding for TRR montors	i '	K-12 Administration leads clear
all new staff including, 30-60-90	IIIIIStration Ivia	·	- 1	and Sponsor Teachers.	inclusive and supportive culture	
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	ooney, Assistant		retained as compared to previous		•	school culture to staff members.
development, and supportive Superinte	ndent	}		•	potential experienced	-
mentors, including TRP	itti birrata at DEID	إ		teachers to meet with new		Teacher mentors and sponsor
Residents and Year 1 and Year 2 Angela Gr	iffin, Director of DEIB		S	teachers and TRP residents.		teachers communicate their
Resident Teachers. When	5		BIPOC staff will include feelings			purpose to support new
possible, TRP teachers remain in John Lawl	•	C	of inclusivity and belonging.	High-quality mentors.		teachers entrusted to their care
the same building for both years. Human Re	esources				1	with integrity.
Mentors support teachers in				Consistent check-in with TRP	commitment to DEIB, including	_
strengthening their overall				mentors and teachers.	•	Communicate expectations for
capacity as new members of the					00	commitment to DEIB focus and
educational community. Invite				New hire staff surveys and		work in our district.
and encourage new staff				_	Onboarding of work with new	
members in Affinity Group.				and BIPOC educators.	administration or transitions in	
					building or district leadership.	
Conduct surveys, interviews and Angela Gr	iffin, Director of DEIB Dec	cember 2024	As indicated by survey data.	Staff survey to include	Reluctance in staff to participate.	Regular communication and
exit interviews with multilingual	and	d May 2025		questions about feelings of		outreach from Director of HR
and BIPOC staff , including John Lawl	or, Director of	9	Surveys and exit interviews	belonging as diverse educators	Assurance of anonymity with	and Director of DEIB to diverse
questions about feelings of Human Re	esources	ļi	mplemented with fidelity.	in the school district.	surveys.	staff in the district.
belonging as diverse educators in						
the school district.		E	BIPOC and multilingual staff		Invalidation of feedback from	Survey results shared with
		r	members willing to complete exit		diverse staff members:	district administrators and
Collect and review BIPOC and			nterviews.		Respond authentically to	inform NPS DEIB plan.
multilingual staff retention data.					feedback.	
					Leaders receive feedback openly	Communicate impact of
					and leverage feedback for	implementing Harvard Leading
					_	Cultural Change Model.

DEIB, which includes teacher and parent resources shared on newly created DEIB district	Angela Griffin, Director of DEIB District Web Manager K-12 Administration	November 2024	schools and district buildings.	Funding for website. Time to develop and create DEIB webpage. Student work available for display.	Calibrating a shared understanding of culturally and racially inclusive representation. Administrators lead DEIB	and when new resources are posted. Communication regarding updates to the district DEIB web page.
					calibration of culturally and	Administrators communicate significance of racial and cultural image representation in schools
written with an equity lens.			and multilingual staff regarding increased diversity in curriculum. Increased student engagement in high-quality learning experiences. More racially, culturally, and diverse teachers are retained at the end of the school year.	and summer writing. Funding for culturally and linguistically inclusive materials. Time and structure to communicate revisions and/or new curriculum. Rubric for reviewing Curriculum with an equity lens such as the WestEd Essential Characteristics of Math Curriculum Materials That Advance Culturally Responsive	Teacher capacity for culturally responsive pedagogy. Inconsistent implementation of curriculum revision. Director of DEIB and Director of Curriculum meet monthly in order to monitor curriculum. Communication of changes shared at monthly coaches and administrator meetings.	Consistently review and communicate updates and progress as it relates to the NPS PK-12 Curriculum Development and Revision Plan to administrators, teachers, and
Opportunities for community building through educator and staff recognition such as internal newsletters, internal communication, and school staff celebration opportunities.	_		Responses to staff survey regarding a sense of belonging. More racially, culturally, and diverse teachers are retained at the end of the school year.	and Sustaining Education. Time for building administrators to communicate plans for staff recognition. Process to communicate staff recognitions for posting on district website.	negative or not progressive. Monitor and adjust as needed	Administrators create community-building opportunities with staff and share recognition through newsletters, and internal communication.

Monitor and Adjust:	John Lawlor, Director of	June 2025	Retention of multilingual and	Time to collect and analyze	Participation rates with groups.	Director of DEIB and Director of
 Monitor the process of strategy completion 	Human Resources		BIPOC teachers.	data about effectiveness of process.		Human Resources to review for alignment and communicate
<u> </u>	Angela Griffin, Director of DEIB		Active and sustained participation of Affinity group.	l'	· ·	adopted revisions.
Evaluate the plan and	Superintendent and Districtwide Administrators		j ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' '	integrity.	improvement.	Report on progress to the full administration team and Board of Education.
			Survey data from groups.			