

PUSD Approach to Excellence Mid-Year Report
Due Date Feb. 6, 2008

Approach to Excellence Strategy: Effective systems for timely, user-friendly data to support instructional and organizational decision-making	
Project Manager: Kristin Maschka	Date: 2/6/08
Expectations/Scope: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Information System and Student Data System: development of requirements for new systems, recommendation of systems, plan for implementation, manage implementation • Form a Technology Steering Committee to provide expert input into long-term projects 	
Strategies Implemented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Farewell held vendor presentations in December 2007 and compiled vendor information and stakeholder feedback into a packet. • The Superintendent's IT Working Group has held two meetings: Jan. 16 and Feb 5. • The IT Working Group has divided into three subcommittees, one of which is focused on a selection process for a student information and student data management system. • Contacted Vikiwi, the company that provided interim IT Director services to PUSD in 2006, to discuss the possibility of Vikiwi leading a process for selecting a system. 	
Data Collected and Analyzed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vendor information and stakeholder feedback • Notes from IT Working Group 	
Data Analysis Results: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given the need to replace SchoolMax in 2009 and the probable time needed for effective implementation, selection of a system is urgent and the selection process must begin prior to the hiring of a Chief Technology Officer. 	
Mid-Year Changes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Given the needs of this project over the next 3 to 6 months, Chief of Staff Steve Brinkman will become increasingly involved and eventually Kristin Maschka will transition to a member of the committee. 	
Support Needed: Participation of principals and additional internal stakeholders in a selection process. Participation of IT Working Group subcommittee members. Outside expertise to lead the selection process.	