

Protocol for Superintendent Interview – Revised for Year Two

1. It has been a year since your last interview with The Education Alliance staff and the visits to the three elementary schools. Based on findings of interviews, site observations, and document reviews, the Alliance provided a report on the status of three district priority strategies at the schools. How was this report shared with Central office staff and with the schools?
2. There has been a change in principals at two of the three schools. How has this impacted the work of these schools in addressing the three identified district priorities – either positively or negatively?
3. In the report, there were three recommendations related to the implementation of the Principles of Learning. How were these recommendations addressed at the district level? At the school level?
4. The report made three recommendations related to literacy instruction and the role of literacy trainers. How were these recommendations addressed at the district level? At the school level?
5. The report made two recommendations related to assertive discipline. How were these recommendations addressed at the district level? At the school level?
6. Special education classrooms are mentioned several times in the report as least involved in the three priority strategies. Specifically, how has this been addressed?
7. What monitoring mechanism is the district using to gauge the implementation of its priorities strategies at the identified schools? (Probe for assigned staff, reporting, liaising, meetings etc.)
8. In schools that are implementing these strategies, what progress have you seen in student achievement? In what ways have the schools implemented practices that directly speak to the district priorities? How do you know this—what evidence can you cite?
9. In your view, what factors seem to influence progress? Inhibit progress?
10. In your view, what factors have influenced the progress at other low performing schools that have made AYP? How do you know this? Please give examples.
11. For our interviews with Central Office staff, are there any changes or additions from last year?