

## Principal Leadership Inquiry Brief – Anna Murphy, Maureen O'Donoghue, Michelle Decamp, **New Haven High School**

\*Resources for inquiry brief development:

- Leading with Passion & Knowledge
- > The PLC Book

Purpose: Our staff need to recognize what our students go through on a daily basis and that not all live in a nice shiny house. Living conditions as well as poverty in our attendance area are issues that all staff need to recognize. Diversity activities will continue monthly as well as reflection activities. In addition, as a next step, a survey was given to junior class members. Results indicate that student generally feel welcome at the school (80%), however, they feel teachers do not understand barriers students face (67% feel this way or are unsure). Finally, only 40% of our students feel all are treated equally. This is alarming as an administrator. This survey was shared faculty and each were asked to write a 3sentence reflection with a one sentence to explain what they plan to do differently in the classroom. This will begin the discussion involving instructional strategies.

- Question (Wondering): How do we equip teachers with the tools to address student trauma, and what best practice instructional need to be in place.
  - Subquestions: What kinds of things should we see daily in the classroom, and what things should we NEVER see in the classroom?
- Method (What will we be doing?) Teachers were asked to fill out a template using Phil Warwick's and Marzano's research. Teacher categorized 43 items and placed into 3 categories, should occur daily, should occur sometimes, and should never occur in the classroom. Teachers then met in departments to create a department wide template with 5 items in each category.
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Data Analysis: - Incorporating survey results with CRAZY year end



Department Feedback and Safety Survey

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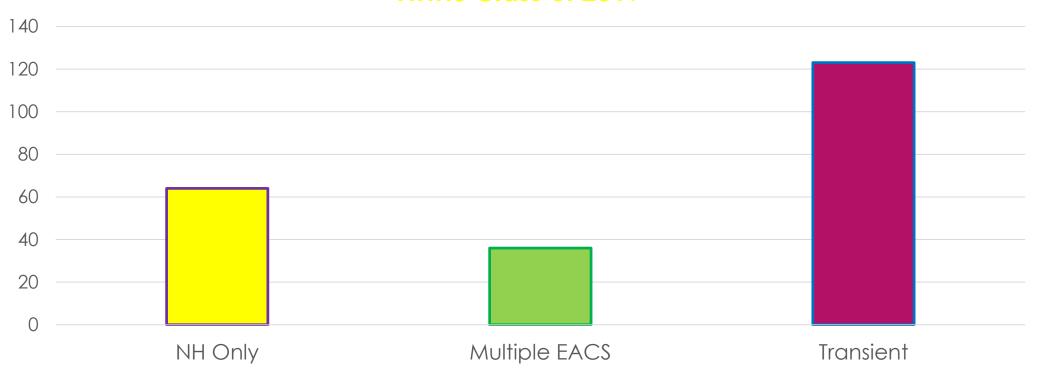
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# Transiency data

55% were transient 16% IN EACS schools 29% New Haven students for all 12 years

## NHHS Class of 2019



# Recall information for the 2018 graduating class

67.3% were transient students

25.7% were New Haven or Paul Harding students

7% were from another EACS school

# Wondering

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- Subquestions: What kinds of things should we see daily in the classroom, and what things should we NEVER see in the classroom?
- Teachers worked with David Nagel this year incorporating Visible Learning into the curriculum. Each Department developed and posted learning intentions.

## Method

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## Data Collection

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- Survey given at the end of school year: After the closing of school, many teachers would not complete PD regarding Visible Learning, Feedback, and Learning intentions, so we shifted gears, as most educations do, and went a different direction, survey results at the end of the presentation

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