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Teamwork & Working on the Work

Our school has formed a freshman academy in year one of our SLC initiative. Within the Freshman Academy we have used a flexible block scheduling format. We have used many creative ways to allow our freshman teachers to have time for collaboration and hold team parent meetings. Our teachers have been trained in both teamwork and another initiative called "Working on the Work". The freshman students are divided into six teams and each student takes their core classes during half of their schedule. As a building moving into wall to wall communities next school year we have formed a SLC Advisory Panel which has been meeting and communicating the feelings of each small learning community. This has allowed us to deal with the problems as they come up and has helped increase the "Buy In" from the staff.

School Demographics (# s)							provided by Maple Heights HS, 2007
African American	White	Asian	Hispanic	Native American	Other Ethnicity	Free & Reduced Lunch	Total # of students
1179	125	11	9	0	0	411	1,324

Professional Development to help move teaching and learning forward

Maple Heights High School has dedicated one day per month as in-service time. This initiative on the district level has provided us the means to spread the training of several professional development ideas. The main focus has been on building strong relationships and focusing on engaging work. This has been worked on through providing our teachers with training both at the school and sending them to see or work with experts. We continue to look for things we can provide to help our teachers reach these building goals.