SCHOOLS TO WATCH – Cosgrove Middle School

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School Statistics
(Source: Infinite Campus, BEDS Report, NYStart)

- Community: Suburban/Residential
- Enrollment: 869
- Grade Levels: 6-8
- School Schedule: 7 Period Rotating and Team Model
- Student Demographics:
  - 53% Male
  - 47% Female
  - 6.9% Hispanic/Latino
  - 83.3% White
  - .2% American Indian/Alaskan Native
  - 4.5% African American
  - 0% Filipino
  - 1.9% Asian/Pacific Islander
  - 14% Students with Disabilities
  - 30% Free/Red. Lunch/Econ. Disadvantaged
  - 1% English Learners

Designated in 2017
District: Spencerport  County: Monroe  State: New York
Principal: Ned Dale
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School Characteristics and Replicable Practices

Academic Excellence

- Accelerated Math and Science Program
- NJHS Membership constitutes 13% of the population
- Team Model
- Benchmark Common Exams in all subject areas
- 21st Century Technology Tools Professional Development
- Academically Focused Co-Curricular Activities
- Alternative Learning Center
- 1:1 for 6th grade in 16-17 and entire school for 2017-18
- 21st Century Team to support all staff and students during digital conversion.
- Atlas Rubicon Curriculum Repository for all subject areas
- Three tiered RTI model for ELA and Math
- LongwoodTeachers.com (online resource)
- Principal's Breakfast
Developmental Responsiveness

- Career Day
- Tiered RtI supports
- Mental Health team support (Social Worker, grade-level School Counselors, Psychologist)
- Transition support for 5th and 8th grade students (e.g. Choices activities)
- Grade-level team meetings/SIP plans
- School/team newsletters
- Family Support Center
- Numerous clubs and activities for students
- Extra support for students during Flex and Activity Period
- College and Career Committee
- Student Leadership Training

Social Equity

- Principal’s Newsletters
- Differentiated Lessons
- RTI – Response To Intervention (Team)
- PBIS – Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (Team)
- Festival of Nations Celebration
- Common Assessments
- Technology opportunities for whole student body
- Ally Club
- Food Drives
- Awards Nights
- Student of the Month Celebrations

Organizational Support

- Board Members are well educated on STW and process conducted at middle school.
- Shared decision making includes staff, administrators, parents and teachers
- Principal’s Advisory Council and Student Council allow students a voice in decisions
- Building plan is aligned to the four domains and is shared electronically, shared via faculty meeting breakout sessions, voted upon, and evaluated by all staff
- Teachers have input via surveys, BPT reps, and open communication with administration to modify current ‘practices’
- Mentor programs – for new teachers, DI, technology
- 21st Century Team – piloting technology, support for teachers
- Cosgrove works collaboratively:
  - Department meeting time
  - Common Assessments and Grading practices
  - Wide array of intervention (SIP, team meetings with administrators and counselors),
  - Data collection (Grade Cam), data collection and analysis
  - Accountability for student achievement (team plans, SIP, BIT, working lunch).