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Pershing County High School GEAR UP Abstract

Pershing County High School (PCHS) is in a rural school district where postsecondary expectations have traditionally been low, reflecting achievement levels in Nevada statewide. Currently, the district wide student population consists of 9.4% American Indian/Alaskan Native, 1.8% Asian/Pacific Islander, 26.1% Hispanic, 0.6% Black, and 62.1% White, with the individual schools reflecting this approximate breakdown. Additionally, 19.5% of our secondary students qualify for an IEP, and our transient rate is 20.5%.

Pershing County's vision is to raise the educational goals and expectations of our students and their parents through **Competency, School Improvement and System Building**, and **Access**. In the 2010-2011 academic year, we will use Career Cruising™ not only to finalize the ILP's, but also to build student resumes, writing samples, and add reference letters. Tutorial support is available after school and during a tutorial period in the class schedule. Students utilize the NovaNet program on site for credit recovery or to address gaps. Summer School remediation and the Summer Enrichment program will also be offered, as well as an added Math Proficiency class first semester for juniors who didn't pass the test. United Streaming will once again enrich the Science curriculum 7-12. Mentoring activities will include student-to-student activities as well as adult-to-student through guest speakers and the College/Career Fair.

The full-time Regional Trainer will implement ongoing professional development activities to support the **School Improvement goals and System Building**, as well as the core Professional Learning Communities (PLC) throughout the year. She will also integrate Asset Building activities into staff development. PCHS will use MAPs results for instructional decision-making, supporting the goals of both secondary School Improvement Teams to increase math and language arts scores.

GEAR UP will continue to improve **Access** with our parent information nights (with financial aid and spring academic progress nights planned), at least one family night with a mentoring speaker, and our campus field trips this year will include visits to Fall and southern Nevada schools. We will continue to reach out to parents through phone calls for meeting reminders and invitations to attend field trips and our College Fair in November, as well as distributing bilingual information for our Hispanic families. As always, our parents will have ongoing access to their student's progress and interests through PowerSchool and Career Cruising™.