# INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL HIRING PROCESS

Miami-Dade County Public Schools



## Definitions of Steps in the Proposed Process

#### **PLAN**

Review Strategic Plan and school needs

Assess historical and projected turnover and hire data

Create a formal recruiting plan that includes positions to be filled and strategies to fill those positions

#### RECRUIT

Actively seek highly effective candidates using most cost effective methods

Monitor and determine cost/benefit of recruiting activities

#### SELECT

Explain application process and address any questions from potential applicants

Accept online applications

Conduct interviews at school sites

#### HIRE

Follow-up with applicant (in writing and verbally)

Upon acceptance, applicant completes fingerprinting, drug testing and I-9 within required timelines

▼ Once cleared, send next steps letter

#### FOLLOW-UP

Call and survey candidates/new hires

Provide ongoing support for new hires

Conduct interviews/surveys with employees periodically and as they leave system

Refer to agenda item A-3, June 2007, School Board Meeting



#### **Current State**

- Hiring process has not been reviewed and redesigned in this manner at least within the last decade
- No/limited recruitment planning\* or new hire follow up
- Limited use of data
- Hiring process is complicated, paper intensive and time consuming
- Use of technology is limited
- Quantity of available applicants has been primary focus, leaving relatively less time to focus on quality
- Focus groups revealed that new hires often feel unsupported by "downtown" and have a hard time "navigating through the system"
- Orientation for new employees is too infrequent, lacks consistency from school to school and is often not tailored to the school

\*A Three-Year Instructional Recruitment Plan was developed in accordance with enhancing the hiring process (Agenda Item A-3, June 2007, School Board Meeting)



## Key Changes

#### **Plan**

 Use data to project school- and subject-specific instructional vacancies and how to fill those vacancies annually and over a three-year period

#### **Recruit**

- Intensify focus on the most effective and efficient methods, and eliminate those with a lower return on investment. Specifically focus on needs of students, based on data, and strategic initiatives
- Current and Future Vacancies posted for applicants to view and apply directly
- Continually use data to understand turnover, project vacancies, and assess recruitment strategies



## Key Changes (cont'd)

#### **Select**

- Automate screening process including full implementation of SAP erecruiting application
- Improve and simplify electronic candidate profile to allow principals to view all data (e.g. degree, resume, years of experience)
- Improve quality of full-time instructional applicants by requiring completion of on-line training for non-education majors
- Decentralize process by allowing applicants to apply on-line from anywhere
- Allow principals to have access to view, contact, interview, and offer a position to applicants much earlier in the process



## Key Changes (cont'd)

#### Hire

- Follow-up with all applicants when position is filled
- Utilize e-recruiting to capture, maintain and analyze interview information
- Extend an offer in writing in addition to verbally within one business day of decision
- Proactively work with principals to ensure new hire has met all requirements to begin employment
- Streamline central office processes to decrease number of steps for applicants and the number of downtown visits (see page 8)
- Provide new hires with essential employee information prior to employment

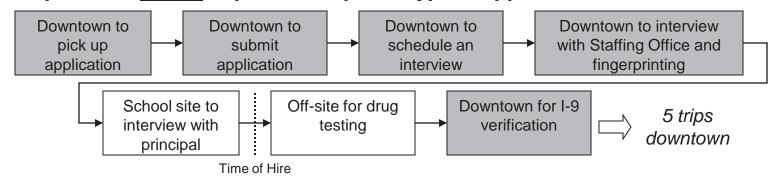
#### Follow-up

- Create and provide access to customer service centers to address new hire questions and concerns
- Conduct periodic and exit surveys of instructional staff to acquire retention and attrition information

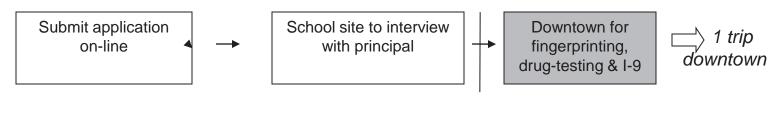


### Applicant Process Comparison

#### Prior process: <u>Seven</u> in-person stops for typical applicant



#### Current process for all applicants: On-line application and one in-person stop

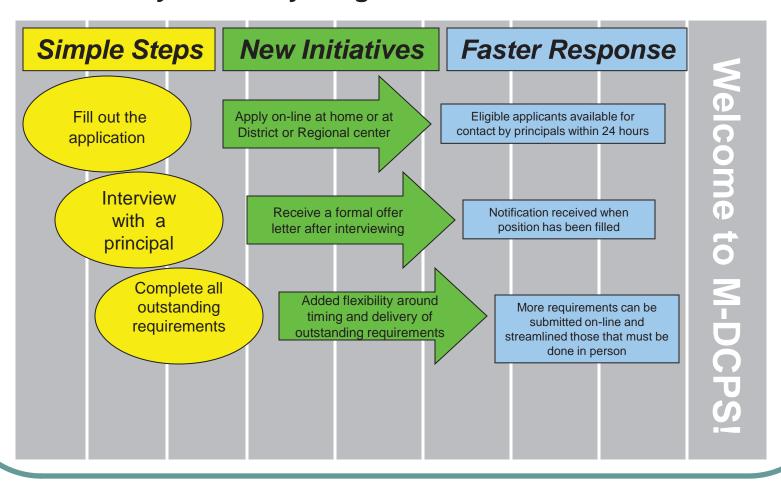


Time of Hire



### What is Different for the Applicant?

An easier way to reach your goal...





## - Plan and Recruit-Prior and Current Process Changes

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 No systematic process for anticipating and planning for needs  Reactive, rather than proactive, recruiting

 Recruiting activities were not consistently evaluated based on effectiveness, costper-recruit and costper-hire

- Recruiting efforts were often not tailored to the District's specific needs
- Recruiting activities are not always most cost-effective

- Formalize and institute a systematic process of:
  - Creating a three-year recruiting plan based on the District's Strategic
    Plan and turnover data
  - Monitoring the three-year plan
  - Updating the three-year plan
- Modified and enhanced recruiting activities and external contracts based on data and results
  - Teacher performance and retention metrics
  - Staff survey



## - Plan and Recruit (cont'd)-Prior And Current Process Changes

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- Recruiting has not explicitly focused on strategic initiatives
- Some school and subject areas/ categories are "hard-to-staff"

- Recruiting efforts are often not coordinated with efforts of other departments
- Students may go for long periods of time without a consistent permanent teacher

- Align recruiting initiatives with District-wide strategies to address student needs
- Explore implementing recruiting initiatives specifically targeting hardto-staff schools and categories, including:
  - Recruiting and retention incentives
  - Recruiting events targeting hard-to-staff schools



## - Select -Prior And Current Process Changes

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 Applicants have few avenues through which their questions can be effectively answered during application process  Delay in time-to-hire and potential loss of candidates stemming from confusion and frustration

 Applicants apply via a manual paperdriven process  Delay in time-to-hire and potential loss of candidates due to labor intensive and pro-longed screening processes

- Streamline central processes and expand appropriate processes to regional centers and schools
  - Enhance web-site to be more user-friendly and relevant
  - Enhance and streamline front desk processes at central office
  - Expand applicant services to regional centers and schools
- Enhance current technology to make the application process more user-friendly and efficient to decrease time-to-hire
  - On-line application and tracking
  - Electronic notifications to applicant informing him/her of status with 48 hours



## - Select (cont'd) - Prior and Current Process Changes

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 Only applicants with all requirements completed are available for principals to view

Interview data is not

being collected in a

consistent and

accurate manner

 Fewer applicants for principals to directly recruit

 Inability to strategically track interview information

#### **CURRENT**

 Allow principals to view and recruit applicants earlier in the process

 Better utilize current technology to track candidates and monitor system-wide interview activity



## - Hire - Prior and Current Process Changes

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- Typical applicant is required to come "downtown" <u>five</u> times before hired
- Delay in time-to-hire and potential loss of quality applicants

- Follow-up procedures with applicant are inconsistent or nonexistent
- Pending hires are sometimes not monitored to ensure all requirements are met to move candidate from pending to active

- Delays in the next step of the interview
- Loss of "goodwill" with candidates

process

 Delays in time-tohire

- Reduce the number of required stops "downtown" for applicant to ONE
- All applicants are contacted during the process and informed of ultimate decision in writing
- Proactively work with principals and regional centers to ensure all new hires become active as a soon as possible



## - Follow-up-Current and Proposed Process Changes

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- No central location for new hires to ask questions and raise concerns
- There is no systematic follow-up with new hires

 Exit surveys are not consistently conducted and are not offered to staff who have resigned or retired

- Some new hires do not feel welcome and feel confused about where to go to have questions answered
- No consistent way of gauging effectiveness of hiring process and orientation activities
- Retention/turnover information is often not accurate or not available

- Establish customer service centers as an initial point of contact for new instructional staff
- During first quarter of employment, send new hire survey via email to evaluate the hire process and orientation activities
- Develop staff exit survey and process and utilize exit survey data to modify recruiting efforts and create retention initiatives



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	School Number:
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