

## Shifting your Mindset

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The Future Depends on What You Do Today!

## Section 2: Background

Information

- In 2013-2014 was at $13 \%$ in ELA in grades 3-5 and $21 \%$ in Math in grades 3-5
- The school has a population of over 70 percent that are ELL's and $77 \%$ poverty.
- This school was designated a Focus School by New York State because of the low performing results of the ELL, Special Education, and African American populations collectively.


## Major Changes after 4 vears

## Growth Gains: Strategic Planning and Mindset

Currently over a period of 4 years as Principal:
a) 34 percent of the students are at Levels 3 and 4 in ELA
b) 48 percent of the students are levels 3 and 4 in Mathematics
c) 66 percent of the ED population are levels 2,3 and 4.

How We Started and Where we are?

## Strategies That Made A Difference

- Develop a Culture of Systemic Believers! - "Yes We Can and Yes We Will!
- Encourage an attitude of self- governance and accountability! - Encourage staff to strive for excellence through self reflection
- Reflect the data and create action steps.
- See the vision and make it happen


## Additional Strategies that Supported Student Growth

a) Utilization of Blended Learning
b) Developing and Implementing Schoolwide Comprehensive Educational Goals
c) Develop a Core Leadership Team
d) Analyze and Mine the Data Individually and Collectively
e) Create a risk free environment and let educators take risk!


## The Best Way to Find Yourself is to "Lose Yourself in the Service of Others." Gandhi

## Current Results

- Jackson Main performed better than the state average in reducing students soring in Level 1 in ELA. J.M had only 20 percent of the students perform in this area. $80 \%$ score in levels $2-4$ based on the $2017-2018$ assessments.
- In mathematics J.M. had closed the gap with students scoring in level 1 to $25 \%$. Over 75 percent of the students scored in levels 2-. The state had an average of students that scored over $28 \%$ in level 1 .


## Be the Change You Wish to See in the World!

- Closing Remarks
- As the principal of a school that now has over 523 students, I have had the opportunity to touch the lives of over 2000 students in 4 years. I have found that eradicating the barriers of poverty comes through education and self-empowerment.

- Thank you

