

2020-21 Combined World's Best Workforce (WBWF) Summary and Achievement and Integration (A&I) Progress Report

Please use this template as an internal tool to gather information. Responses should be submitted electronically in the Combined 2020-21 WBWF and A&I Annual Summary & Progress Report. You can copy your responses from this template into the electronic form.

District or Charter Name: Ubah Medical Academy	
Grades Served: 9-12	
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Did you have a Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) as school year (SY)?	pproved A&I plan implemented in the 2020-21
Yes X No	
This report has three parts:	

- 1. **WBWF:** Required for all districts/charters.
- 2. A&I: Required for districts that were implementing an MDE approved A&I plan during the 2020-21 SY. No charter schools should complete this section.
- 3. Racially Identifiable School: Required for districts that were implementing an MDE approved A&I plan for Racially Identifiable Schools during the 2020-21 SY. No charter schools should complete this section.

Please ensure the WBWF leadership and A&I leadership collaborate within your district when completing this report.

World's Best Workforce

Annual Report

MDE understands this past school year (2020-21) ended under unique circumstances due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, we are providing reporting options that reflect this disruption in your ability to appropriately report annual progress.

WBWF Requirement: For each school year, the school board must publish a report in the local newspaper, by mail or by electronic means on the district website.

A&I Requirement: Districts must post a copy of their A&I plan, a preliminary analysis on goal progress, and related data on student achievement on their website 30 days prior to the annual public meeting.

- Provide the direct website link to the district's WBWF annual report. If a link is not available, describe how the district disseminates the report to stakeholders.
- Provide the direct website link to the A&I materials.

Annual Public Meeting

These annual public meetings were to be held in the fall of each school year. Report on this measure for the 2020-21 school year.

WBWF Requirement: School boards are to hold an annual public meeting to communicate plans for the upcoming school year based on a review of goals, outcomes and strategies from the previous year. Stakeholders should be meaningfully involved, and this meeting is to occur separately from a regularly scheduled school board meeting.

A&I Requirement: The public meeting for A&I is to be held at the same time as the WBWF annual public meeting.

• Provide the date of the school board annual public meeting to review progress on the WBWF plan and Achievement and Integration plan for the 2020-21 school year.

District Advisory Committee

The District Advisory Committee should be in place at the start of the school year. Report on your membership list.

WBWF Requirement: The district advisory committee must reflect the diversity of the district and its school sites. It must include teachers, parents, support staff, students, and other community residents. Parents and other community residents are to comprise at least two-thirds of advisory committee members, when possible. The district advisory committee makes recommendations to the school board.

Complete the list of your district advisory committee members for the 2020-21 school year. Expand the table to include all committee members. Ensure roles are clear (teachers, parents, support staff, students, and other community residents).

District Advisory Committee Members	Role in District	Are they part of the Achievement and Integration leadership team? (Mark X if Yes)
Faysal G Ali	Executive Director	
Eric E Brandt	Assistant Director	
Nicole Carlson	School Counselor	
Abdullahi Samatar	Parent/Transportation Coordinator	
Ismail Haji	Dean Of Students	
Muktar Abe	Teacher	
Aisha Hussein	Student	
Joel Coleman	Teacher	
Adnaan Fayesso	Student	
Ayaan Shire	Student	
Ifrah Dualeh	Student Services	
Nawal Mohamed	Educational Assistant	
Ibrahim Mohamud	Parent	

Equitable Access to Excellent and Diverse Educators

Staffing should be in place by the start of the 2020-21 school year. Report on your equitable access to excellent and diverse educators for the start of the 2020-21 school year.

WBWF Requirement: WBWF requires districts and charters to have a process in place to ensure students from low income families, students of color, and American Indian students are not taught at disproportionate rates by inexperienced, out-of-field, and ineffective teachers. The legislation also requires that districts have strategies to increase access to teachers who reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of students.

While districts/charters may have their own local definitions, please note the definitions developed by Minnesota stakeholders during the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) state plan development process:

- An **ineffective teacher** is defined as a teacher who is not meeting professional teaching standards, as defined in local teacher development and evaluation (TDE) systems.
- An inexperienced teacher is defined as a licensed teacher who has taught for three or fewer years.
- An out-of-field teacher is defined as a licensed teacher who is providing instruction in an area which he
 or she is not licensed.

The term "equitable access gap" refers to the difference between the rate(s) at which students from low income families, students of color, and American Indian students are taught by inexperienced, out-of-field, or ineffective teachers and the rate at which other students are taught by the same teacher types. This is not to be confused with the "achievement gap" (how groups of students perform academically); rather, "equitable access gap" is about which student groups have privileged or limited access to experienced, in-field and effective teachers.

Districts/charters are encouraged to monitor the distribution of teachers and identify equitable access gaps between and within schools, but they may also make comparisons to the state averages or to similar schools. It is important to note that some of the most significant equitable access gaps occur at the school and classroom level.

Districts/charters may also use other indicators of "effectiveness" such as teachers receiving stronger evaluations overall, teachers with strengths in particular dimensions of practice (e.g., culturally responsive practices), teachers certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, or teachers with demonstrated student growth and achievement results.

Respond to the questions below.

Describe your process for ensuring students of color, American Indian students and students from low income families have equitable access to experienced, in-field, and effective teachers.

- How did the district examine equitable access data?
 - O What data did you look at?
 - How frequently do you review the data?
 - O Who was included in conversations to review equitable access data?

Limit response to 200 words.

UMA has an evaluation process to ensure that all of its teachers are meeting the high standards of best teaching practices through a multi-faceted approach. UMA teachers are formally observed for a minimum of two times during the school year. The UMA Admin team evaluates each teacher through a process of a pre-observation

meeting, observing of a class, and a post-observation meeting of providing feedback with a coaching emphasis. Teachers are expected to regularly maintain their curriculum map for each subject in addition to daily lesson planning. Teachers are coached in advance of observation of what exemplary teaching represents in the evaluation rubric used. Teachers are evaluated with use of a rubric that looks at planning & preparation, classroom environment, instruction, and professionalism. Young teachers are partnered with an experienced teacher for mentoring purposes so that they can navigate the challenges of teaching. Throughout the year, the Admin team does informal walk throughs and provides feedback to teachers on an as needed basis. Teachers are also given the opportunity to receive feedback on their teaching practice through a peer review process where a colleague observes them and provides feedback.

- What strategies has the district initiated to improve student equitable access to experienced, in-field, and effective teachers?
 - o What goal(s) do you have to reduce and eventually eliminate equitable access gaps?

Limit response to 200 words.

In addition to using Edpost from St Cloud State University, as well as other online job posting boards, UMA has taken a new approach to hiring teachers by attending online job fairs to increase our access to potential job candidates in all fields. This medium resulted in many more contacts with potential teaching candidates. UMA has a majority of highly qualified teachers who have a Master's Degree or better on its staff. UMA currently has 53% of its teaching staff as teachers of color while having a demographic student body that is 99% African American. UMA uses strategies of developing young teachers through mentorship and professional development opportunities. Young teachers are encouraged to collaborate with experienced staff through the use of professional learning communities. UMA is always on the lookout for quality, experienced candidates to fill its teaching positions regardless of color. When necessary, UMA has looked to hiring highly qualified Educational Assistants to fill teaching roles as a Tier 1 or Tier 2 licensed teacher while continuing to look for fully licensed teachers.

WBWF also requires districts and charters to examine student access to licensed teachers who reflect the racial and ethnic diversity of students. A growing body of research has demonstrated that all students benefit when they are taught by racially and ethnically diverse staff throughout their career, and students of color and indigenous students benefit even more. Consequently, working to increase teacher racial diversity is beneficial to all schools.

- Describe your efforts to increase the racial and ethnic diversity of teachers in your district.
 - Which racial and ethnic student groups are present in your district that are not yet represented in your licensed teacher staff? How many additional teachers of color and American Indian teachers would you need in order to reflect your student population?
 Limit response to 200 words.

As stated earlier, UMA has a large percentage of African American students in its population. Currently there are 53% of the teaching staff that are teachers of color. Ethnically, the students are represented

in the faculty in good number, but not nearing the student population. The non-teaching staff of office staff, administration, educational support, and counseling staff has a very high percentage of employees of color at over 90%. While the teaching staff is not reflective of the student population as yet, the non-teaching support staff is near the African American 99% majority number. Our student population currently does not have any American Indian students in its population.

 What strategies has the district initiated to increase and retain teachers of color and American Indian teachers in the district? What goal(s) are you pursuing?
 Limit response to 200 words.

UMA uses strategies of developing young teachers through mentorship and professional development opportunities. Also, teaching staff has a tuition reimbursement benefit that is encouraged to develop their skills as a teacher. UMA looks for opportunities for teaching staff to teach advanced and college courses. Use of Tuition Reimbursement monies is encouraged to young staff to develop their skills that will open up advance course options for its students. Young teachers are encouraged to collaborate with experienced staff through the use of professional learning communities. UMA is always on the lookout for quality, experienced candidates to fill its teaching positions regardless of color.

Local Reporting of Teacher Equitable Access to Excellent and Diverse Educators Data

Districts are required to publicly report data on an annual basis related to student equitable access to teachers, including data on access for low-income students, students of color, and American Indian students to experienced, in-field, and effective teachers and data on all student access to racially and ethnically diverse teachers.

For this 2020-21 WBWF summary report submission, please check the boxes to confirm that your district publicly reported this data.

- X District/charter publicly reports data on an annual basis related to equitable teacher distribution, including data on access for low-income students, students of color, and American Indian students to effective, experienced, and in-field teachers.
- _X__ District/charter publicly reports data on an annual basis related to student access to racially and ethnically diverse teachers.

Goals and Results

SMART goals are: specific and strategic, measurable, attainable (yet rigorous), results-based and time-based. Districts may choose to use the data profiles provided by MDE in reporting goals and results or other locally determined measures. Please fill out the table below with your specific SMART goals.

All Students Ready for School

Does your district/charter enroll students in Kindergarten? If no, please skip to the next goal.

Goal	Result	Goal Status
Provide the established SMART goal for the 2020-21 school year.	Provide the result for the 2020-21 school year that directly ties back to the established goal. If unable to report a result because of disruptions due to COVID-19, please respond, "Unable to report."	Check one of the following: On Track (multi-year goal) Not On Track (multi-year goal) Goal Met (one-year goal) Goal Not Met (one-year goal) Met All (multiple goals) Met Some (multiple goals) Met None (multiple goals)

Please describe to what extent, if any, the COVID-19 pandemic affected the quality of the data used to measure progress toward your SMART goal. For example, if a small percentage of students participated in an assessment, please provide that participation rate and note that the low participation rate may affect data quality. If the pandemic did not affect the quality of the data used to measure progress, please type "N/A" as your answer.

Narrative is required. 200-word limit.

- What data have you used to identify needs in this goal area?
- How is this data disaggregated by student groups?
- What strategies are in place to support this goal area?

N/A UMA is a High School.

All Students in Third Grade Achieving Grade-Level Literacy

Goal	Result	Goal Status
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Close the Achievement Gap(s) Between Student Groups

Goal	Result	Goal Status
UMA 10 th grade students will show at least 1% growth in proficiency of MCA Reading scores UMA 11 th grade students will show at least 1% growth in proficiency of MCA Math scores	MCA tests were not administered for 10 th or 11 th graders due to the COVID-19 infection rates and low attendance rates during the 20-21 school year testing window.	Check one of the following: On Track (multi-year goal) Not On Track (multi-year goal) Goal Met (one-year goal) Goal Not Met (one-year goal) Met All (multiple goals) Met Some (multiple goals) Met None (multiple goals)

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The COVID-19 pandemic greatly affected UMA's ability to measure academic progress by our students. UMA was unable to assess its 10th and 11th grade students for their MCA testing due to COVID-19 infection rates. UMA was in very limited hybrid learning(less than 10% of students attended in person 2x/week) during the spring of 2021 and was exclusively online during the fall semester of 2020. In addition, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students were able to test for the NWEA at home in both the fall and the spring, but because of test integrity issues, the data was largely unusable. In addition, ACCESS for ELLs testing was also affected by COVID as there was an outbreak of COVID during testing by staff members that led to an in person shutdown.

All Students Career and College-Ready by Graduation

Goal	Result	Goal Status
UMA Senior Students will have an over 80% FAFSA submission rate.	2021 Senior Student FAFSA Submission Rate: 83%	Check one of the following: On Track (multi-year goal) Not On Track (multi-year goal) Goal Met (one-year goal) Goal Not Met (one-year goal) Met All (multiple goals) Met Some (multiple goals) Met None (multiple goals)

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UMA hired a part time counselor with ESSER funds to help students attain a high FAFSA submission rate by meeting with them via Zoom. In addition, the counselor helped many students in the scholarship application process, as well as the admission process in getting into college. One of the pieces of the college and career readiness that UMA has for its students is a careers class. Portions of the class were challenging to transition to distance learning from in-person learning but the careers class was able to be completed in the distance learning format.

All Students Graduate

Goal	Result	Goal Status
UMA will graduate at least 90% of high school seniors.	Graduation Rate for class of 2021: 94%	Check one of the following: X_ On Track (multi-year goal) Not On Track (multi-year goal) Goal Met (one-year goal) Goal Not Met (one-year goal) Met All (multiple goals) Met Some (multiple goals) Met None (multiple goals)

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2020-21 Achievement and Integration (A&I) Progress Report

Once they are approved by MDE, Achievement and Integration (A&I) plans are in effect for three years. At the end of the third year, the commissioner must determine if districts met each goal in their approved plans (Minn. Stat. § 124D.862, subd. 8).

In order to do this, each district is asked to provide information in this A&I progress report indicating whether or not each of their plan goals is on track. The information you submit will also be used to provide ongoing support for your A&I efforts. You will be able to indicate where disruptions from COVID-19 required you to change how you implemented your A&I strategies or made collecting data to document progress toward your goals complicated or impossible.

Districts with one or more racially identifiable schools will also submit progress reports to verify whether 2020-21 A&I plan goals for each of those schools were on track.

Districts that don't meet plan goals after three years are to consult with the commissioner on improvement plans and use up to 20% of their annual A&I revenue to fund improvement strategies—strategies that will make it more likely for a district to meet their new A&I goals (Minn. Stat. § 124D.862, subd. 8).

Please ensure your Achievement and Integration leadership team collaborates when completing this report.

This progress report has two parts:

- 1. **Achievement and Integration**: Required for all districts that were implementing an MDE approved Achievement and Integration plan during the 2020-21 SY.
- 2. **Racially Identifiable School (RIS):** Required for districts that were implementing an MDE approved Achievement and Integration plan for Racially Identifiable Schools during the 2020-21 SY.

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Type response here

Impacts from Online Learning

Narrative is required. 200-word limit.

Briefly explain how you modified your strategies this past school year because of distance learning. List the strategies you weren't able to implement. What A&I-related data were you unable to collect to document progress toward your goals? How did those adjustments or lack of data inform your A&I planning for the 2021-22 school year?

Racially Identifiable Schools

If your district's A&I plan includes goals and strategies for one or more racially identifiable schools, please complete this section of the report. This section is only required for districts with one or more racially identifiable schools.

Provide the information requested below for each of the racially identifiable schools in your district.

School Name: Enter school name here

Achievement and Integration Goal 1

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