VISION: The Mark T. Skinner School’s vision is to be the premier elementary School in metropolitan Chicago for educating special children (Special Education, Classical, and Neighborhood/Magnet), and to serve as the outstanding model for all such schools.

LRE MANDATE: LRE requires that to the maximum extent appropriate students with disabilities, including students in public or private institutions or other care facilities are educated with students who are non-disabled.

I. SCHOOL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES
A. Summer Orientation for New Students
B. Summer Meet and Greet New Parents
C. Kindergarten Parent Orientation
D. Forum Welcome Continental Breakfast
E. Star Summer Camp
F. Police Academy Summer Program for High School Students
G. Teacher Candidate Interviews with LSC
H. LSC Organizational Meeting
I. Network 6 Principals Meetings & CPS Principal Institute
J. Summer Professional Development for Teacher & Administration
K. Communications Committee Meetings
L. Star Registration for Fall
M. Star After School Program
N. Glee Tryouts
O. 4K Karate Classes
P. Music House Recruitment
Q. Classroom Moves to Skinner Branch & Within Building
II. PERSONNEL

A. We say Goodbye to:
   - Chansorith Chau- Teacher moved to Hampshire, IL
   - Melissa Beaudry- Teacher moved to Michigan
   - Bridget Montgomery- Counselor, to Manierre School
   - LaTasha Stone- Teacher moved to Dallas, Texas
   - Officer Thomas Hudson- Security Retirement
   - Harriet Lang- Social Worker to Andrew Jackson School
   - Magdalena Sandoval- Spanish Teacher for neighborhood to full time STEM position

B. We Welcome:
   - Rhea Bush- Resident Principal, Chicago State Collaborative
   - Jennifer Thiel- 2nd Grade
   - Ashley Ferrara- 3rd Grade
   - Jason Willis- 4th Grade
   - Joseph Linke- 5th Grade
   - Kelsey Cole- 5th Grade
   - Alyssa Frederickson, New Counselor
   - Laruby Sangster, Social Worker

C. Position Changes
   - Mary Beth O’Connor- Classical 1st to Classical 2nd
   - Ashley Oluewu- Neighborhood 3rd to Classical 3rd
   - Jennifer Christiansen- Classical 3rd to Classical 7th
   - Jared Lee- Classical 6th to Neighborhood 6th

D. Student Teachers from Roosevelt University
   - Morgan Douvris - 3rd Grade Mrs. Oluewu
   - Emma Vanderheyden - Kindergarten Ms. Sobut
   - Megan O’Rourke - 2nd Grade Mrs. Rupp
E. **Congratulations To Our Newlyweds** who got married this summer:
   - **Yamini Ramakrishnan**- Now Mrs. Irvin
   - **Jennifer Sauer**- Now Mrs. Priola
   - **Yasmin Dalal**- Now Mrs. Rothrock (but will continue to use Dalal)

III. **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CIWP**

   **Support Area: Quality Instructional Program**
   A. We purchased from last year’s leftover funds:
      - **Technology:** 4 Chromebook carts, 1 iPad Cart, Poster Maker Machine, Large Printer for Computer lab
      - **Instructional:** PE equipment, Achieve 3000, Reading & Math textbooks & workbooks, iReady reading & math workbooks, science & social studies textbooks
      - **Furniture:** Teachers desks, student desks & chairs, storage cabinets, podium, book cases, portable dry erase boards
   B. **New for CPS**
      - New Chief Executive Officer- Forrest Claypool
      - New Chief Educations Officer – Dr. Janice Jackson
      - Combined Transportation routes
      - Cannot fund CPS elementary sports this year
   C. **All Technology programs**- IXL, Achieve 3000, iReady reading & math are alive & operational for this school year
   D. We purchased 35 student desks & chairs with Arkadia Towers Funds- Total $ 4787.00

   **Support Area: Student Centered Learning**
   A. We hosted our third Star Summer Camp Program. Approximately 45 students signed up for the six-week program. Many thanks to teachers O’Brien, Johnson, Luna and Ramakrishnan for coordinating
   B. Several of our 7th graders attended a summer debate camp at DePaul University. Thank you teacher Jared Lee for coordinating.
   C. Our enrollment is up to 1,000 students!!
   D. Congratulations to 9 **Superstars** who tested into the Classical Program from the Neighborhood Program and 3 **Preschoolers** who tested into Classical
   E. **Star After School Program**- 220 students enrolled
   F. Basketball & Glee tryouts are underway
G. We are continuing other after school program offerings: Music House, MAD Science, Chess, Karate, and Basketball

Support Area: School Leadership
A. Principal Clark attended various CPS sponsored professional development sessions this summer
B. Principal Clark along with a team of five teachers attended the National Differentiation Conference in July.
C. Principal Clark assisted with Principal Eligibility Interviews for CPS throughout the summer
D. Principal Clark and Resident Principal Bush attended Network 6 Principals Meeting on data on July 22
E. The administrative team attended the CPS Law Conference in July and the Administrators Summit in August
F. Principal Clark and other CPS Principal Fellows met with CEO Forrest Claypool and Chief Education Officer Janice Jackson on August 21.
G. Principal Clark was selected by CEO Jackson as an Independent School Principal

Support Area: Professional Development
Steve Sanders  ODLSS: Supporting the paraprofessional: Roles, Responsibilities and Instructional Supports
Kevin Lewandowski  Googlepalooza: Attended CPS 2-day workshop where he learned many activities using Google for Education  Summer Math Institute- Attended a 2 day workshop and learned about building mathematically powerful classrooms
Yasmin Dalal  Chicago Literacy Group Summer Institute 2; Differentiated Instruction during Writers Workshop; Opera Residency Professional Development: Planning & preparation for 3rd grade residency program in Spring 2016
Connor Fitzsimmons  GooglePalooza: Attended CPS 2-day workshop where he learned many activities using Google for Education; Social Science Expo: Discovered & discussed developments & ideas with in social science field; MTSS/RTI Implementation: RTI/MTSS procedures & concepts to more fully be able to serve all our students
Katie Schwartz  Math-tivities: Learned dozens of math games to incorporate in class & help students become fluent in
facts & place value; **The Art of Questioning & Discussion:** Techniques to engage students in conversation and ask all levels of questions from Bloom’s Taxonomy; **Fit To Learn:** How to include movement & health in daily routines & lessons, importance of physical movement to help learning

**Candice Growe** 45 Hour RTI Training: Reviewed the process for assisting with struggling readers in the classroom

**Shannon O’Brien** SANDI: Assessment training for a new K-R modified assessment

**Jacqueline Bovit** Fund For Teachers Grant: Was a 2015 Fellow and developed 3 weeks of professional development studying the arts of Morocco July 2015

**Donna R. McSpadden; Jennifer Christiansen** 21st Century Learning Conference in Maryland

**Jean Kong** Bringing Culture into Chinese Language Classrooms: different cultural & format, implement culture learning into classroom teaching

**Support Area: Parent & Community**
A. Many thanks to Forum/PTO for providing refreshments of Parent Meet & Greet & First Day Welcome
B. Hosted Kindergarten parent orientation at Main Building & branch on Sept. 2, 2015- Amazing parent turnout!

**IV. FACILITIES/ENGINEER’S REPORT**
A. Many thanks to CPS for renovating the office area of the Branch to continue our three year old tuition based pre school program
B. Many thanks to our engineer, custodians, teachers & REO movers for assisting in moving kindergarten classical to the Branch and other classrooms
C. Branch Marquee- We have resolved the dispute for Branch Marquee with American Sign Co. The Law Dept has authorized us to pay the balance of $2325

**V. LUNCHROOM**
VI. BUDGET
   A. SBB Unallocated Funds- $33,857
      See Expenditure Request sheet

VII. HANDOUTS
   A. Internal Accounts Reports for Aug. 2015

VIII. UPCOMING EVENTS
   A. OPEN HOUSE DATES
      • Grades 2-5 Wednesday, September 30th 5:30-6:30
      • Grades 1 and 6-8, Thursday, October 1st 5:30-6:30 Grade 1
         5:30-7:00 Grades 6-8
   B. Walkathon Date: Thursday, Oct. 8th