

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: SCHOOL YEAR 2020-2021

**Campus Name:** Margaret L. Wisdom High School

**Campus #:** 009

**Principal:** Michelle Wagner

**Area Office:** West

#### **Executive Summary:**

Margaret L. Wisdom High School is proudly comprised of students from over 50 countries who speak over 60 different languages. We are without a doubt the most culturally diverse comprehensive at-risk high school in Houston ISD. We are dedicated to equipping students with the knowledge and skills to become successful in a wide variety of post-secondary pursuits. As a current IB MYP World School candidate, Wisdom High School will be authorized to offer students the opportunity to earn an IB diploma within the next two years.

As of September 16, 2020, our enrollment is at 1960 in grades 9-12 and projected to further increase before snapshot. In addition to increasing student achievement in the meets and masters categories of all five EOC STAAR assessments, our goals for this year also include an improvement in closing achievement gaps and an increase in 4-year graduates who are career, college, and/or military ready. We have expanded our CTE pathways to include computer science, engineering, welding, construction, education and training, business, and public law. Our students earned over 150 industry-based certifications last year, a number projected to increase by 20% this year.

Wisdom High School is proud to be the newcomer hub of Houston. We specialize in providing ESL accommodations and differentiated instruction to our ESL population that totals over 60% of our student population. Our innovative double-blocked schedule provides in-school interventions and extended support to our students, allowing them the opportunity to master grade-level objectives as they improve their English language skills.

Culture diversity is celebrated annually through a variety of cultural events, such as Cinco De Mayo and Black History presentations performed by our fine arts department. Students receive further social emotional, athletic, and academic enrichment through a broad assortment of activities and trades learned through our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Program. We offer adult ESL classes for parents as well Parent Universities and Wraparound support services to offer much needed resources and services to our families.

The faculty and staff of Wisdom High School is thrilled at the prospect of achieving our academic goals of becoming an IB MYP World School and expanding our CTE and AP programs to open the door of opportunity for our diverse student population.