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SAM 2025-2026

School: Watkins Elementary School (1)

Thank you for your completion of the Self-Assessment of MTSS Implementation (SAM). The purpose of this report is to provide your team with visual representations (graphs) about the extent to which your school is implementing components of a multi-tiered system of support (MTSS).

Following the graphs summarizing your data, there are Guiding Questions to help you make decisions about how to use this data as you prepare an action plan for improving MTSS implementation. The report concludes with a sample Action Planning template for your school leadership team to use if desired.

Recommended steps for reviewing this report:

1. Review the “Domain Averages” graphs and identify any patterns (high or low scores).
2. Review the SAM instrument and “SAM Domain” graphs to identify any patterns across domains or items.
3. Use the Guiding Questions to help you decide which MTSS components and/or actions to address.
4. Complete the Action Planning form to document what next steps will be taken to improve implementation of MTSS in your school.

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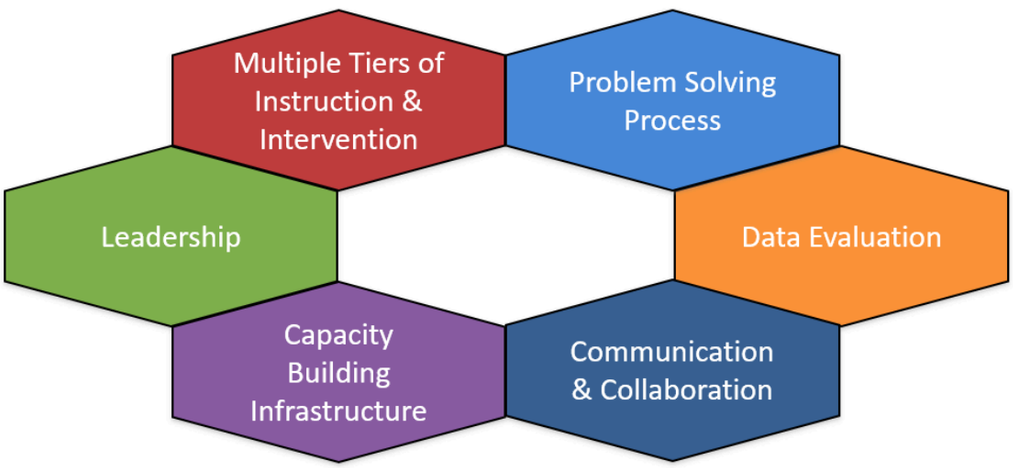

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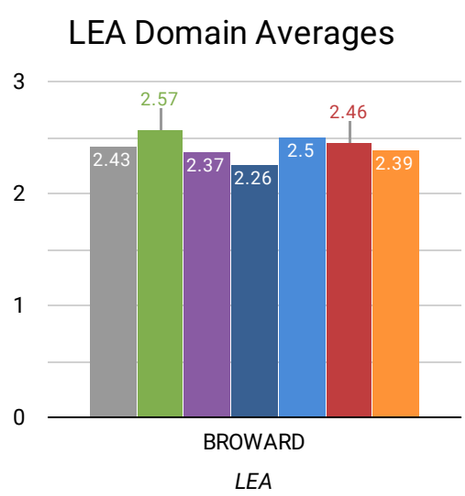

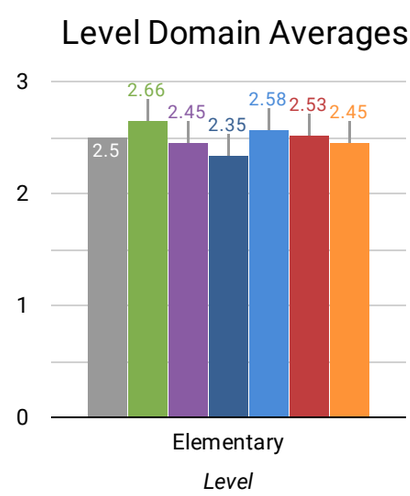

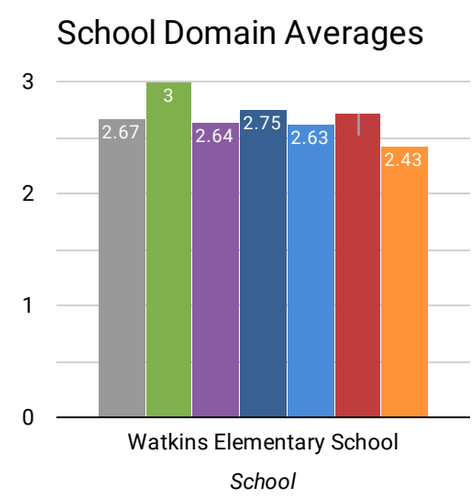

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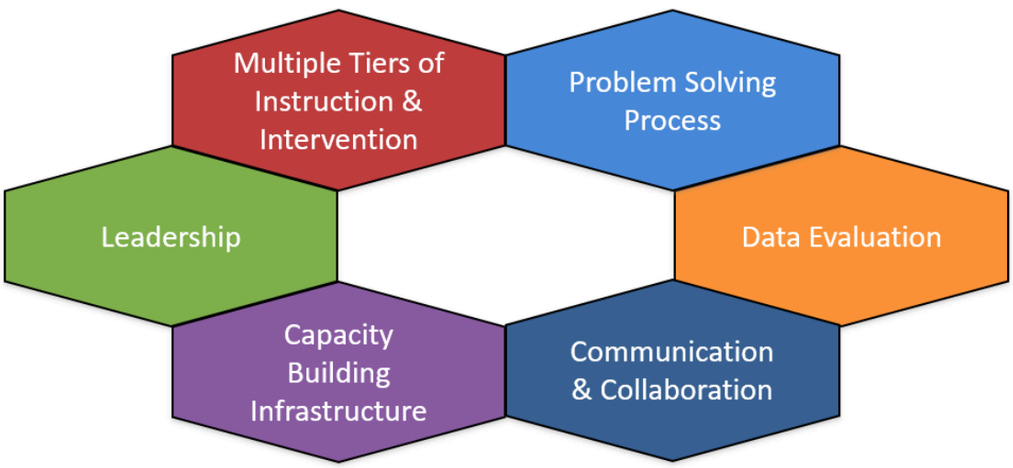

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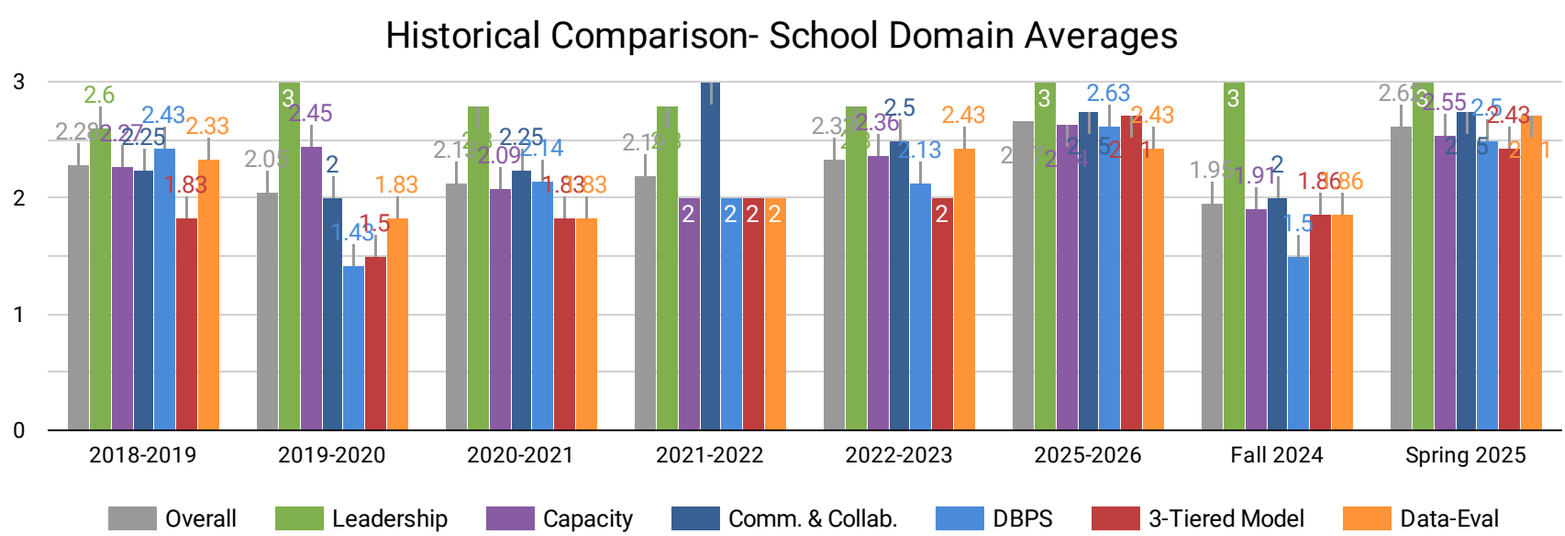

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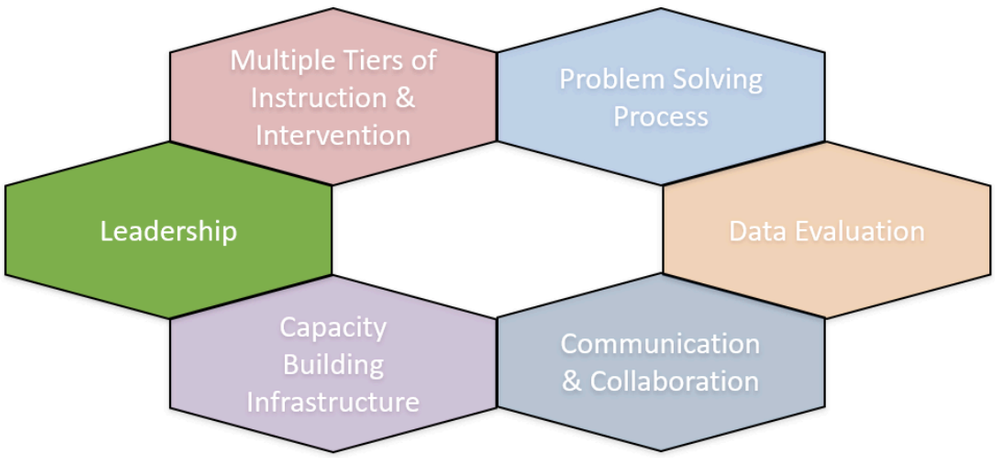

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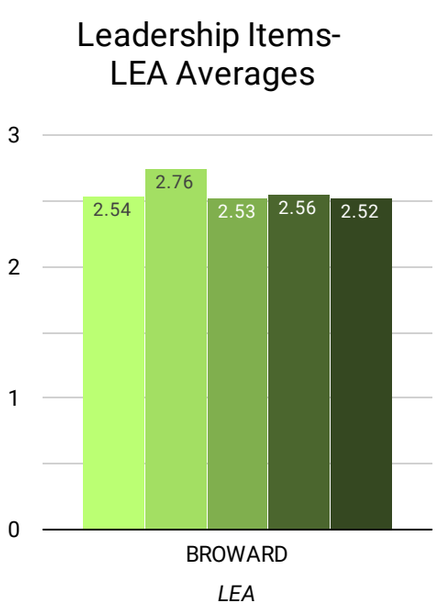

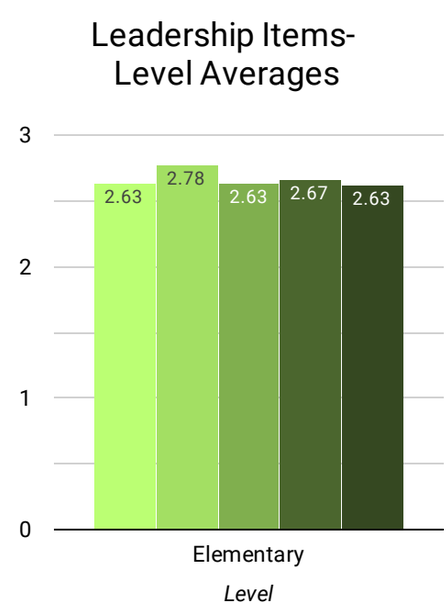

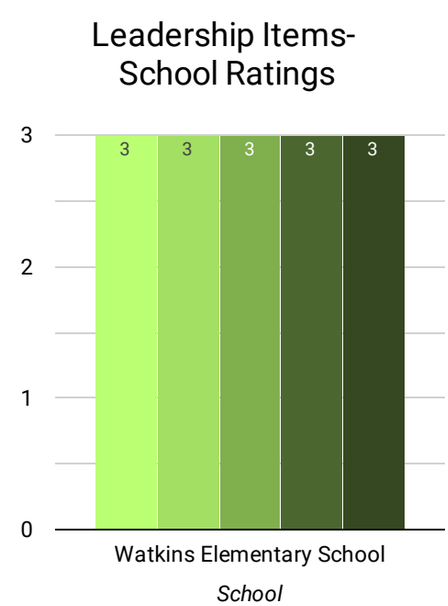

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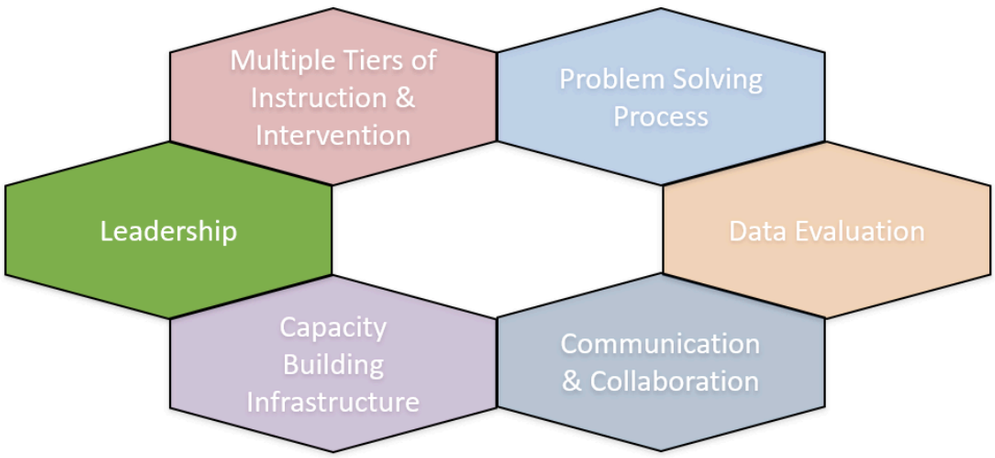

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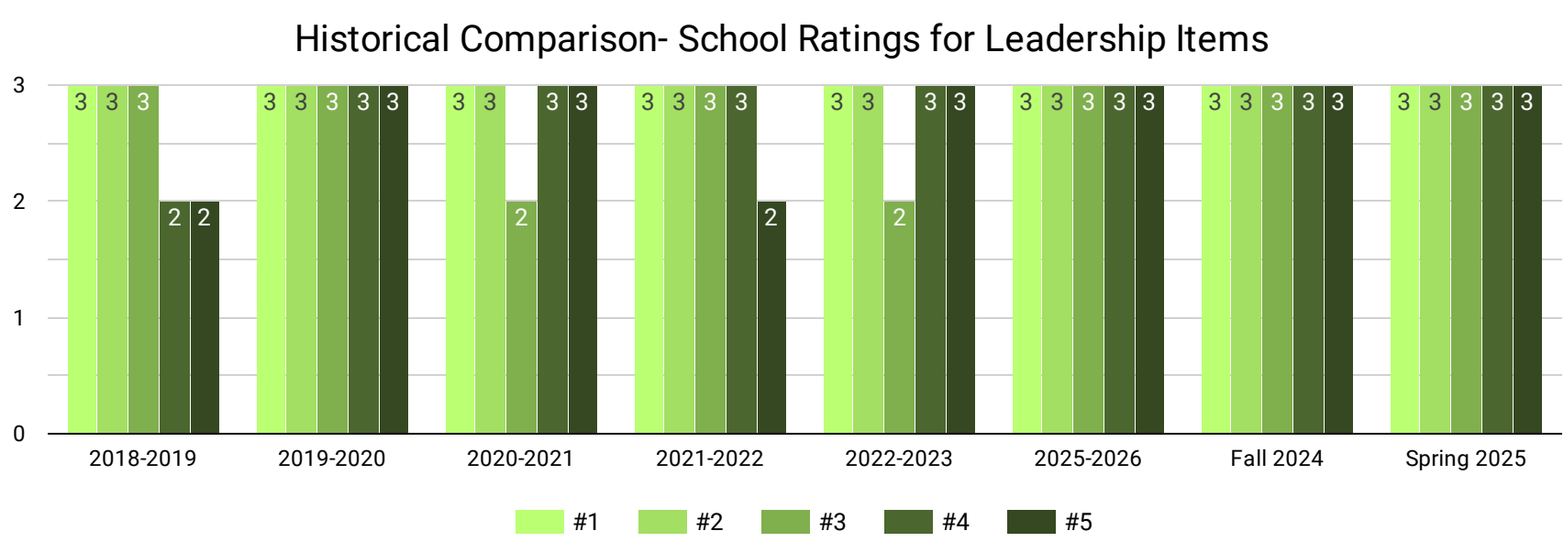

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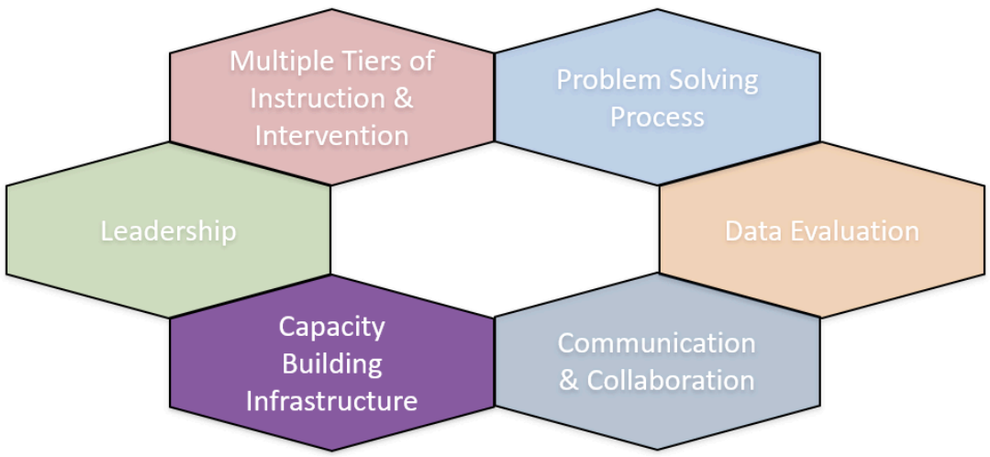

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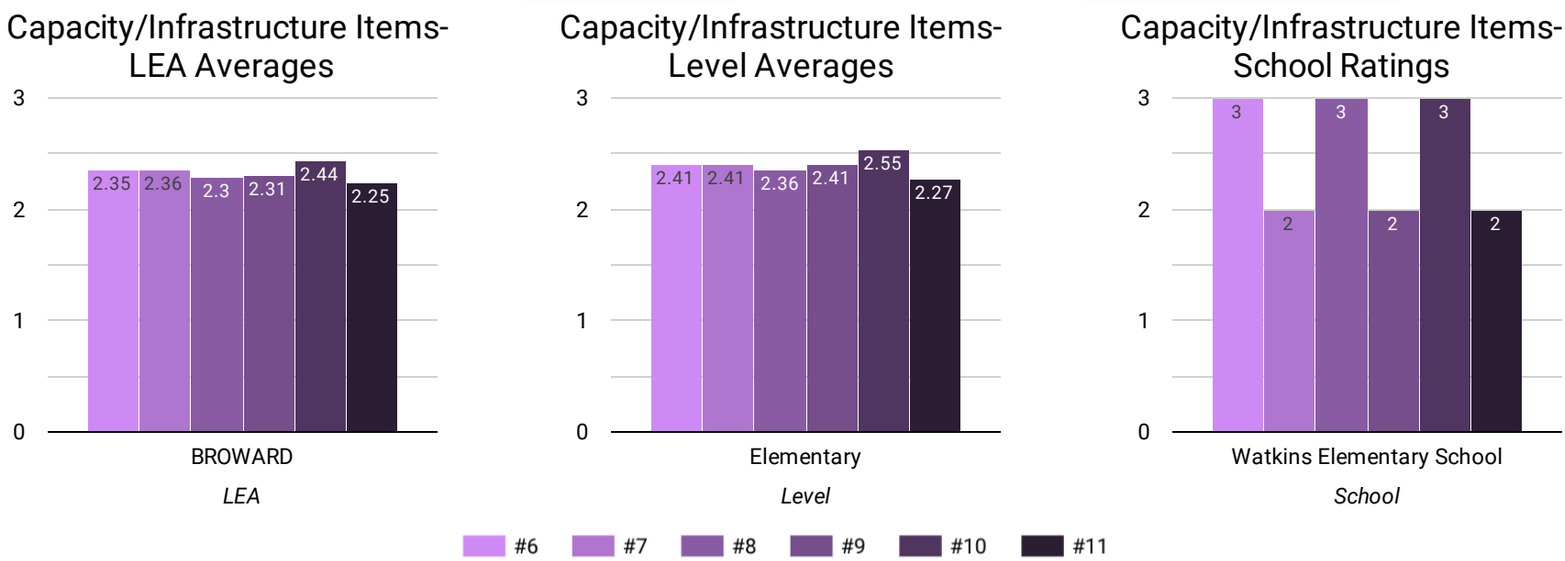

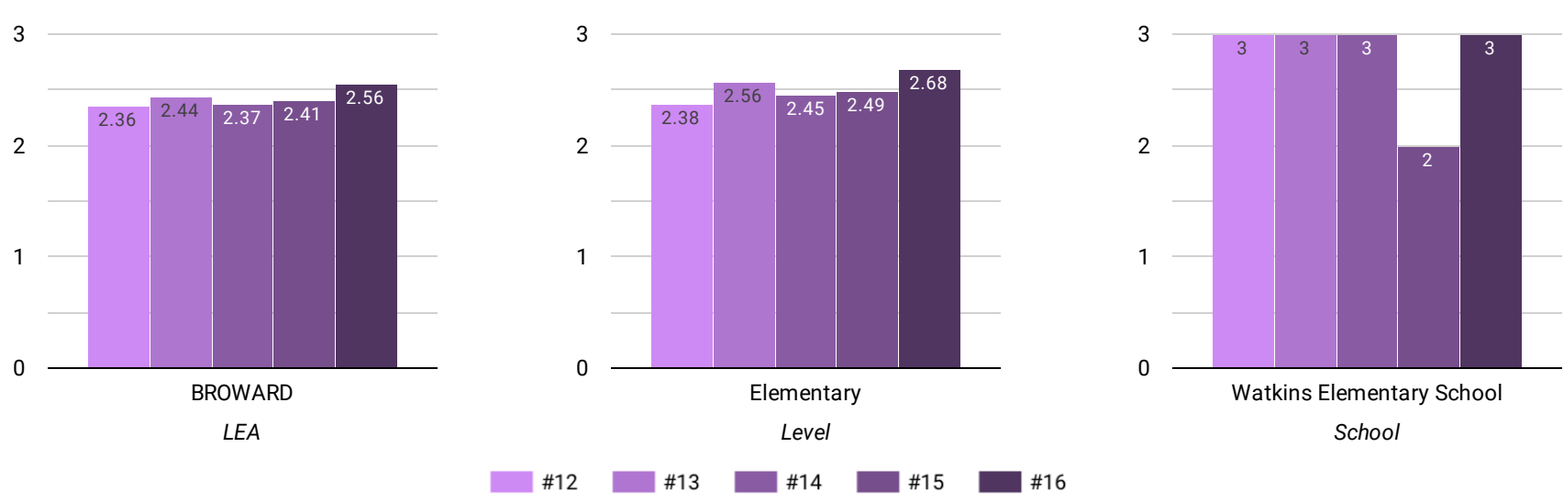

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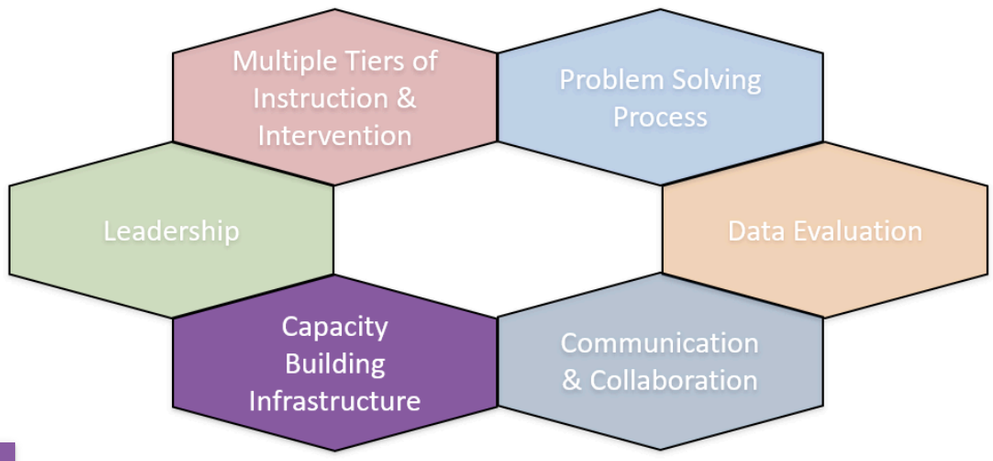

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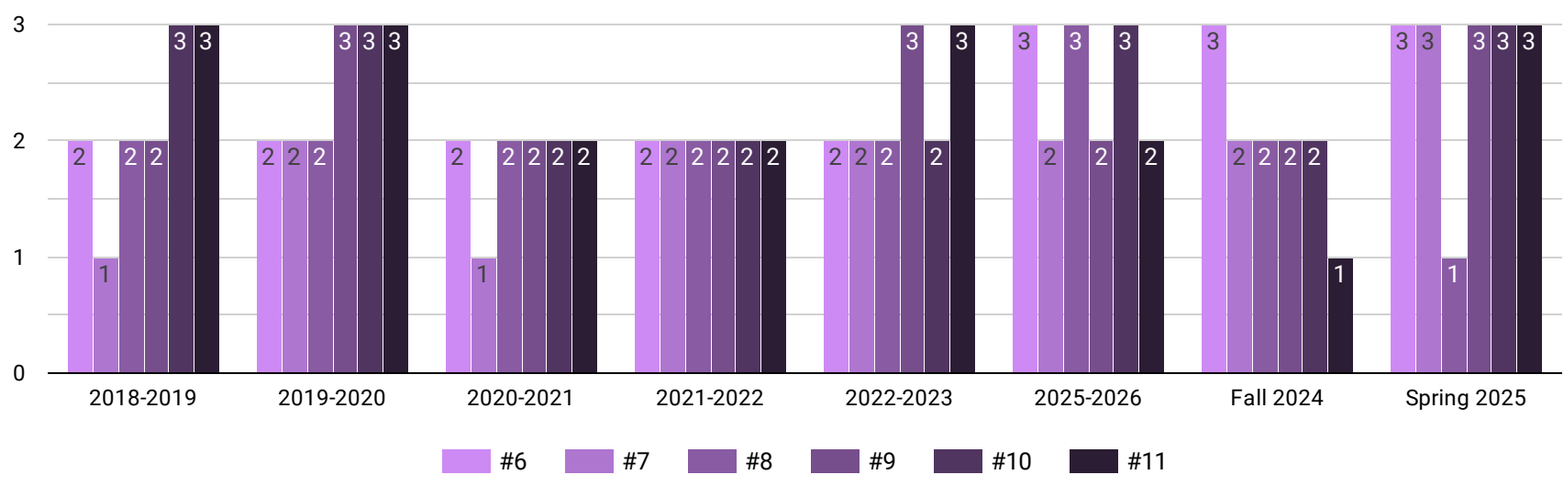

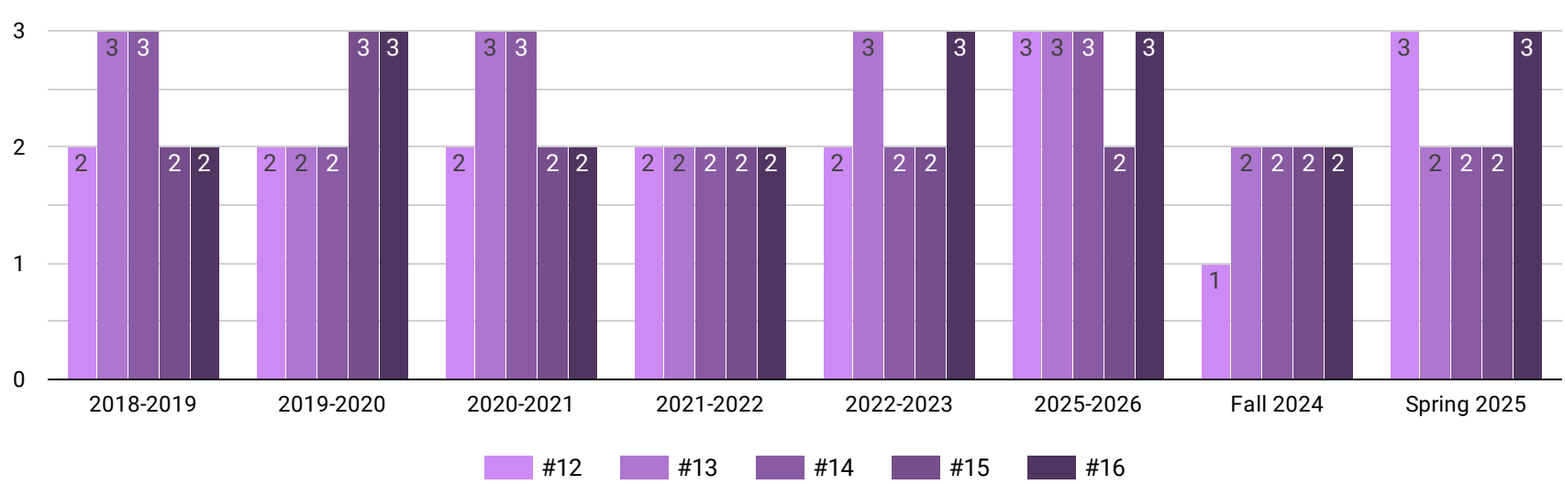

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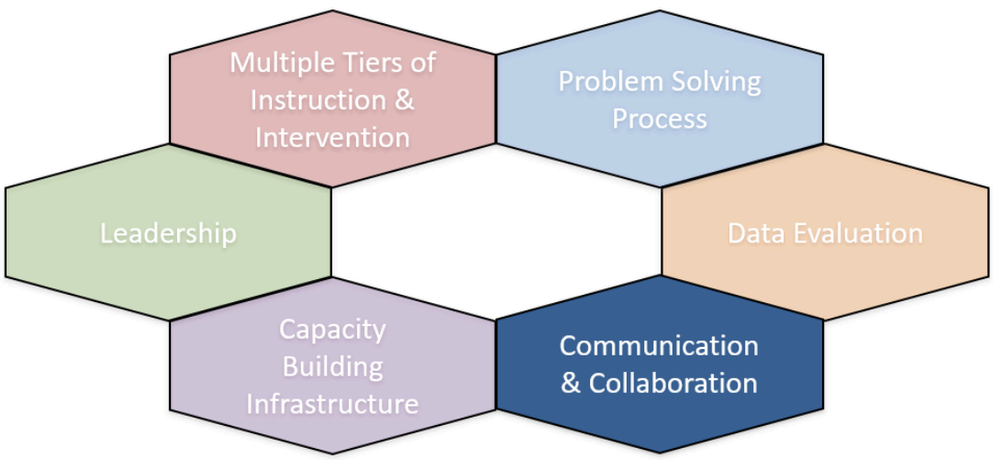

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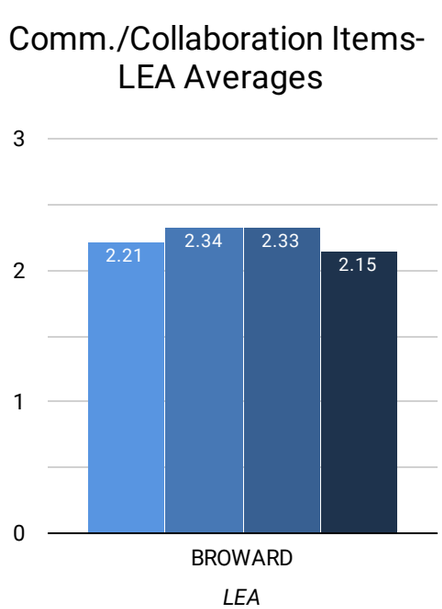

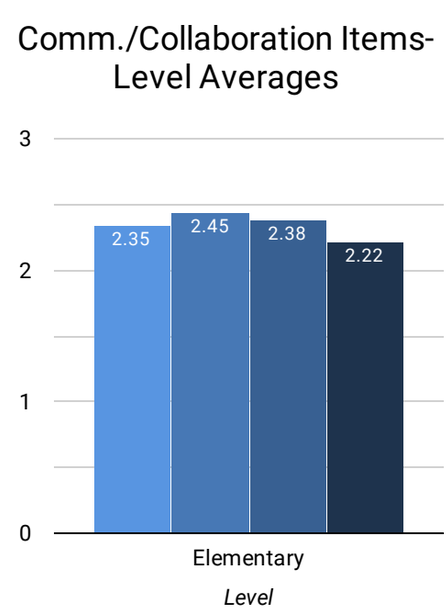

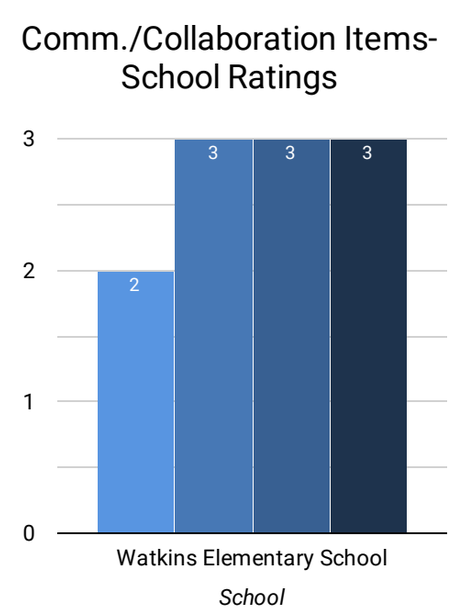

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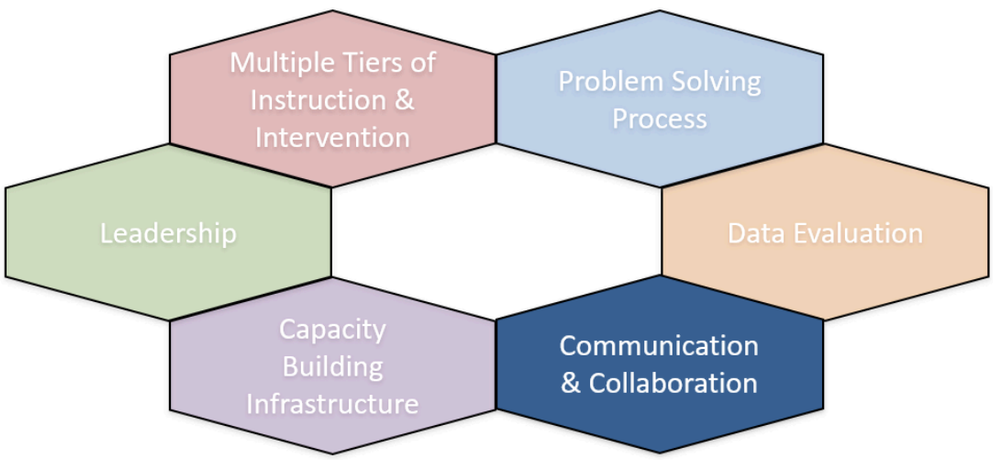

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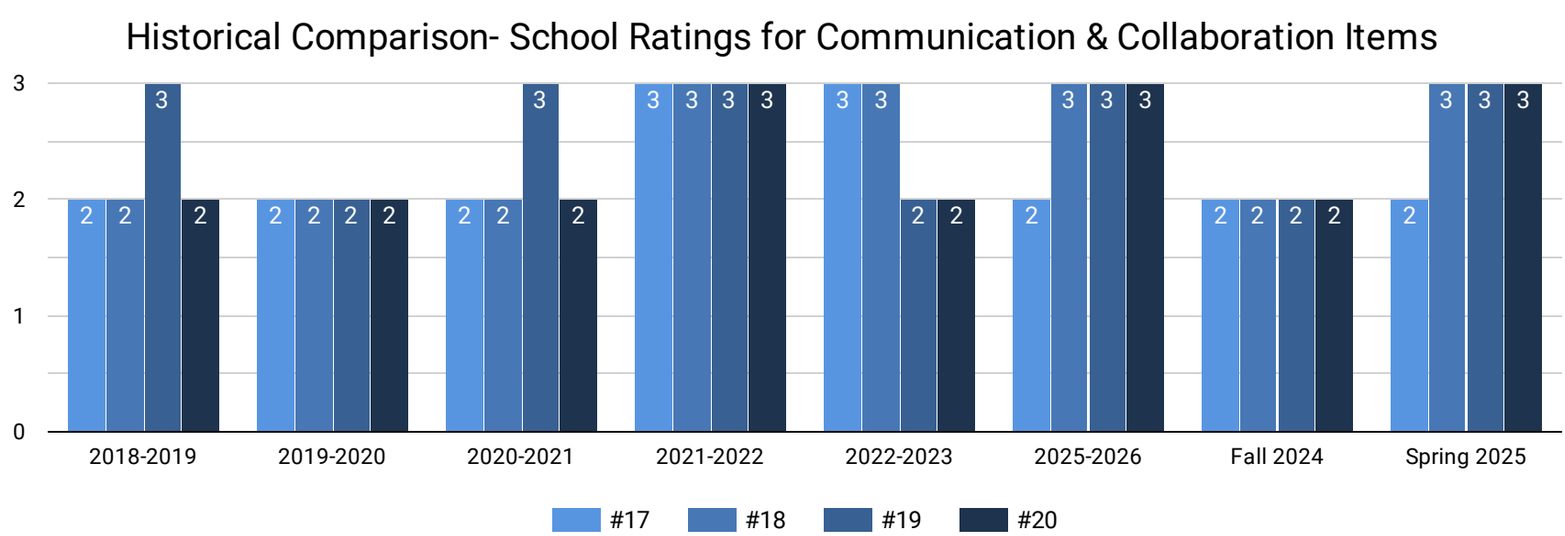

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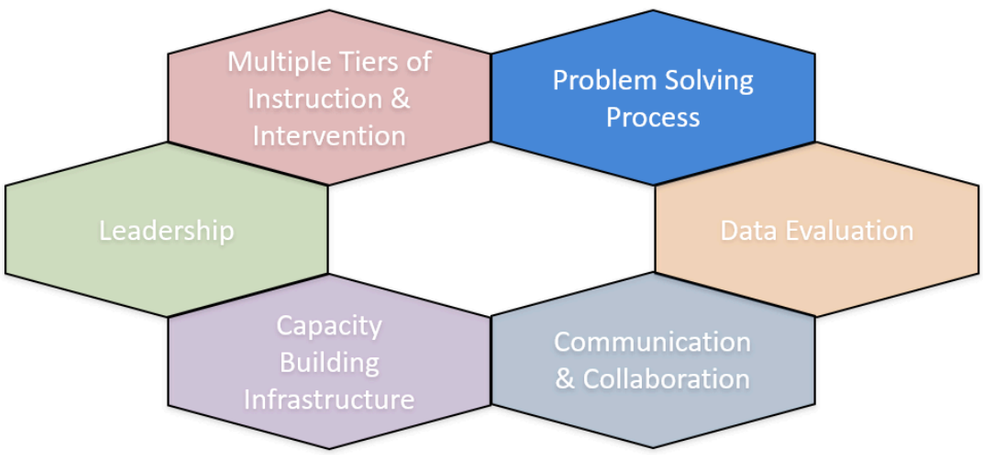

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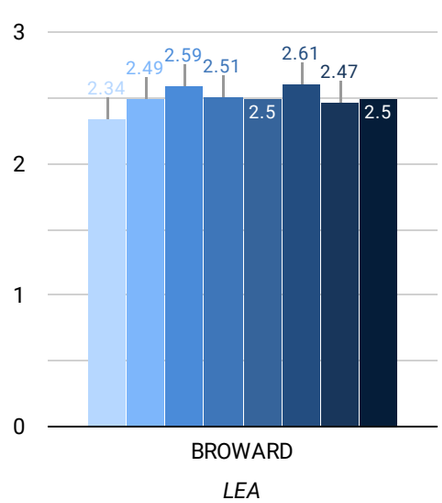

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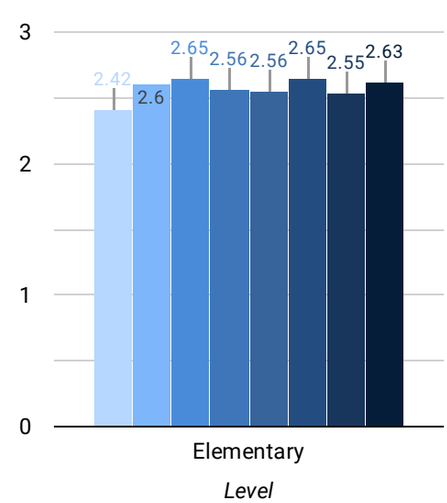

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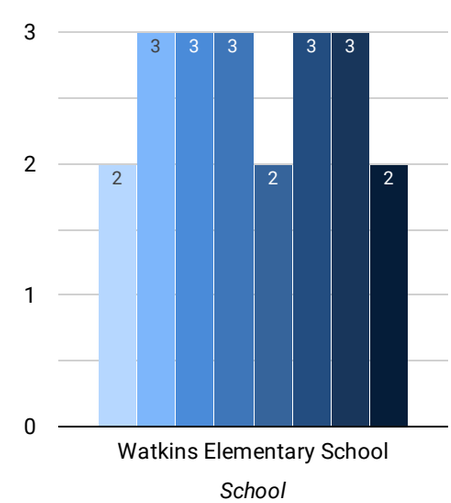

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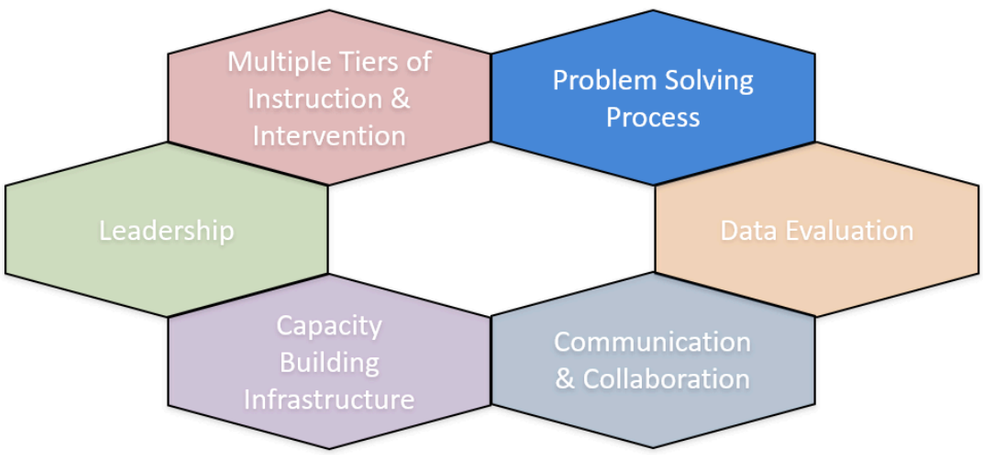

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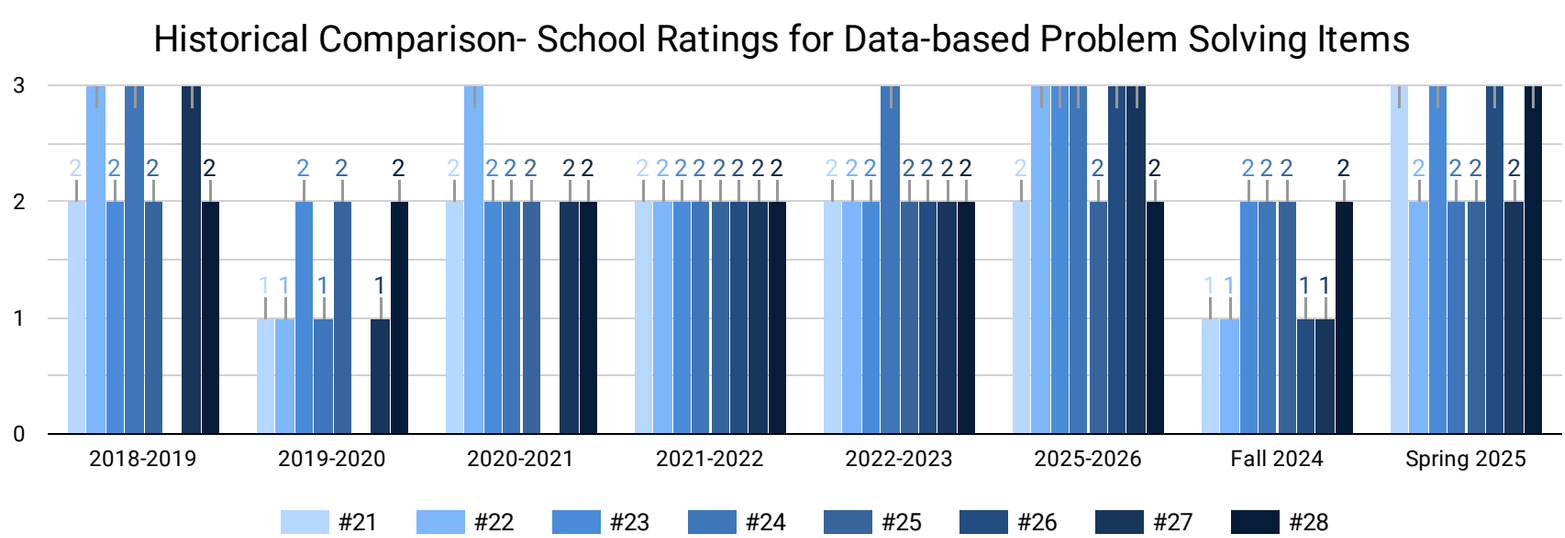

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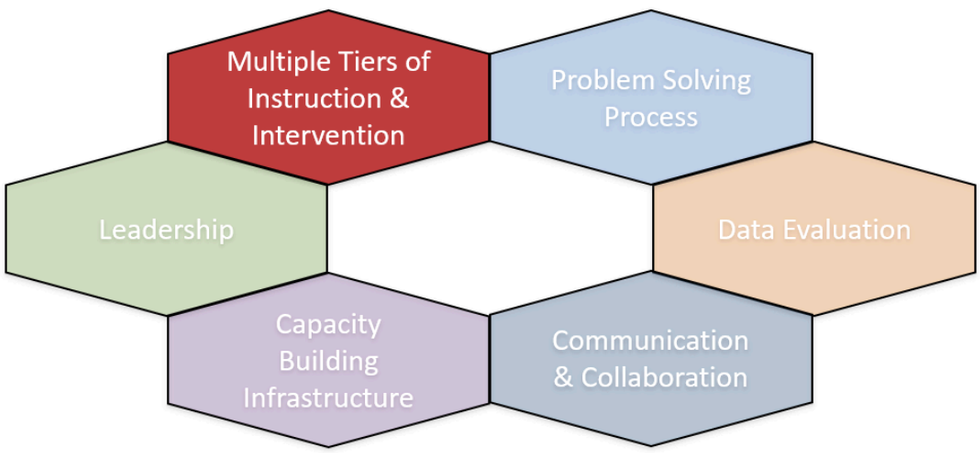

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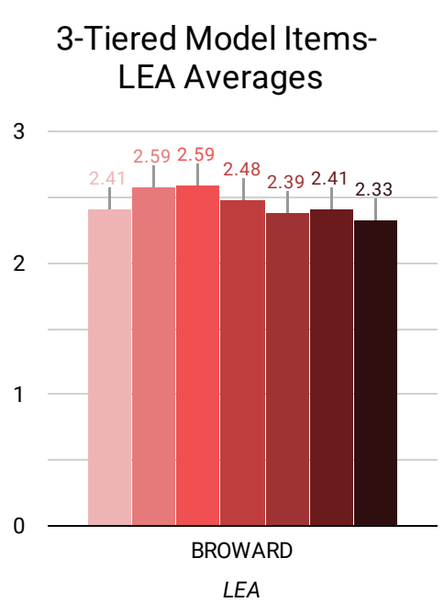

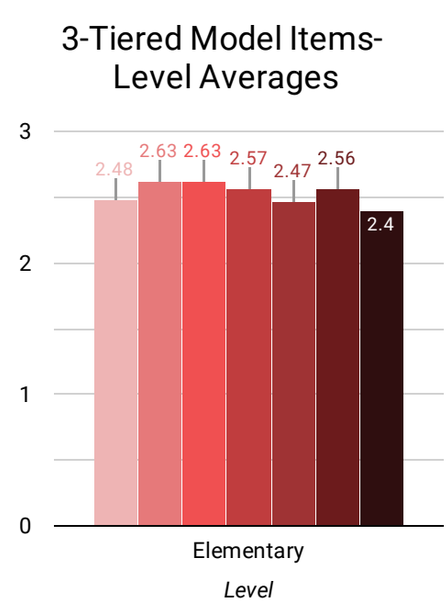

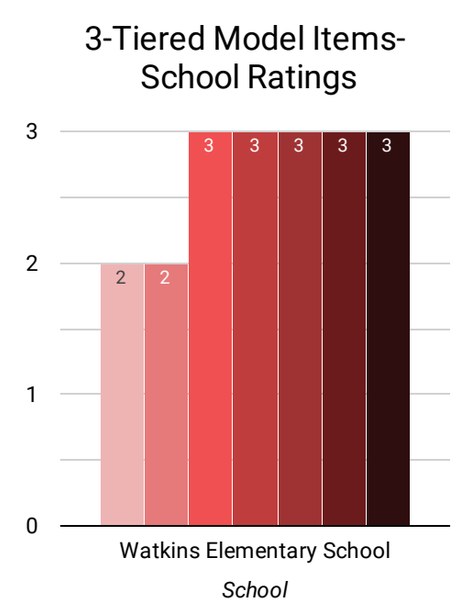

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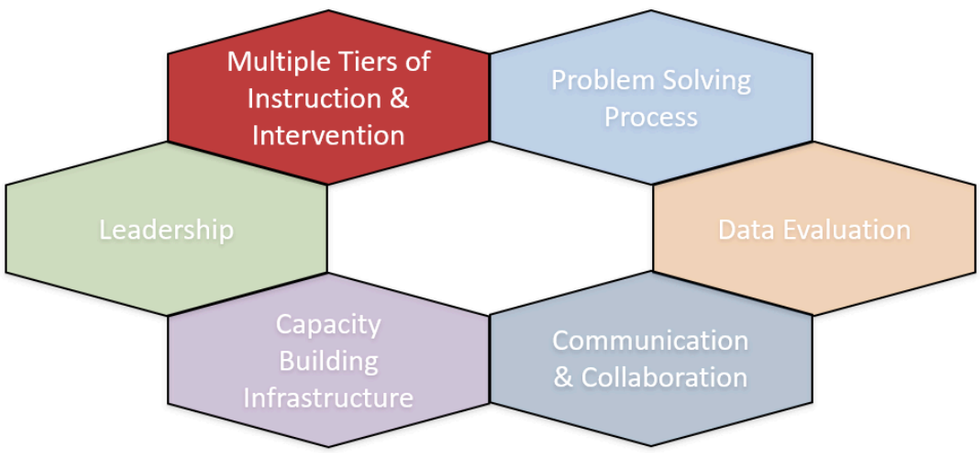

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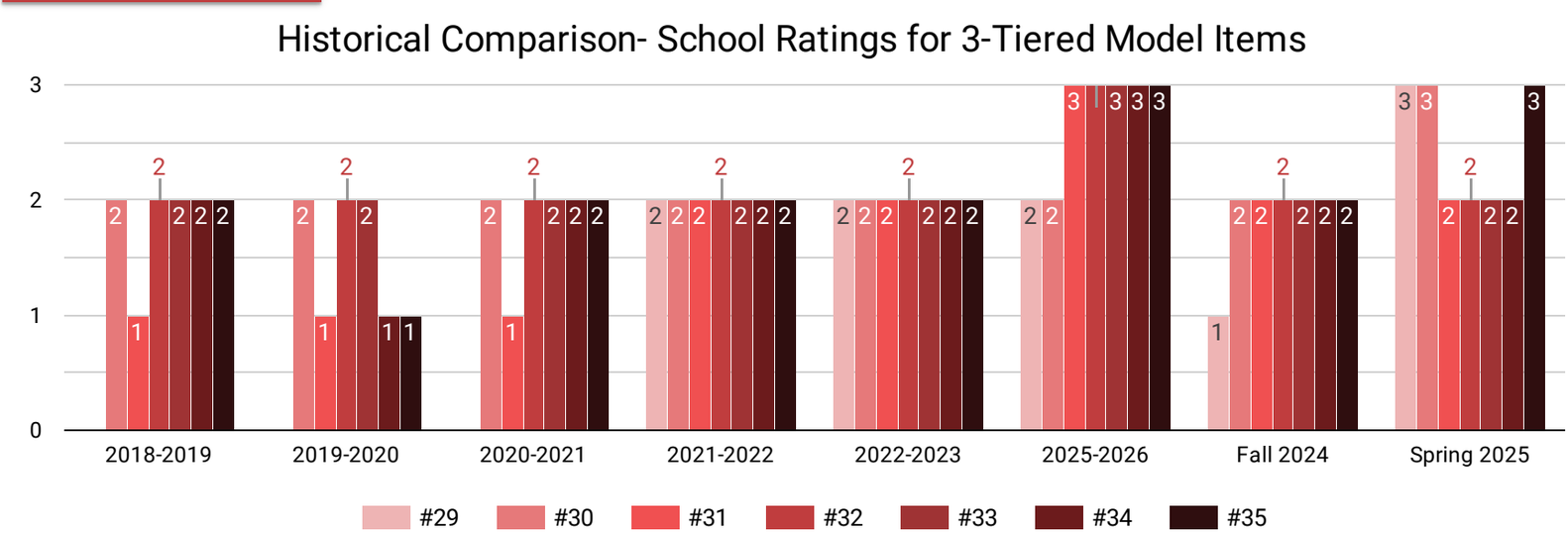

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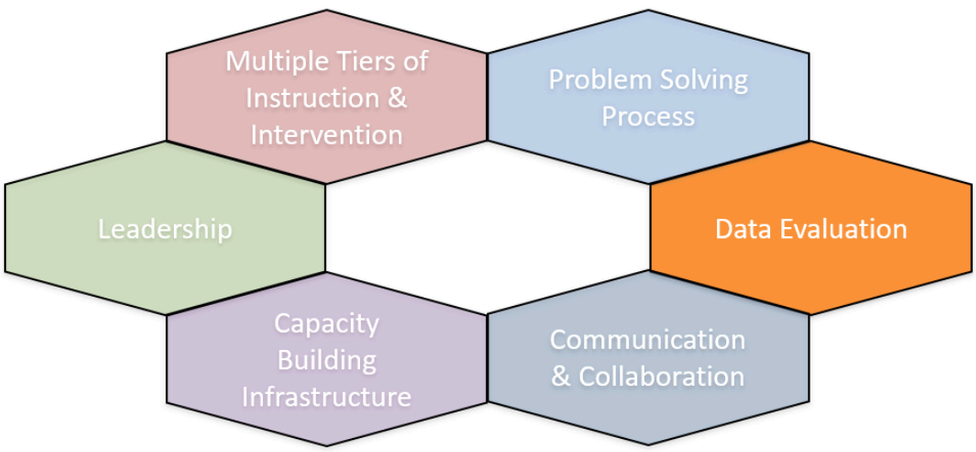

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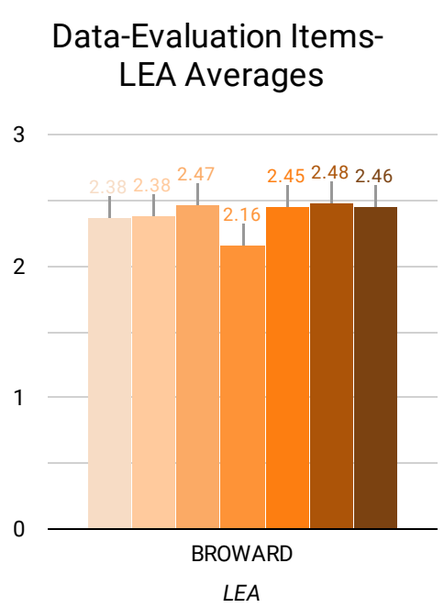

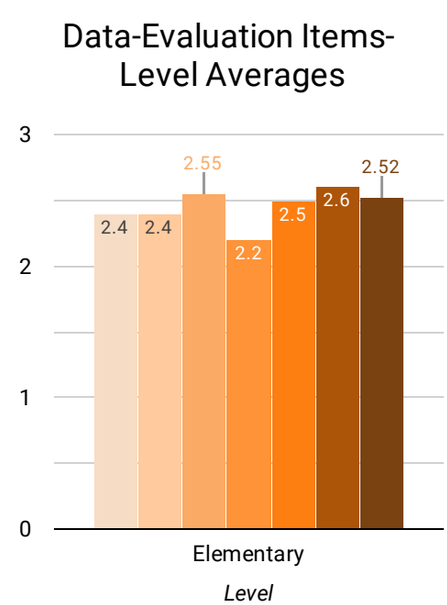

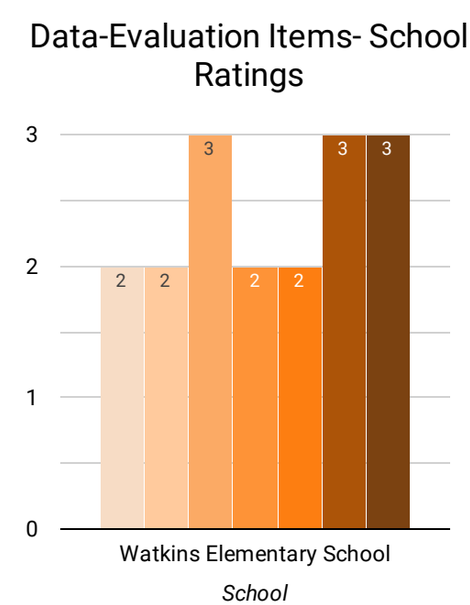

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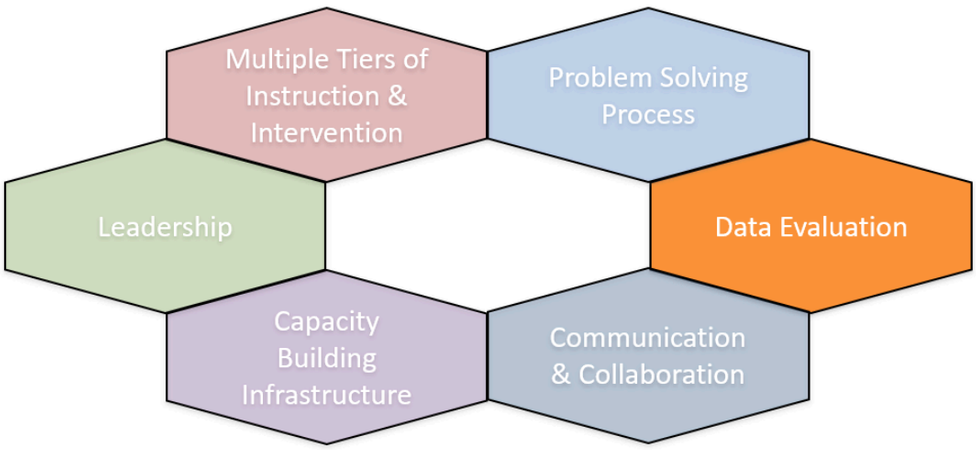
Given the importantance of data-based problem-solving within an MTSS model, the need for a data and evaluation system is clear. In order to do data-based problem-solving, school staff need to understand and have access to data sources that align with the purposes of assessment. Procedures and protocols for administering assessments and data use allow school staff to use student data to make educational decisions. In addition to student data, data on the fidelity of MTSS implementation allow school leadership to examine the current practices and make changes to increase implementation.



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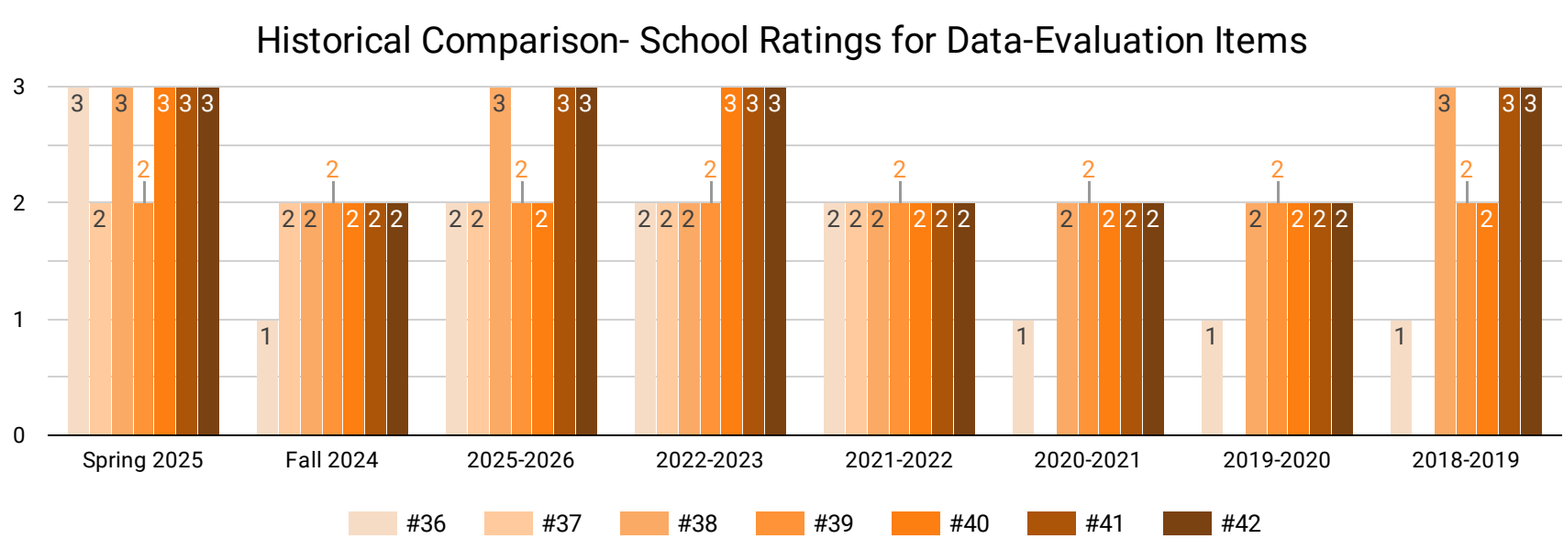

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Guiding Questions for School Level Action Planning with SAM Data

1. Looking at the data, what do we wonder or what do we notice?
   - What is a surprise? Not a surprise?
   - Which domains/items are we implementing well? Which could be improved?
   - How does the data align or misalign with our school improvement goals?

2. What could or should we address in our action plan?
   - What is most impacting our implementation of MTSS?
   - What would be most immediately actionable?
   - What would have the most influence?
   - What is most aligned to our goals?
   - What strengths could we leverage?

3. Do barriers that exist within our system that may need to be addressed at the district level?
   - Are there policies and procedures currently in place/not in place that are affecting our work?
   - Do we have access to all the data we need for problem solving?
   - Do we have access to resources we need to do the work?

Action/Activity	Who is responsible?	When will it be started?	When will it be completed?	When/how will we evaluate it?