



New Hope Christian Schools Expansion Project

Reaching the Children of Broward County for Christ



*Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6*



“All your children shall be taught by the Lord, and great shall be the peace of your children.”

Isaiah 54:13



Our Mission

We provide an accessible, high standard Christian education for children from infancy to fifth grade, regardless of the religious association of their household. Our goal is to invest in the lives of children and their families to instill a love and understanding of God's Word so they may experience the life-transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ.

"We have young parents who have never gone to church, who are themselves living the lives the culture has taught them to live, who are now dealing with huge problems – but, they want better for their children. They ask, 'Where can I give my children a basic, moral upbringing?' We are right there to help them answer this question."

Rev. Kirby Williams, Pastor of New Hope Community Church

Our Values

We believe the Bible is the inspired, infallible Word of God – our only rule and guide for life and education. We are driven by a desire for excellence in all we do, working to the glory of God through our example and what we teach our children. We are built upon the Christian values of love, respect and truth, imparting a solid, biblical foundation to our students that may lead them their entire lives. As an outreach school, we are committed to opening our doors to all, welcoming a diversity of families in Jesus' name.

"God has composed a community of students here at New Hope that the world would not love – the kids that are non-traditional learners, the kids who come from broken homes, the kids with special needs academically, behaviorally and emotionally. Many of these kids would be turned away anywhere else."

Mrs. Brandy Andrews, Head of School

Our Vision

We seek **\$14,800,000** to build a permanent educational campus, comprised of three new buildings, so we may continue to offer our students a Gospel-centered curriculum, and accept more children in need of God's love. We are currently operating at maximum capacity using three portable units, four classrooms and three partitioned rooms at New Hope Community Church to teach over 130 students. Serving the parents and children of our community since 1974, with a proven track record, we now desire to build on that solid foundation to better meet the ever-increasing demand for excellence in Christian education.



A Beacon of Light

Another phone call, another name added to a growing wait list, comprised of parents hoping to send their children to the schools at New Hope Community Church. “Young parents who are financially struggling are digging deep into their pockets to send their children to a school at a church that they themselves do not attend. Why?” asks Pastor Kirby Williams, who has served



Pastor Kirby with NHCS Elementary students.

as the pastor of New Hope Community Church and its’ schools since 2004. “What is unique about our school is we are a non-covenantal Christian school – one of the few in Broward County that offers a Christian education as an outreach to unchurched families,” he explains.

New Hope Christian Schools (NHCS) – including both Preschool and Elementary School– are filled with students from multicultural backgrounds, working class families, and broken or breaking homes. The majority of these families do not meet the criteria for Broward County’s other private, Christian schools, whether it be the required profession of faith or the high cost of tuition.

“In Broward County, one of the most secular counties anywhere, there is a market for what we have,” says Pastor Kirby. “In the midst of the breakdown of the family and the breakdown of society, young parents are coming to us, who have never gone to church, because they want something different – something better – for their children.”

To answer this need, New Hope’s schools are open to almost anyone. Parents do not have to agree with or profess the Christian faith, but they come knowing that their children will be taught about Jesus and the Bible. This aspect, and a growing reputation for academic success, has both the preschool and the elementary classes currently filled to capacity. Parents state they are drawn to New Hope by the school’s high testing scores, positive teaching staff, and loving environment.

“For some students, school is their only opportunity to hear the Gospel,” says Pastor Kirby. “We have an opportunity to be a beacon of light and to raise these children up in Christ’s love, while positively impacting their families, and that’s what makes us different.”



New Hope Community Church is located in west Fort Lauderdale, serving the communities of Fort Lauderdale, Lauderdale Lakes, Lauderhill, Margate, Tamarac, Coconut Creek and Pompano, among others. The school has two divisions – an elementary school and a preschool, both currently operating out of three portable units and space within the church.



Impact a Child, Impact a Family

“We have two goals here – offer a top-quality education and a Christian example,” says Mrs. Brandy Andrews, a lifelong educator and Head of Schools since 2007. “As such, our aim is not to be huge, because at what number does our ministry get neglected? We want to continue to prioritize each child’s learning needs or stop and pray with a family if they come to us for help.”

And this individual focus on their students is central to New Hope’s educational philosophy, which starkly differs from the area’s public school subscription to progressive education. “We are teaching truth. *We are teaching our children that their responsibility as an individual matters. We are teaching them to be thinkers,*” Mrs. Andrews explains. Group projects, redirection tactics and child-led readiness are all tenets of progressive education that are not employed at New Hope. Rather, New Hope follows a more traditional curriculum. “Our society lacks accountability,” Mrs. Andrews says. “Here we teach our children love and obedience to a God they cannot see or hear. They learn they are accountable for their own actions, behavior and efforts, which is important in creating healthy, responsible adults.”



Mrs. Brandy Andrews and students outside a portable classroom.

To foster this, every single day of the week, school begins with prayer and worship. Mrs. Andrews believes this communal commitment sets the tone for the day. “What these students learn at school, they go home and tell their parents. They share the songs, they relay what they learn at our weekly chapels – and this is important because it means what we are doing is working. If we make a difference in a child, we make a difference in a family; this ministry is our calling to our community”

Dedicated Teachers

“My son had a speech problem and I was looking for a Christian school with less kids in the classroom. I love that I found New Hope. The teachers are great. They helped him tremendously – and they really worked with me. Now, Nathan’s speech has improved. He is always singing the songs he learns at school and it makes me so happy to hear him talking with his friends and participating in class.”

–Jennifer Ardon, single mom to second-grader Nathan





Proven Academic Excellence

Established in 1974 as a preschool with 12 children, today New Hope's schools have grown to include 25 staff and over 130 students. Much of this growth has occurred under the administrative leadership of Mrs. Andrews. Mrs. Andrews has led the school to high academic achievement, consistently performing at the top of regional and national rankings.

"Our primary goal is ministry, but we believe God blesses us with phenomenal academic results because we put Him first," says Mrs. Andrews.

And the school's academic excellence is evidence-based, with the preschool receiving perfect scores in 2015 and 2016, and the elementary school ranking in the top 10% nationally.

The schools have gained these achievements while operating out of the small church building and three portable units. Now, the facilities are taxed and there is nowhere to put the increasing number of families desiring to send their children to New Hope schools. Already filled for the 2018-2019 academic year, New Hope needs to expand so they can continue to grow and offer a high-quality, Christian education to those who need it.



Our students continually rank at the top of regional and national testing standards-- year after year!

Proven Impact

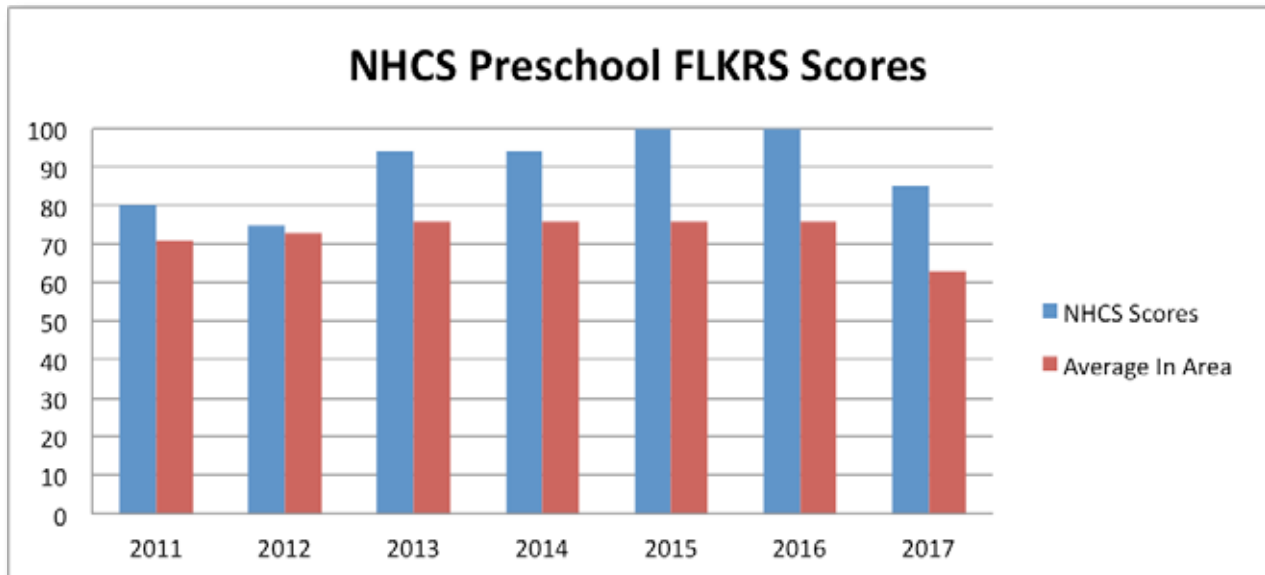
Even though NHCS caters to families with limited resources, many of them choose to continue to send their children to private Christian schools in hope of continuing the Christian education they have received from NHCS.

Over the last four years, 60% of our Preschool graduates have continued in private Christian education. Of these students, an average of 54% were from unchurched homes.

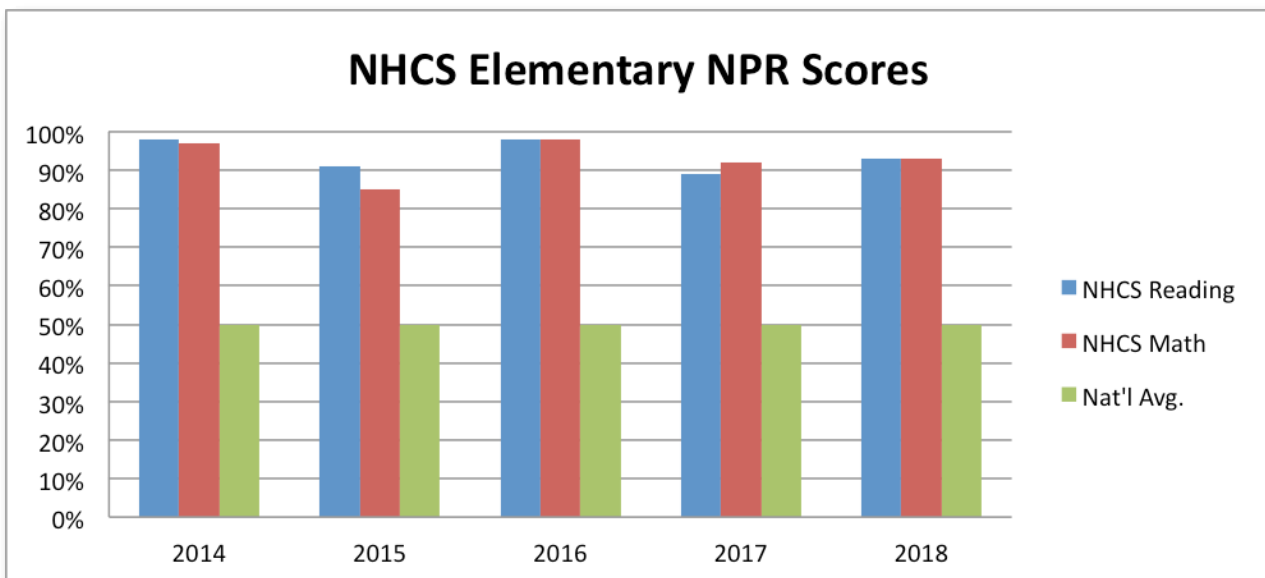
"We are so happy to be a part of New Hope schools. The education is great and my children are thriving. Our daughter Carmela is now in third grade. It makes us happy how she carries herself and is always talking about Jesus. I hope one day New Hope will add middle school and even high school so we can keep her in this wonderful environment." - Lesly Jerome, father to third-grader Carmela and preschooler Dimitry



Consistently Outstanding Test Scores



The state of Florida assesses each child's readiness within the first 30 days of starting kindergarten through the FLKRS (Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener) assessment. The scores are made public and NHCS' consistently high rankings are a major influence on parents when choosing a program for their child.



Each student's National Percentile Rank (NPR) score is calculated by comparing test performance against others within the same age range and grade level. A score in the 90th percentile means a child scored better than 90% of students on the Iowa test. The average rank in the U.S. is 50th percentile-- which NHCS elementary students significantly outperform.



“I Wanted Something Different For My Children”: A Parent’s Perspective

I first came to the school as a single mom with a three-year-old. They helped me out with enrollment and I felt from the start that the teachers really cared; it wasn’t just a job for them.

When we began, Anayah was shy, she didn’t know her letters or her alphabet, and she was behind. But that first year, she progressed immensely. She went from ground zero and shot up to 100 percent. I saw her come out of her shell and really flourish.

I love that my daughter is getting one-on-one attention – this doesn’t happen in public schools. I love how much the school keeps me updated on Anayah’s progress, not just calling me about her mistakes. I also love seeing her interact with her friends and how much she loves science and sharing with me what she learns.

I recommend New Hope to everyone I know. I tell them they don’t have to worry about their children here. And the school is not just about learning and academics – it is the perfect mix of school and church. I love it. ***I had a rough upbringing and I always wanted something different for my children. That’s here and I love everything about this school.***

- Alexandra Williams, mother to second-grader Anayah



Accessible to All

To ensure parents like Alexandra can see their children flourish, tuition at New Hope is priced far below similar schools. “Many of our parents would not be able to afford other Christian schools and because we see this as our calling, we make every effort not to raise tuition,” says Mrs. Andrews. To this end, Mrs. Andrews and her staff personally seek out scholarship opportunities on behalf of their parents; doing whatever they can to guarantee this education remains available as an outreach.

In addition, Pastor Kirby offers substantial breaks in registration fees if parents attend the church’s marriage and parenting classes. “We are geared toward the stability of the home,” he says. “If we can help alleviate stress and improve the home environment of a broken or breaking home, then we can further help our students learn and help our families receive the truly life-transforming grace of Jesus Christ.”



Instilling a Love for God and His Word



New Hope's students meet together once a week for chapel, and every morning for singing and prayer.

Serving, smiling, and self-sacrificing; carefully crafting their classrooms, preparing exciting ways to make their lessons come alive, and praying over their students as they come and go – these are New Hope's teachers.

“Our teachers don't just view this as a job – it's their calling before God,” says Mrs. Andrews. A teacher first, Mrs. Andrews and her teaching staff uphold a unique educational philosophy, which is also attracting parents.

“We are finding parents are hungering for something other than what is being offered and taught in public schools,” she says. “The public school agenda is cold - in its' teaching, influences and curriculum; it's geared toward the knowledge of facts, which leaves us with people who are disengaged and unable to think. Here, we do not follow the theory of progressive education. We teach our students about the Lord, about his personal love for them, about the joy we all have in him – and we encourage them to be thinkers and doers in his image.”

*“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”
- Psalm 119:105*

Love Draws

“I have never seen two kids so excited about going to school. They love their school and they love the church. They've had hard times, but I've noticed a new confidence because at New Hope they are loved. And love draws. It's like one big family over there.”

-Naomi Rogers, grandmother to two elementary students



Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.” - Psalm 100:3



Invitations to Join the Family of Christ

New Hope staff invite students and families to connect and celebrate holidays and student successes by hosting special events throughout the school year. Every program, every field trip; every Daddy-Daughter dance and Parent's Night Out is designed as a special invitation to school families to come together with their children and experience God's love in the community of Christ.



Easter Celebration



Christmas Celebration



Father/Son Camping Retreat



Grandparents Day Feast



Mother/Daughter Tea Party

*"The thing that makes this Christian school so special is who it is attracting – families with no church background or who left the church and had no idea how to get back. It's a magnet for people who need God the most. **To me, that's the epitome of the perfect ministry.**"*

– Anonymous Donor



Planting Seeds

“The school is one of the most important ministries we have at New Hope Community Church,” says church elder Steve Shoemaker. The school staff are led by the spiritual oversight of Pastor Kirby and the church elders, which has created a bond of consistency and integration in teaching and ministry. Elders routinely meet with teachers who ask for prayer, visit the homes of school parents who ask for help, and support, together with the congregation, school functions and needs.

Mr. Shoemaker says, *“For the kids who come here as infants, we have the ability to impact them and their families with biblical, moral teaching and real-life, Christian examples for the first 11 years of their lives.”*



We believe that under the age of 13, children are most sensitive to the Word of God, which is why New Hope’s aim to instill a love and understanding of the Bible in their students is so central to their mission.

“One of the outcomes of these schools is salvation – being known by God and knowing God is priority,” says church elder Freddie Montilla. “Here, teachers share the Gospel and equip these students at a young age, and the Holy Spirit is already bearing fruit in their families.”

Ripple Effect

An incredible example of the bond between church and school is New Hope’s ministry to a rural community in Haiti’s Central Plateau.

“Despite their own financial pressures, these parents are learning about the real work of the church and being so supportive and generous as we raise money and supplies for children in need,” says Sherry Shoemaker, New Hope’s Missions Director. *“Our school parents are the first to engage in our Haiti missions opportunities and they’re changing lives.”*



NHCS Students send Christmas gifts to children in Haiti.

Because of school parents, boxes of donated shoes and clothes are sent to Haiti every single month, as well as gift bags of school supplies for Haitian students. “Parents want to be a part of our work in Haiti. As they learn about why we go and how we share about Jesus, it’s another way to reach them with the Gospel, as they reach out to others in Christ’s name.”



Meet the Teachers

Impressed with their own children's education, two school parents were inspired to join the teaching team at New Hope. Here are their stories...



Jennifer Best, a parent to three students, became a New Hope teacher in 2015.

Mrs. Best: I am a mom to three adopted children and have been a foster parent to 35 children. I want you to understand, *the kids at New Hope are not all from wonderful home lives.* My kids did not come from wonderful home lives. Most of their parents cannot afford to send them to prep school or the expensive Christian school, so thankfully, there is opportunity here. *New Hope is their home away from home.*

As a foster parent, I was worried every day that Joe, who is now our son, may be taken out of our home, so it was a blessing to find New Hope and have him exposed to the Lord

every day at school. His teacher, Mrs. Walters, had a huge influence on him. My little, one-year-old Joe could barely talk, yet he was singing praise and worship songs. He lit up around his teacher.

I was not looking for a job, but as a teacher, knowing that you can encourage a child to have a relationship with Christ like this, is powerful. Now teaching third graders, it's a way to share God in everything with them and their parents.

Mrs. Pierre: I began coming to New Hope Community Church and discovered the people are like angels. They enabled me to send my two girls to the schools and supported me to pursue my teaching licenses. Now I teach four-year-olds and love it.

I did not know a child could bear so many burdens of the family. Growing up in Jamaica, I didn't think America allowed problems like this – and many of our children here come with so many problems. *But as a parent, what I witnessed was the teaching here is not just from books, it's from the heart.*

My parents loved me by working hard and providing the basics. That is how I learned

love and that is how I gave love. But after being here, I saw love was more intentional – it was providing a solid base of security while encouraging, valuing and giving time to your child. This made a difference in my child's life – and now *I am committed that no child will pass through my classroom without knowing this love of God because these kids are the future.*



"Nothing compares to the joy I have teaching these students," says Jacinth Pierre, Pre-K3 Teacher.



What We've Accomplished

“We have not made any of this growth or success happen,” says Pastor Kirby. “The driver for this school expansion has been God, not us.” New Hope schools have already made a footprint in their community, and walking by faith, the foundation has been laid to construct an educational campus and widen their influence.

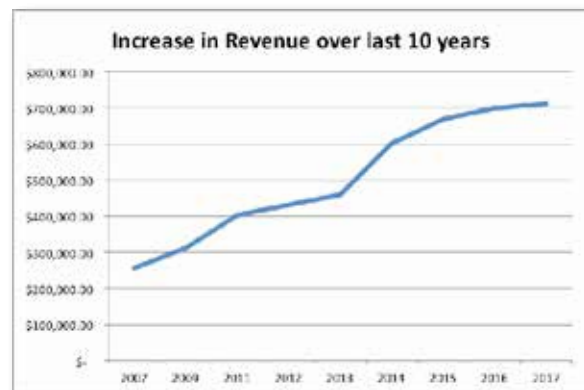
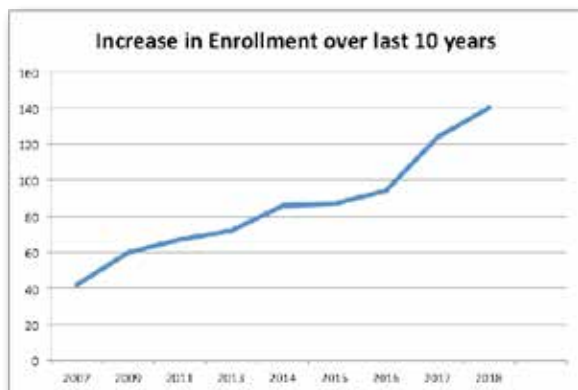
But this expansion is not just a dream or an idea. NHCS has already made substantial progress-- all of which has been completely self-funded.

In 2014, the NHCS elementary school was launched with the installation of three portable buildings, providing six additional classrooms. For further expansion, NHCS successfully completed the approval process for the new campus, including the Development Review Committee of Fort Lauderdale, Building and Zoning, and Broward County Access. We have also had all Architectural documents necessary for these approvals prepared as well as having the property platted. Now, the school is ready to grow and continue their mission for Broward County school children-- all they need are the funds.



Self-Funded Progress To Date: \$337,895

Install 3 Portables	2014, 2015, 2016,	\$125,079
Platting Property	2016-2017	\$4,668
Architectural Drawings	2013-2018	\$109,711
Access Fees	2017	\$13,000
City Approval (DRC)	2018	\$28,348
Impact Fees	2018	\$16,700
Underground Utilities	2017	\$40,389



“We have made great use of our funds while operating on a shoestring. We are entirely self-funded with proven success. We have been and will continue to put our money and resources to good use.”

-Bill Slager, New Hope elder and member for more than 40 years



New School, New Hope

The school is making an indelible impact on families throughout Broward County, who would otherwise have been unable to provide their children with a high-quality, Christian education. Currently operating out of the recently installed portable units and a few spare rooms at the church, all classes are completely out of space.

As you have learned, Pastor Kirby, Mrs. Andrews and New Hope's board of elders have already laid the groundwork for three new buildings, plotting the adjacent land for use, acquiring architectural plans, and obtaining city and county approval, all from their own resources. Now they need the partnership of people like you to join their outreach and mission to invest in the lives of children and their families to not only bring them an excellent education, but to also show them the love of Jesus Christ, in a sufficient, safe and fully-equipped campus.



Phase One of financing for construction must be in place by December 2019, with Phase Two funds set by June 2020.

The Project Budget is \$14,800,000 projected over three construction phases:

Building Phase	Total Needed	Explanation		Deadline
Phase One	\$6,632,223			
• Stage One	\$ 772,223	\$200,000	Permit Fees	Dec. 2019
		\$350,000	Construction Docs	
		\$222,223	Impact Fees (preschool)	
• Stage Two	\$5,860,000	\$4,900,000	Preschool Building	June 2020
		\$ 800,000	Site Preparation	
		\$ 160,000	Operational Budget	
Phase Two	\$5,081,500	\$4,900,000	Elementary Building	June 2022
		\$ 18,500	Impact Fees (elementary)	
		\$ 163,000	Operational Budget	
Phase Three	\$3,083,000	\$3,000,000	Multi-use Building	June 2022
		\$ 8,000	Impact Fees	
		\$ 75,000	Outfitting Expense	



Projected Expansion Plans for NHCS



- 1 Phase 1 - Preschool/Child-Care Building:** This two-story building will house our preschool and will accommodate 180 students (an increase of approx. 100 students). The building will include 12 classrooms, a library, resource room, offices and staff areas.
- 2 Phase 2 - Elementary School Building:** This two-story building will house our elementary school (through grade 5) and will accommodate 250 students (an increase of almost 200 students). The building will include 14 classrooms, a library, resource room, offices and staff areas.
- 3 Phase 3 - Multi-Use Building:** This one-story building will be used for a variety of purposes, including: a cafeteria with complete kitchen, an auditorium with stage, a media and performance center, a fellowship hall for the church, and storage areas for school equipment.
- 4 Site Preparation:** Extensive site preparation will be required and completed as part of Phase 1 construction. This will include underground work such as water, sewer, and electrical lines, drainage preparation, air-conditioner pipes, etc. It will also include above-ground work such as the large turn-around, access requirements, playgrounds and parking facilities.

Designed with Safety In Mind

- *Controlled Access*
- *Controlled Egress Systems*
- *Door Access Control System*
- *Security Cameras at vulnerable areas*
- *Fencing*

Safety Policies & Education

- *Emergency Preparedness Plans*
- *Emergency drills*
- *Strict Visitor Policy*
- *Faculty training*



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