



Director of Student Learning - Board Report May 2019

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Continuous Learning

We continue to encourage feedback from families, students, and staff regarding continuous learning. During the week of May 4th Lisa Suhr began providing optional virtual professional development opportunities for staff on a variety of technology platforms to support teachers when they are able to return to the classroom and in the virtual environment. Ongoing reflection is important and encouraged in the event that we should have to return to continuous learning at any point in the future.

May 22nd In-Service

Our final in-service of the year will be held on May 22nd. We plan to spend approximately one hour together as a district via Zoom to conclude our year. At this time we will recognize several certified staff members and reflect on the goals that we set in August. After this district Zoom, buildings will have the opportunity to meet to finish up the year and celebrate the outstanding work that has been accomplished.

Outside Visitation Team

We will be meeting for our year four Outside Visitation Team (OVT) visit via Zoom on Tuesday, May 12th. Each building and the district office is preparing a video that will be shared with our outside visitation team prior to our visit. Once all of the videos are finalized, they will be placed on the district website to share with all stakeholders. When we meet on May 12th we will spend time discussing our data and the OVT team will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to our district on our school improvement process. We will also discuss next steps related to our work during year five which will be our accreditation year.

MTSS Update

Although we were unable to complete our end of the year screening our BLT we will meet on May 27th to discuss how we can improve our MTSS process. During this BLT meeting we will look at the progress we've made and continue to utilize the self-correcting feedback loop to problem solve areas that may need adjusting for next year. We have solicited staff feedback throughout the year and we will utilize this feedback to revise our process, interventions and assessments.

Summer Curriculum Work

We have several teams meeting this summer to work on curriculum and the textbook adoption process. Our social studies teachers will work on curriculum alignment to the revised Social Studies Standards and our new textbooks. Our Math team has started the resource adoption process and the ELA group will also be working on curriculum alignment.

Elementary English Language Arts Resources

A team of teachers representing grades K-5 have been meeting to review language arts curriculum resources. The major focus of our work has been finding a K-2 program that is strong in the areas of phonemic awareness and phonics. The teachers have selected The Superkids Reading program for grades K-2 and the 3-5 teachers would like to upgrade to Wonders 2020. I appreciate the many hours this committee put in to make these recommendations.

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