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AdvancED Update

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Accreditation is...

An international protocol for institutions committed to systemic, systematic, and sustainable improvement:

- Builds capacity of the institution to improve and sustain student learning
- Stimulates and improves effectiveness and efficiency throughout the institution



Powerful Practices

1. The system is characterized by a strong **commitment to a common culture** resulting in a set of positive beliefs and behaviors which drive decision-making and professional practice.
2. A culture of **compassion, kindness, and support** permeates the system, positively impacting its effectiveness.
3. Every **student** is **well known by at least one adult** who advocates for and supports the whole child in their learning environment.



Required Actions

1. Implement, monitor, and evaluate a systematic process to ensure the intentional use of instructional strategies which challenge and **engage all students** in collaboration, reflection, and critical thinking.
2. Implement and monitor a **systematic grading** and reporting procedure based on clearly defined criteria consistent across all grade levels and courses.
3. Develop and implement a system-wide model for **applying assessment data to inform practice** at all levels.



AdvancED Review

- To date our “Index of Educational Quality” scores surpass most other systems
- Year 2 of the 5 year accreditation cycle
- Accreditation Progress Report (May 2016)
- Written progress assessment addressing required actions



Purpose of Accreditation

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Where Are We Now

- Across the district there is an integrated effort on addressing the required actions
- Summer retreat
- Senior Staff meetings
- Principal's collaborative meetings
- All-Team meetings
- School professional development work
- School Improvement Plans
- Conferences (Teaching and Learning Conference)



What Happens Next?

- Continue our work with staff
- Accreditation Progress Report (APR) is due on or before May 1, 2016
- APR will include our plan and implementation strategies



Questions?



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