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Executive Summary
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PRIMARY FOCUS = Fall Planning, Professional Development, The Read Act PD, and Curriculum Resources

Overarching Framework for Staff Development Goals: This year's priority continues to focus on fostering teaching strategies that support a 21st century curriculum coinciding with solid pedagogy and evidence based practices.

Improve Student Achievement, Learning and Career and College Readiness

- **Back to School Workshop**
 - **New Staff Orientation - August 24**
 - Agenda Includes:
 - Welcome to Jordan!
 - New Teacher Orientation
 - Mentor Mentee Work Time
 - Jordan Overview: Procedures, Building Specific Work, Goals, etc.
 - **Back-to-School Workshop - August 25 - August 28**
 - The finalized agenda will be released at the beginning of August.
- **Summer Events**
 - **Asynchronous Data Retreat**
 - Agenda Includes: Testing Schedule, Data Review, and Goal Setting aligned to CACR.

Summer Curriculum Writing - Curriculum writing is allowed for work connected with the MN Standards or other curriculum work not directly associated with the normal curriculum preparation expected as a part of the teacher's regular assignment.

- **Existing Course** -- Teachers may apply for up to 10 hours of curriculum writing time to specifically revamp or update current courses (including updating new standards). *This includes existing courses that may be new to the teacher but not new to the district.*
- **New Course** -- Teachers may apply for up to 20 hours of curriculum writing to establish the curriculum for courses that are new to the district.

OUR MISSION

Inspire a caring community to ignite learning, innovation, and success for all!

- **Summer 2026 Curriculum Writing** – Some elementary and middle / high school math teachers will be working on implementing the “new” 2020 math Standards. The new math standards are slated for full implementation during the 2027-2028 school year, so teachers have the option to start that unpacking process this summer.

Math Standards and Curriculum Update - With the adoption of the math standards, the Jordan School District is undergoing a math curriculum review. The key components of this review are as follows:

- K-12 New Standards Unpacking
 - The elementary teachers and 5-12 grade math teachers will unpack the new standards to make sure everything is covered within the curriculum and courses.
 - During workshop week, all K-12 teachers of math will work with Compass Math Experts from MDE to dive even deeper into the updated math practices.
- K-8 Curriculum Review
 - K-8 teachers are engaged in a comprehensive review of curriculum resources aligned to the newly adopted standards. This work includes unpacking the standards to ensure a clear understanding of learning expectations and evaluating instructional materials that best support student achievement and instructional consistency across grade levels.
 - At the high school level, mathematics teachers are reviewing the current curriculum and assessing future needs to ensure alignment with standards, rigor, and college and career readiness expectations.

MNVA: Online Option - Working with MNVA to start enrolling any Jordan students interested in the online option.

- Last year was the first year partnering with MNVA, and it was a huge success. Although the transition was bumpy at first, MNVA offered endless support, guidance, and opportunities for our students.
 - MNVA Registration – working with building counselors and MNVA staff to enroll Jordan students and set schedules for the school year.
 - The Jordan website is updated with details about MNVA and the registration process for interested students – [Jordan Public Schools Online Option](#).

Integrate Data-Informed Instruction, Assessment and Learning as a Core Competency in Every Classroom

Data Retreat -- The data retreat is being held asynchronously to provide greater flexibility for staff to engage with the information at their own pace. By allowing time for thoughtful reflection and analysis, teams can better focus on using the data to inform planning and decision-making in a way that aligns with their specific needs and schedules.

- Agenda Includes: Testing Schedule, Data Review, and Goal Setting aligned to The Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR) plan.

Curriculum Requests for the 2026-2027 School Year -- The Curriculum Order Deadline was in early May – [Curriculum Orders Overview](#). Currently working to budget orders for the 26-27 school year to be both fiscally responsible and support teachers and students.

- **Curriculum Materials and Software Overview** – Continuously work to improve, expand,

and assess current resources.

The Read Act – Beyond staying up to date on revisions with this legislation and MDE's implementation of the legislation, there are some specific areas of focus –

- Phase Two Professional Development – Our phase two teachers will start Science of Reading training in the fall.
 - Ranae Milawski and I took additional training which will allow us to lead the phase two training for Jordan teachers in partnership with CORE OL&LA.
 - Based on new hires, we will evaluate needs for future training for both phase one and phase two educators.
 - All Phase One educators who started the training in Jordan completed the training on time. This training is extensive, so great job to our teachers!
- Screening – with new / updated screening guidance tied to The Read Act, I am working through schedules and planning for the upcoming school year.

MCA Results – The Spring 2026 MCA results were released (in raw data form, not user friendly summaries) at the end of July to school districts; the results are still embargoed until late summer / early fall (except the reading test data, which will be released at the end of August).

- I am currently working through the data and solidifying numbers to share with the leadership team and staff.
- The results can only be shared publicly after the embargo is lifted.

Provide a Safe and Collaborative Culture in which to Learn and Work

District Staff Development

- The first 2026-2027 District Staff Development meeting will take place in early September. The focus of this group is to be a voice for building committees at the district level.
- Vector Solutions – Jordan will continue to utilize Vector Solutions Evaluation Suite with PD Tracking.

Educational Equity -- Working to plan schedules for the student leadership groups and staff for the new school year.

- Compiling end of year CACR data for the Achievement and Integration plan focused on the student leadership groups.

Improve Community Connection, Satisfaction and Engagement

District Advisory Committee -- The final session took place in May. The purpose was to gather some ideas for next year's meeting topics and wrap up the last school year.

- **Mark Your Calendars – next year's meetings will resume in October!**