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To: Curriculum/Policy/Technology/Communications Subcommittee of the Granby Board of Education

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Subject: November Monthly Update

Strategic Plan Roll-Out

Following Board of Education approval of the Strategic Plan our staff has been busy rolling out the plan to all staff and using it as a grounding document for work this year. All building principals will be sharing their aligned building updates with the board in November. At the October meeting of the District Leadership Team, staff unpacked the Beliefs about Learning document and planned for how to support all staff in understanding the foundational elements of the plan during upcoming professional development. The coaching group has begun to work on developing a high quality framework for teaching and learning (2.2), while the interventionists are working on refining MTSS systems and structures (2.6). School climate specialists are planning for this year's restorative work and training (1.3) and the district leadership team will start to develop the Pk-12 continuum to support the Vision of a Learning at their next meeting (2.1).

Planning for District NEASC Accreditation

The majority of this school year will be spent in self-study for District NEASC accreditation (3.1). A steering committee was assembled last school year that includes 8 teaching staff and two building administrators alongside Superintendent Burke and myself. This committee recently attended a full day of professional development offered at no-cost through the CAPPS/NEASC partnership that provided the team with the knowledge needed to lead and facilitate this work. Over the course of the year the entire staff will work together to compile evidence around the five standards and then vote on our level of development with each before identifying focus areas for the district. Each of the three full days of professional learning will have sessions to support this work as well as it being embedded in day to day practice. On November 3, 2026, our NEASC Liaison will be doing overview sessions with all staff supported by this steering committee. This year's work will be in preparation for our Collaborative Conference in early November of 2027.

College and Career Readiness

The Practical Arts Department at the middle and high school, under the leadership of their new 6-12 Content Area Specialist, Nick Gaeta, is embarking on a program review to evaluate the course offerings and pathways available in the technology education, business, and family and consumer education fields. Work will utilize new CSDE resources around Industry Recognized Credentials (IRCs) and updated pathway guidance. Attention is being paid to industry trends and twice a year the Career Advisory Board convenes to obtain input and feedback from our community partners. This feedback also informs the way Perkins grants funds are allocated in the yearly application. This year Granby Public Schools will receive just over $15,000 in this grant which allows us to apply independently for the first time ever instead of hosting a consortium. In the spring the department will present their ideas on revisions to the sub-committee and will also be piloting additional internship opportunities at the high school.