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Report to the Board

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We have reached the end of the 1st quarter for our secondary schools and the 1st trimester ends tomorrow for our elementary schools. High Schools held parent/teacher conferences last week and middle schools are occurring this week.

November 3rd curriculum day:

- Library leads engage in a full day of professional development with a focus on providing our library staff practical ideas to take back to their buildings to grow a stronger culture of reading. They focused on ways to increase circulation and student engagement through reading incentives, themed library experiences, quick book talks, strategies for reaching reluctant readers, and student-to-student book recommendations. They participated in hands-on activities throughout the day and collaborated with one another on ways they could implement these strategies and things they are successfully implementing in their building already.
- All elementary teachers came together for the morning at John Brown Elementary to share strategies with their grade level specific to increasing student engagement in math and reading.
- All middle school math teachers continued the work they have begun with Project Impact through the Regional Math Center with this year's focus being on instructional practices.
- Elementary Title I, Special Education teachers, and all elementary instructional paraprofessionals participated in the second of five trainings focused on reading instruction. This session was focused on phonics through direct and explicitly teaching strategies for decoding words by matching letter sounds.

On-going projects

- Regularly scheduled collaboration continues.
    - The Social Studies department continues to work together to make the necessary adjustments to our course scope and sequence to align with the adjustments to the graduation requirements.
    - Data Days are occurring at grade levels across the district as the 1st trimester comes to an end. Elementary Principals will come together in December to analyze and reflect on the data at a district level.
    - Feedback is being gathered from PE teachers across the district regarding scope and sequence of the instruction and standards taught at all grade levels.
- Reviewing the dates of our current curriculum adoptions and the upcoming state standards and curricular materials review schedule.
- Inventory of curriculum materials is being updated.
- Norma and Tifani are regularly out in schools meeting with teachers and principals to analyze the data from our ISAT and ISIP to guide and inform instructional decisions.