
Board of Education Report

August 2014

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August Curriculum Development Work Sessions

- K-12 Physical Education
- Grades 5 and 6
- Grades 7 and 8 ELA

Agenda for all three groups:

- Teaching for understanding
- Impact of course learning targets, essential questions, and enduring understandings
- Role of effective assessments and assignments
- Collaborative work with colleagues on unit work of choice

August Facilitated Trainings

- Professional Learning Community Leader Training
 - What are PLCs and what is their role in the district
 - Impact of a focus on learning
 - Organizational details
 - How to facilitate a PLC
- Mentor Training
 - Role of a mentor
 - Typical needs of teachers new to the district
 - Meeting teacher needs throughout the school year
- Curriculum Meeting for New Teachers
 - What has been the prior curriculum work conducted in the district?
 - What documents are on file and where are they located?
 - How have we approached the Common Core State Standards?
- ELA and Math Common Core Instruction (K-12)
 - Grade level critical areas
 - Mathematical practices
 - Weaving SBAC preparation into instruction
 - Basic reminders about instructional planning and unit development

2014-2015 State Assessment Updates

- PALS (Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening)
 - Adding grade two this year.
 - Will now administer the PALS in grades 4K, 5K, 1 and 2
- SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium)
 - Grades 3 – 8 in reading and math
 - New this year
- ACT Suite
 - ASPIRE in grades 9 and 10
 - ACT in grade 11
 - August 19 = Training to be attended by Kim Sanborn and me
 - Future trainings and webinars to follow