

Board Update
November 2019
General Education

31n Grant

31n Section 12 requires that we select Tier 1 and Tier 2 training options from an approved list. We selected Social Emotional Learning (SEL) as our initial program to work on with our local districts at Tier 1. Lauren Kazee, co-author of Michigan's newly developed Social Emotional Learning Competencies, came to DIISD on October 17 and 18 to provide training for our districts' newly formed Behavioral Health Assessment Teams (BHATs). Our new behavior coach Elisa has been working closely with Lauren to ensure our districts are all supported following this initial training. Each building's BHAT team has been asked to meet once on their own between our initial training with Lauren and our next ISD-wide meeting in December. Elisa has been attending those meetings and helping to facilitate in those that have elected to go deeper with this work. We are excited about the work of these teams!

AVMR

Next week we begin another round of Math Recovery with AVMR course 1 starting on November 18 and 19. Days three and four will be held in December. We have 17 teachers signed up for this cohort, ranging from kindergarten to middle and high school mathematics teachers. We are excited to see this work scaling up to higher grade levels!

Grade Levels

Our K-5 grade level meetings continue to be a cornerstone of our work as a department. While they still continue to focus on the Early Literacy Essentials, they have spent a significant amount of time with teachers digging deep into the Common Core Standards at each grade level. Our coaches also will be meeting with high school ELA teachers this week and 4-8 ELA teachers next month. Writing continues to be a focus for this work.

Miscellaneous

There are many other topics that we continue to keep our eye on and learn more about as we prioritize our work with our locals. These include the newly released [early mathematics essentials](#), the new social studies and computer science standards, Michigan's Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP), the MIREAD early literacy portal, Eidex, and so much more. Staying ahead of all the changes feels next to impossible, but we do our best to help our schools with it all!