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To: LPSD School Board Members

From: Nicole Metzgar & Kate Cornell

Re: January & February Curriculum Report

Professional Development

January RTI/MTSS Conference: LPSD attendance to this event include teachers, student teachers and tutors: 57 total attendees—14 virtual and 43 in-person. ([Link to Conference Information Here](#)). Virtual access on Saturday was minimal due to conference technical issues. LPSD internet was not an issue. Sunday's virtual conference connectivity was better. Feedback about the in-person conference so far has been positive.

Reads Act Professional Learning Communities (PLC): No changes from last board report, All K-3 LPSD teachers continue to meet almost every Wednesday from 2:30-4 PM to be trained in State Reads Act requirements. Ms. Moon McCarley and her team continue to lead LPSD K-3 teachers in this training. Ways to best use this weekly Wednesday PLC time for the 2024-2025 school year is being discussed.

Jan 3-6 2024 New Teacher Induction: Five new teachers were welcomed into LPSD for the spring semester. We thank our partner SBS district, Chugach School District, for allowing us to continue to use their Voyage To Excellence facility. We are extremely appreciative of the comfortable space to orientate new staff before they travel out to LPSD school sites. The training was led by Bill Cornell, Stephanie Canning, and Cassie Broschious. Here is a link to the training schedule: [Link](#)

Jan 6-8 2024 Tutors & Student Teaching Induction: Four tutors and four student teachers received orientation into LPSD. The training took place in Anchorage at the Voyage To Excellence facility. The training was led by Nicole Metzgar and Cassie Broschious. Here is a link to the training schedule: [Link](#)

Curriculum

Monthly Collaboration with Principals:

In December we did not meet. January's collaboration included how best to implement the state required PE credit into LPSD's employability levels. LPSD is looking at having Employability LV 8 a requirement for graduation, and to update Employability LV 8 to include must-have employability standards for LPSD graduates along with the Physical Education component.

ANE Local Language Classes: ANE partners are offering district wide local language zoom to any interested 4th-12th grade student, parent, or community member each Tuesday and Wednesday from 2-2:30PM. Here is a link to register for the courses: [Link](#). We are working with our local language leaders to find a way to offer high school students local language courses for HS credit.

Mystery Science: The number of mystery science lessons being used by elementary teachers is significantly less than last year—729 vs. 233. Curriculum sent an email inquiry out to all K-5 science teachers. Here is a link to what was reported back: [Link](#). We are working with the technology department to increase new teacher access to this curriculum resource.

Technology Standards: Proposed changes and the collection of feedback was done before LPSD implemented a new vision and mission statement. LPSD would like to find a time for the Technology Committee to review technology standards through the lens of the new vision and mission statement before suggesting a final proposal. Please find previous proposed changes to technology here: [Link](#)

Distance Classes: For this semester, our goal is to bring students together once a month to discuss different topics related to success in distance classes so that everyone has the same set of goals/skills in order to be successful. January's topic was tardies and absences, February's will be minimizing distractions and keeping cameras on, and March will be devoted to homework strategies and how to best utilize asynchronous times. We are also meeting as a distance staff with homesite and online teachers once a month to make sure any questions/concerns are addressed as needed. I feel so fortunate to work with incredible people who are striving to make the distance program work best for our students!

Advanced Online Classes: For the school year so far, 9 students have enrolled into 14 advanced online courses. Curriculum oversees the course application for financial assistance and course reimbursement. 12 of the 14 courses received financial assistance from LPSD. LPSD is looking into the best way to offer advanced online language learning classes to more students.

CTE for HS Credit: So far this school year, 30.75 CTE HS credits have been awarded to 37 high school students from 11 LPSD sites—including Lake View Home School. Curriculum helps determine which credit type the courses align with.

Experiencing Out: So far this school year, 3 Experiencing Out HS credits have been awarded to 3 high school students from 2 LPSD sites—including Lake View Home School. Curriculum oversees the awarding of credit for these experiences.

Leveling Transfer Students: Since the last board report, 7 students have transferred into LPSD; 30 total students have transferred into LPSD this school year. Curriculum helps place these students in appropriate levels.

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