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Date: March 17, 2022

To: LPSD School Board Members

From: Kate Cornell and Nicole Metzgar

Re: March Curriculum Report

Professional Development

Late Start Monday: April late start's focus is on introducing the new science standards and curriculum to teachers, directions on End of Year Record Forms, and final preparations for AK Star state testing.

Tuesday 4-5 PM PD (Power Hour): Tuesday, March 15 was dedicated to training teachers and preparing them to give the AK Star state testing. April 19 is set aside for final end of year reflections and wrap ups. We would like to see these Power Hour sessions continue into next year as it is a great time to provide valuable Professional Development to all staff.

Hybrid Alyeska Assessment Training May 5- May 8: This PD is for teachers who are interested in updating our End of Level Assessments. Mr. Stark will provide training on how to write online assessments and teachers will begin writing assessment items for Math, Writing, and Reading end of levels. We are planning for 10 to be in person and 4 to be remoting in.

Curriculum

Progress Reports: We have a model Progress Report that will be rolled out for teachers next month to get their feedback, and feedback from students and parents. We are excited about this as it will be standardized across the district, so no matter which school a student attends, the progress report will be the same. If students travel between sites, there will be a consistent record of attendance, level progress, etc. for teachers at the new site.

EOL Assessments: We currently have about 15 teachers committed to work in May to help update our End of Level Assessments. May work starts with a hybrid training and work session from May 5-8th at the Alyeska hotel. Alyeska's training and work session will be followed by remote work and weekly zoom collaboration sessions throughout the month. The goal is to have all assessments updated by the end of the month. Teachers were able to meet on Saturday, March 12, to begin work on the Writing Curriculum Guides and they plan to meet again on Saturday, March 26.

Science: Science material lists to purchase and ship to schools are being compiled, and the new science standards are being prepped to roll out next school year in Powerschool and the SBS booklet. An introduction to the new science curriculums and standards is planned for Late Start Monday in April.



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Experiencing Out: Experiencing Out Project numbers have declined in the past two years. This year so far, there have been 7 student projects from 3 different schools. Last school year (2020-2021), there were 5 student projects from 1 school. The school year before that (2019-2020) there were 21 student projects from 5 different schools. We are planning to increase student and teacher awareness of Experiencing Out during the SNAP meet in April in hopes of encouraging increased involvement. Each student will have the opportunity to start the process of the paperwork side of things so that it is not as daunting for the student, and the homesite teacher to begin on site.

Distance Classes

The biggest piece of news in distance classes right now, is that Mrs. Nikolaus has had her baby! In the weeks to come, Kate Cornell will be subbing for levels 6-9 ELA and Nicole Metzgar will sub for level 10. Students are engaged in working on their SNAP Meet speeches and completing their final reviews. Math continues to steam ahead with Mr. Meneskie at the helm. There are some ideas flowing on how to make our distance program align more with our competency-based system and I am excited to see how next year shapes up.

As always, feel free to contact Kate Cornell at kcornell@lpsd.com (907.571.7020), or Nicole Metzgar at nmetzgar@lpsd.com (907.781.3201). Thanks for all you do!