

January Board Update
General Education

Happy New Year!

January is in large part a planning month for our department. We are gearing up for our next round of literacy grade-level meetings which begin later this month. We are also in preparations for Add+Vantage Math Recovery Course 2, which begins in February. Participating teachers completed course 1 in the fall, which is a prerequisite for course 2. Other plans include Marzano training for new board members and a middle school Math Recovery mini-course to be created by Tara and Stacy.

We are anxiously waiting to hear if we will receive funding through the STEM council grants that were submitted by our 906C-STEM Center. If funded, we will be able to cover all costs for 21 teachers to participate in the aforementioned AVMR Course 2. We will also be offering another AVMR Course 1 in May if grant funds allow. We should know if we were awarded in the next week or so.

Also coming up we have another round of Next Generation Science Exemplars (NGSx) for K-12 teachers. This 5-day course will be facilitated by Chris Standerford and Kim Smith of NMU's Seaborg Center and will mark our 4th cohort of NGSx training at DIISD.