



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: September 17, 2025 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Jessica Durrant

Type of Item: ☐ *Informational* ☒ *Action*

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

This Board Report is requesting out of state travel for a team of 5 TRSD leaders to travel to Buckley, Washington and receive training from Janel Keating. Janel is the leading expert in Professional Learning Communities and has been supporting TRSD for 8 years. Janel has authored several books with the DuFour company centered around Professional Learning Communities in public schools. There will be 4 different days the team will travel to Buckley, WA and each trip will be 2 days. Travel will be in October, January, April, and June. All costs associated with attending this training (estimated to be \$6,500) will be paid for by grant dollars. Upon completion of each training, district leadership will share the information learned from Ms. Keating with district administrators. The focus of the training is to promote in-depth PLC work from a district and school perspective. (Staff attending include Jessica Durrant, Aly Berg, Dave Valenzuela, Stephanie Allen-Hart, Casey Alderson).

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Professional Learning Communities (PLC) is an ongoing process in which educators work collaboratively in recurring cycles of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for the students they serve. Professional learning communities operate under the assumption that the key to improved learning for students is continuous job-embedded learning for educators. TRSD district staff who attend this trip will receive training about how to support this initiative district-wide. about the underlying research and resources that support PLCs from a school and district perspective. They will be equipped with tools and resources to further the PLC work in Three Rivers School District.

List the advantages of your proposal:

TRSD district staff who attend the training will increase their understanding of district-wide PLC implementation, how to support district academic goals, how PLC affects student growth, and how the district can look at data to ultimately have professional conversations to improve daily instruction. The information learned will be shared with other administrators and teacher teams.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

None known.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

We have been invited to Washington to privately meet and receive training from Ms. Keating. The only possible alternative is to not attend and not receive this individualized support from Ms. Keating.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐