



To: Board of Education
From: Michelle Hilla
Re: Curriculum and Instruction Update
Date: March 10th, 2025

Curriculum Reviews:

- K-2 ELA Curriculum Review Update
 - Our K-2 team has completed the ELA curriculum review process and is excited to present their recommendation to the board at the meeting on March 10th. The presentation is linked below. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.
 - [North Creek ELA Presentation](#)
- 6-8 ELA Curriculum Review Update
 - The 6th-8th grade ELA teams have been diligently working to create a guaranteed and viable curriculum using the Understanding by Design backwards planning process. They are incorporating explicit instruction in vocabulary and morphology while also developing authentic, skill-based learning experiences and assessments that encompass the critical thinking, communication, collaboration, and creative thinking skills outlined in our Portrait of a Graduate.

Professional Development:

- New Staff PD Day #2
 - Due to the snow day on January 22nd, our new teacher professional development day took place on February 19th. The session emphasized:
 - Student-Centered Learning
 - Integrating the Portrait of a Graduate into instructional practices
 - Leveraging technology tools like SeeSaw and Canvas to meet diverse student needs effectively
- District Data Day
 - Our second district data day took place on Monday, March 3rd. During this time, we continued to explore data related to chronic absenteeism and academic performance across the following subgroups: students with disabilities, gender, and socio-economic status. We focused on developing building-level and district-level goals that group members could share with their school improvement teams.



SEAB Updates:

- During our January 20th Sex Ed Advisory Board (SEAB) meeting, the group reviewed three different curricula presented by our regional health coordinator, Danielle Dros, from the ISD. After voting, the group decided to conduct a full review of the following two curricula. Our health education staff and our district nurse will thoroughly review each curriculum using rubrics that align with the goals and objectives of the Sex Education Board, as well as standard alignment documents from the state of Michigan.
 - [Rights, Respect, Responsibility: Michigan Version](#)
 - [Michigan Model for Health](#)

AI Workgroup:

- The AI workgroup has diligently developed guidance for students in grades 6-12 and an AI position statement for families. Alex Stacy has also created a page on our website containing information that parents can access, along with vetted resources to support AI literacy at home. Below, I've linked all the resources we have created. The student and family guidance will be shared in March. Please note that the link to the webpage is not publicly accessible yet, but it will also be published in March.
 - [AI Guidance for 6th- 12th Grade Students](#)
 - [CSD AI Position Statement for Families](#)
 - [CSD AI Webpage](#)

Thank you for your continued support of our curriculum and instruction initiatives.

Respectfully,
Michelle Hilla, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Chelsea School District