

## Director of Educational Services Report – April 2018

### Curriculum Update:

On March 9<sup>th</sup> the elementary teachers spent the day working with Steve Wyborne, an instructional math coach and author, on math strategies and activities that they were able to begin using immediately in their classrooms. The K-5 teachers were also able to participate in a presentation on North Carolina Science kits and how they could be implemented in our classrooms. The teachers then voted in support of making the switch to using these science kits as part of our science adoption. The kits will be purchased instead of the science textbooks that were on backorder from last year.

### Innovative Learning:

We are actively building internship opportunities for our seniors that will align with career goals. These opportunities will allow students to spend at least an hour a day in workplace settings that will give them firsthand experience and the opportunity to interact with professionals and gain insights. Buildings are also starting the planning work for our summer school programs. All Irrigon schools and Heppner High School will continue with June programs. Riverside will be offering high school credit recovery in June. All Boardman schools and Heppner Elementary will be hosting an August session for students. New this year- all three communities will be holding jumpstart kindergarten programs in August for in-coming kindergarten students.