

Board Update
April 2020
General Education

31n Grant

I have to say that I feel so extremely lucky for the amazing 31n staff that we have brought on to join our team. Elisa, Eda, and Megan are working extremely well together and their passion and ideas are so inspiring. As a department we have been working to gather an abundance of resources for our schools and families, both related to COVID-19 as well as those that can be used in the future. These resources will be posted to a newly created Behavioral Services Team website that we hope to get published by the end of this week. The group has also been taking numerous online courses on things like trauma and telehealth. We are also working on analyzing our Panorama survey results from surveys that were administered to staff, students, and parents right before the shutdown. We will be providing our districts with virtual training via Panorama so that they can analyze their individual district/building results. We also plan to heavily utilize Panorama to help us gauge what our stakeholder needs are heading into next school year.

Literacy

We held interviews for the literacy coach position on March 9th. We had a wide variety of applicants from both in and out of the area. At this time we would like to bring two names to the board for recommendation to hire: Ashley Thomas and Danielle Dumais. Currently our literacy coaches Stacy and Sue have been working to provide online professional development opportunities for teachers. They sent out a survey and will be narrowing down times and topics in order to best meet the needs of teachers as they transition to teaching remotely. We are also working to put an abundance of resources on our DIISD webpage. Finally, Tara, Sue, and Stacy will be attending a remote Training of Trainers for the upcoming Kindergarten Readiness Assessment that schools will be administering for the first time this fall.