

**Date: November/December 2023**  
**To: LPSD School Board Members**  
**From: Nicole Metzgar & Kate Cornell**  
**Re: November/December Curriculum Report**

### **Professional Development**

**January RTI/MTSS Conference:** This conference is being held at the Dena'ina Civic and Convention Center (600 W 7th Ave, Anchorage, AK) and virtually. LPSD teachers were able to choose if they wanted to attend virtually or in-person. LPSD attendance to this event include teachers, student teachers and tutors: 12 virtual and 41 in-person. ([Link to Conference Information Here](#)). Keynote Speakers at the conference include the author of *Visible Learning*, Dr. John Hattie and the creative producer of *Molly of Denali*, Princess Lucaj. Chin'an to Amy Blessing, Kasie Luke, and Theresa Wilson for helping with logistics.

**Saturday, January 20, Rural RTI/MTSS Conference:** All staff attended this virtual conference to make up for the October 16th inservice date.

**Friday, January 26th:** This is a workday for teachers attending RTI/MTSS virtually and a travel day for those attending in-person.

**Saturday, January 27, RTI/MTSS Conference:** All staff attended virtually or in-person to make up for the October 17th inservice date.

**Sunday, January 28th, RTI/MTSS Conference:** All staff were expected to attend virtually or in-person.

**Monday, January 29th:** This is a workday for teachers attending RTI/MTSS virtually and a travel day for those attending in-person.

**Reads Act Professional Learning Communities (PLC):** All K-3 LPSD teachers continue to meet almost every Wednesday from 2:30-4 PM to be trained in State Reads Act requirements. Chin'an to Ms. McCarley and all of our K-3 teachers for participating in this huge undertaking.

**Spring 2024 New Teacher, Tutors, and Student Teaching Induction:** Planning is in progress.

### **Curriculum**

**Nov 25- Dec 4 Recruiting Trip:** Nicole Metzgar, in the curriculum role, traveled with Mr. Cornell to visit SUNY Brockport and Mansfield University Campuses. Her role was to help introduce LPSD to education students and professors and build partnerships with Universities. She also convinced Mr. Cornell to visit the NY side of Niagara Falls to hear and see the roar of 675,000 gallons of water per second cascading off steep cliffs.

**Monthly Collaboration with Principals:**

November's focus reviewed updates to LPSD End of Level Assessment Procedures ([Link here](#)), shared expectations for teachers, MTSS/RTI questions, and collecting feedback on Technology standards.

**ANE Local Language Classes:** Starting the week of January 8th, 2024, district wide spring local language zoom classes will be offered by ANE teachers to any interested 4-12 student each Tuesday and Wednesday from 2-2:30PM.

**Technology Standards:** Feedback on standards is being collected through January 2024. Qu yana Aaron Anderson for generously offering his technology specific insight and for Ms. Brandey Voran's ideas about typing words per minute. Please continue to add feedback. The hope is to have standards finalized by February and be implemented by August 2024. Link to Proposal & Feedback is here: [Link](#)

**CTE Courses for Credit:** LPSD Registrar and Curriculum continue to meet as needed with BBRCTE leaders to review course offerings and establish the credit earned. LPSD is very happy with the partnership with BBRCTE and enjoys working with them to create awesome learning opportunities for our students. Here is a link to the most updated CTE courses being offered to LPSD students. These courses fluctuate as new ones are created and others are being updated. [Link](#)

**Distance Classes:** Distance classes continue to provide our students at our small sites with the opportunity to be taught at their level in ELA and MA. As a team, we are looking at the efficacy of the program, how we measure its success, and what it will look like into the future. As always, we welcome your feedback and suggestions as to how we can continually improve the program.

**Advanced Online Classes:** No change from last board report: 9 students from 3 sites have enrolled into 12 advanced online courses. Curriculum oversees the application for financial assistance and course reimbursement.

**Experiencing Out:** Since the last board report, 1 student has Experienced Out for high school credit. Curriculum oversees the awarding of credit for these experiences.

**Leveling Transfer Students:** No change from last board report: 22 students have transferred into LPSD this school year. Curriculum helps place these students in appropriate levels.

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