

## Director of Teaching & Learning Update

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### **Brief Introduction**













### **Priorities as DOTL**

1) Development of a Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum

- 2) Effective collaborative teacher teams that drive improvement of student learning
- 3) Professional learning programming, including mentorship



### Development of a Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum

#### **Guaranteed**

Every student in the same grade level or course will learn the same essential standards

#### Viable

The established curriculum can be taught AND learned within the given time frame

#### **What This Means**

- Our teachers have identified essential standards
- We have, and continue to, align essential standards vertically
- Classroom assessments reflect these efforts
- Enablement of great teaching to happen across the system



### **Collaborative Teacher Teams**

Teams meet weekly on Wednesday mornings

- Focus of this work includes:
  - Guaranteed and viable curriculum development
  - Analysis of classroom level student data
  - Designing instructional and program adjustments based on data analysis

- Teams engage in weekly communication with DOTL
- Building a culture of excellence...expect great things!



### **Professional Learning**

Job-embedded, curriculum specific professional learning (PL) is the most effective method.

#### **Currently Implemented**

- Collaborative Teacher Teams in the PLC at Work Framework
- New Teacher Induction and Mentoring

#### **Future Professional Learning Plans**

- "Lesson Study" processes involving peer observations
- Curriculum implementation analysis and action planning
- Targeted PL sessions with follow up observations and coaching





# Q&A Time

