Professional Learning Communities:
- September 26 – First meeting of groups
    - September 22 – Training for Leaders
    - 9 District Teams/Groups that are cross-grade level and cross-disciplinary
    - September's Primary Focus: What, Why, and How for PLCS
    - <u>PLCs focus everything through the lens of learning</u>. Each 2014-2015 session will be designed to establish this foundational understanding before it is applied to the work of our district.
    - PLCs are a process/structure, not another initiative.

<u>September Assessment Points of Focus and Deadlines</u>:

PALS – Grades 4K, 5K, 1, 2
- A screener that is conducted by teachers one on one with students.
- I see that materials are ordered, online accounts are ready for teachers to enter data, and that the process is in place. Susan Brooks works with teachers to utilize data for instruction.
- Occurs in Grades 1 and 2 in September.
- A parent letter was sent to households of children in the above grades.

ACTAspire – Grade 9
- Student data files (grade 9 students) were uploaded to the portal by Sally Gores.
- A local meeting regarding our procedures was held with John Meznarich, Tamara Sharp, Kim Sanborn, and myself.
- Proctor caching was done by Tim Getchell (allows us to host the exam locally and not be dependent upon the Internet; student answers are uploaded to ACT at night)
- My September responsibilities include setting up Personal Needs Profiles for SpEd students, setting up test sessions, getting local logistics established, and making sure I have a thorough understanding of all processes.
- The Aspire is administered in October and proctor training will occur at that time – more info next month.
- A parent letter will be sent to households of grade 9 students.

WKCE (Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Examination) – Grades 4, 8, 10
- All initial logistics are now in place for this October administration.
- Alternate assessment materials have been ordered for qualifying special education students.
- The District's WSN upload is crucial for generating student labels for testing documents.

SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) – Grades 3 to 8
- This has a spring administration date – more information later as planning begins.
- SMARTER Digital Library – current focus.

DLM (Dynamic Learning Maps) – Grades 3 to 8 and possibly high school
- Field Testing – We will participate in one of two upcoming field tests.
- KITE – the name of the portal that I will begin working with shortly.
- Early October – a meeting of teachers working with this regarding procedures and participation.
- Teachers will need to view 6 training modules and pass a related assessment.
- October 1 – deadline for student data upload.

NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) – Grades 4 and 8
- Districts are randomly selected – we have been selected for grades 4 and 8.
- Assessment is conducted in early February.
- Setting up our online access and other preliminary tasks begins in September and October.