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Building Bridges Together For A Brighter Future

SEDOL Interim Superintendent - First Month Highlights
August 5, 2024

July, 2024

Starting with our first days at SEDOL we enjoyed the opportunity to meet with staff and students attending ESY and visit SEDOL programs to see the exciting dimensions of student learning. We have learned much more of the many dimensions of SEDOL, discussing ideas and challenges from many different roles and perspectives and appreciate the enthusiasm and candor of messages conveyed. We have gathered great insight into the heart of SEDOL efforts, the strengths and challenges and a range of perspectives and ideas have been shared through a few of the following forums:

- Cookies and Conversation (4) sessions offered to SEDOL staff
- SEDOL Leadership meetings and discussion
- SEDOL Board meetings
- ELS consultant Zoom calls
- Member district visits with superintendents/team 6 completed
- SEDOL Foundation meetings and discussions
- SEDOL central office cookout and networking
- Planning meetings for the beginning of the 2024-25 school year
- Building a calendar of priority meetings
- Principal interviews for Gages Lake School

Continued Focus August, 2024

- Development of an integrated Continuous Improvement Plan that includes perspectives and priorities emphasized in our discussions with several stakeholders
- Revised communication plan to provide timely SEDOL updates, expand opportunities for collaboration and shared decision-making on several areas of focus for the year
- Monthly updates to share upcoming SEDOL events, meetings, etc.
- Finalization of an inspiring Opening Day on Monday, August 19th
- Provide program supports for start of school, program SIPs and important connections with member districts
- Visit all programs on first days of school for 2024-2025
- Engage in SEDOL program and meetings with SEDOL community members