

Assistant Superintendent Report to the Board

August 2016

Planning for 2016-2017

- As I am reflecting on my professional goals for this year it will focus specifically on coaching and supporting principals and Continuous Improvement Teams (CITs) to address the achievement for all children. My weekly site visits will look different for next year. I will be spending more time in schools where there are significant achievement concerns or new principal leadership. Mr. Gronseth, Dr. Lake and Dr. Cary will be joining me on those site visits.
- CITs are an important step in being more intentional about addressing achievement goals across all school. We are looking to partner with MDE this year to providing training and support to CITs on the following topics:
 - Development and sustainability for effective school leadership teams
 - Data analysis and conducting comprehensive needs assessment
 - Development of school improvement plans
- I have been working closely with Jason Crane and MDE to move forward to implement evidence based practices as part of the grant we received last year. This is a five year grant to improve graduation rates for African American and American Indian special education students at Denfeld High School and the ALC. We will be implementing a program called “Check and Connect” this upcoming school year as a result of this grant and work with MDE.
- We have many staff development opportunities planned for August:
 - August 16-Principal Day Tech Camp
 - August 17-Principal PLC training
 - August 23/24-CIT PLC training
 - August 24-New special education teacher training
 - August 29-New Teacher Orientation
 - August 30-Workshop Day
 - There will be a welcome back session from the Superintendent and staff will attend breakout sessions on the following topics: PLCs, MTSS, Positive School Climate