



Minidoka County School District #331

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Minidoka County School Board of Trustees,

During the 2017-2018 school year, many schools in the district were able to adjust their professional development calendars to engage staff in learning opportunities that were shortened periods of time, rather than the traditional eight hour offerings that are built in the calendar. The board approved these schools to then trade the time spent after school engaged in professional development for a full day off on scheduled PD days. The combination of flexibility and the shorter, but more frequent PD that was able to be offered was welcomed by staff.

We would like to request the same flexibility in providing professional development opportunities for all schools for the 2018-2019 school year. Attached is a table with a schedule for request PD dates and the date it will be trade for by school. Because of some of the calendared PD dates, all schools request November 19 be identified as a Work Day on the calendar and November 20 as Teacher In-Service. Acequia, Paul, and Heyburn will treat February 28 as a Work Day and March 1 as Teacher In-Service Day.

In reviewing the district's efforts to increase effective technology integration, the Director of Student Achievement, District Integration Coach, and school Integration Specialists did an analysis and review of the all professional development opportunities related to technology throughout the district. After discussion with this committee, it was recommended that technology integration professional development undergo a change in order to provide PD that is relevant to teachers. For the 2018-2019, employees will be given the ability to select the technology professional development they will participate in. Each school has a unique plan and opportunities specific to their teachers. Our hope is that giving the teachers more selection and the ability to choose what they want to learn with deepen their knowledge and application of effective technology integration. All teachers will complete a total of eight hours of professional development directly related to technology. Options include school cohorts, content cohorts, book studies, Kyte Learning, EdCamp, and Portfolios. We request that upon the completion of eight hours of technology professional development teachers will be able to trade the inservice day of April 26.

We appreciate the board's support in providing teachers with the professional development needed to improve their teaching abilities.

Ashley Johnson
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Minidoka County School District

MCSD School Professional Development Trade Day Requests

School	November 20	January 4	March 1	April 26
Acequia	August 13th-Wonders Curriculum	August 14th- Wonders	Book Study - Kids Deserve It! 9/17 3:45-5:30 10/15 3:45-5:30 11/12 3:45-5:30 1/21 3:45- 5:30 2/11 3:45-5:30	Technology PD Trade
Paul	August 13th-Wonders	August 14th- Wonders	2- 2 hour sessions after school - Meeting the needs of students with special needs 2- 2 hour sessions after school - Teaching mechanics and grammar in writing	Technology PD Trade
Heyburn	August 13th-Wonders	August 14th- Wonders	Behavior, Love and Logic, Social Emotional Learning, Book Study, Teach Like a Champion 9/ 24 3:45-5:00 10/8 10/ 22 3:45-5:00 11/12 3:45-5:00 11/26 3:45-5:00 1/14 3:45-5:00 1/28 3:45-5:00 2/11 3:45-5:00 2/25 3:45-5:00	Technology PD Trade
Rupert	August 13th-Wonders	August 14th- Wonders		Technology PD Trade
Total Learning Center	August 15 - Advanced CPI	Love and Logic 1/25 12:30-4:30 Mental Health 10/19 12:30-4:30		Technology PD Trade
East Minico Middle School		Readvisory, Visible Learning, Blended Learning 9/17 - 3:30-5:15 10/15 - 3:30-5:15 11/12 - 3:30-5:15 12.17 - 3:30-5:15		Technology PD Trade
West Minico Middle School	Staff Retreat August 10th Team Building/Goals	Book Study 9/10 3:30-4:30 9/17 3:30-4:30 9/24 3:30-4:30 10/1 3:30-4:30 10/8 3:30-4:30 10/15 3:30-4:30 10/22 3:30-4:30		Technology PD Trade

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Minico High School	Staff Retreat August 8	9/10 10/22 1/14 3/11 4/8		Technology PD Trade
Mt. Harrison High School	3:30-5:00 9/10 10/8 11/12 12/10	3:30-5:00 1/14 2/11 4/8 5/6		Technology PD Trade
Special Services	9/5 10/3 12.5 3/6 4/3	Technology PD 11/7 2/6 4.5 hours of Kyte Learning		