



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: September 14, 2022 **Superintendent:** Dave Valenzuela

Administrator/Staff: Jessica Durrant

Type of Item: *Informational* *Action*

Please state your proposal briefly and clearly. What do you want the board to know, discuss, or decide?

This Board Report is requesting out of state travel for the District Leadership Team to attend a *District Leadership Professional Learning Community (PLC)* training in Little Rock, Arkansas. The workshop will be led by Janel Keating, a consultant that has worked with Three Rivers School District for several years. She is an expert in the PLC field, specializing in district leaders supporting individual schools. The conference is November 9-10, 2022 and all costs associated with attending this training (estimated to be \$9,000) will be paid for by ESSA Funds.

Provide history/background information on your proposal:

Professional Learning Communities (PLC) is an ongoing process in which educators work collaboratively in recurring cycles of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for the students they serve. Professional learning communities operate under the assumption that the key to improved learning for students is continuous job-embedded learning for educators. Effective PLC implementation supports the Board Goal of student achievement. It is critical the district leadership team have solid knowledge on how to support all schools in the PLC implementation process, knowing that each building is unique.

List the advantages of your proposal:

Attending the training will increase understanding of PLC implementation, how it affects academic growth, and how district leadership can support building principals in this process. The training will also provide guidance on district-wide systems that need to be in place for implementation to be successful.

List possible disadvantages of your proposal:

None known.

List possible alternatives that could also offer a solution to your proposal. Why were they not recommended?

Possible alternatives for this type of training would include virtual options, but not all aspects of the information are as effective when delivered via Zoom.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes No