



## SCHOOL BOARD MEETING REPORT

Board Meeting Date: January 15, 2025 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 a group of 8 staff (district staff and LBMS staff) to attend a *Professional Learning Community (PLC)* training in Naperville, Illinois. The workshop will be led by Sharon Kramer and Sarah Schuhl, nationally known experts in the PLC field specializing in supporting middle school interventions. The conference is held April 7-8, 2025 and all costs associated with attending this training (\$15,630) will be paid for by grant funds. Upon completion of the training, staff will share the information learned from the conference with the rest of the middle school staff and formulate a plan to support further implementation of PLC at the middle school level.

**Provide history/background information on your proposal:**

TRSD Board Goals center on Student Success and Life-Ready Learners. Professional Learning Communities (PLC) are at the heart of these district goals. The PLC process is ongoing where educators work collaboratively in recurring cycles of collective inquiry and action research to achieve better results for the students they serve. Teacher collaboration teams operate under the assumption that the key to improved learning for students is continuous job-embedded learning for educators. Middle school staff at Lorna Byrne are requesting additional knowledge on how to provide additional time and support for student instruction. Continued training will ensure student learning will excel in all middle school buildings.

**List the advantages of your proposal:**

Attending the training will increase understanding of PLC implementation at the middle school level, how school schedules affect academic growth, and how schools can look at data to ultimately have professional conversations to improve daily instruction. 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?**

This training is not offered until Fall 2025 and we are hoping to use the learned information for next school year.

Superintendent's recommendation(s):

Approve: Yes ☐ No ☐