

**Board Report
September 2017
Curriculum and Instruction**

Staff Development:

Beginning of school staff development at all campuses was conducted by members of Central Office staff. This training included information on Special Education, ESL, Rtl, Dyslexia, GT, Compass Math, NWEA MAP, and the TEKS Resource System.

Good to Go, Head to Toe

Hillsboro ISD hosted its third Back to School Fair “Good to Go from Head to Toe” on August 12th at Franklin Elementary School. During the morning, families of HISD students gained information about school, immunizations, and safety as well as receiving school supplies, backpacks, Under Armour gift cards, vision screening and free haircuts . A huge thank you to the Salvation Army, Sesame Club, Lions Club, Starbucks, Sonic , Hillsboro PD and several local churches for monetary donations, school supplies, gift cards and backpacks.

District Convocation

The district breakfast and convocation was held at Hillsboro High School on August 15. Riney Jordan, motivational speaker, entertained the staff with educational stories and anecdotes from his career as an educator and parent.

T-TESS Teacher Evaluation System

T-TESS administrator training and plans for calibration occurred the first week in September. Administrators worked together to develop rubrics and guidelines to implement the newly required student growth measure as part of the T-TESS system.

NWEA MAP

Students and teachers in grades K-8 have begun academic growth conversations that align with NWEA MAP (**N**orthwest **E**valuation **A**ssociation **M**easures of **A**cademic **P**rogress) data and growth goals. NWEA MAP is a math, reading and language usage assessment that provides data that reflects what students are ready to learn. Administrators, teachers, students, and parents are provided academic growth information from the MAP testing which occurs three times per year. Campuses across the district have begun MAP testing or will begin testing this week. Additionally, student learning information from NWEA MAP math is used in the newly purchased curricular program Compass Math Pathway and Edgenuity MyPath to create personalized learning pathways in math for K-8 students.

Strategic Change Agenda

On Sept. 14 & 15, George Thompson and Nancy Rindone from the Schlechty Center will lead district, campus, and teacher leaders in the next level of our Strategic Change work. At our last session, four district goals were established:

- Community Partnerships

- Vision
- Attracting and Retaining Staff
- Quality of Work

During these two days, members of the Strategic Change team will begin to develop strategies to address these goals and develop assessment mechanisms to gauge progress toward these goals.

Coaching for Design Conference

Mrs. Boyd and Mrs. Bowman will be attending the upcoming Schlechty Coaching for Design conference in Grapevine. This conference provides participants the knowledge and experience to support quality lesson design throughout the district as well as strategies and techniques for coaching teachers through quality lesson design through the facilitation of design protocols.

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