

# Assistant Superintendent Report to the Board

January 2018

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*Happy New Year! Here are a few highlights happening across the district this month.*

## **Site Visits**

Denfeld  
Homecroft

## **Full Service Community School Update**

In October we had a team from Duluth attend the NEA Full Service Community School (FSCS) conference in Milwaukee, WI. We learned more about NEA model for FSCS. In short a community school is at the center of the community that brings together academics, health and social services, youth and community development and community engagement under one roof, leading to improved learning, stronger families, and healthier communities. The NEA FSCS model is structured using the following 6 pillars:

- STRONG & PROVEN CURRICULUM
- HIGH-QUALITY TEACHING
- INCLUSIVE LEADERSHIP
- POSITIVE BEHAVIOR PRACTICES
- FAMILY & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS
- COMMUNITY SUPPORT SERVICES

In general, this structure aligns well to the current work we are doing in ISD 709 and provides a structure to scale up efforts in Duluth. **There is a session for the board to hear more about what are full service community schools on January 31 from 5:00-6:00pm.** We will be holding trainings earlier that day for district and community leaders, as well as engaging in some planning time to determine next steps.

## **Staff Development Day**

January 26 is a staff development day. Each school has specific plans for this day. Elementary principals will be leading work at their schools and the afternoon will be focused on providing support to classroom teachers on the new ELA curriculum. The staff at the secondary level will be attending a full day session by Dr. Anthony Muhammad. He is an engaging speaker that will focus on school culture and climate.

