

Memo

To: Susan Flanagan, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent of Schools
CC: Board of Education
From: David Ballard, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
Date: 3/2/2012
Re: Monthly Report

Common Core Standards

On February 10, I attended a Common Core Standards workshop at West 40 with several other District 89 team members. The ideas presented provided some excellent insights regarding the implementation of these new standards into our district. As we move towards implementation of the Common Core, we will need to devote a significant amount of time over the next two years to investigate and implement these standards into classroom instruction. Over the next several months we will begin preparations to train staff at both the building and district level in order to ensure a guaranteed and viable curriculum throughout the District

New Website

I participated in the kickoff meeting with ePage city on February 24 to discuss options for the design of our new website. A draft of essential components for the page has been created, and we expect a preliminary design within the next few weeks.

Title Grants

We are still awaiting word from ISBE regarding the status of our grant monies. I have received regular updates from Sally Cray at ISBE; however they are having difficulty coordinating a time for a conference call with us. We will continue to follow up with ISBE representatives and will provide a more comprehensive update as soon as additional information becomes available.