



Livonia Public Schools

Academic Services

Date: January 15, 2020

To: Andrea Oquist

From: Theresa O'Brien

Re: Changes to Professional Development and Instructional Time Requirements

I am requesting to be placed on the agenda of the January 21, 2020 Curriculum Committee meeting to provide the Board of Education with information regarding changes to the professional development and instructional time requirements.

Last fall, the legislation changed the School Code to allow professional development to count as student instructional time. There are new rules with these changes and one of those rules is the need to have a Board approved district professional development advisory committee of teachers, staff, parents and administrators.

We would like to utilize this law in order have a professional development day on March 10, which is the same day as the Michigan Presidential Primary. During the 2016 Presidential Primary we had students in session at the time that voting took place, which created hardships on our elementary schools.