



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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TO: Dr. Carol E. Kelley, Superintendent of Schools  
Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Carrie Kamm, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

RE: MasteryConnect Update

DATE: June 21, 2016

On December 15, 2015, District 97 entered into a one-year agreement with MasteryConnect. MasteryConnect is an on-line platform that allows the district to store common assessments, have access to an on-line assessment item bank, and teachers to track student mastery levels of Common Core Math and English Language Arts standards. Our pilot group for the platform was 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade math teachers. On February 4, 2016, teachers from these groups attended a day-long training facilitated by MasteryConnect trainers. For 4 months, teachers used MasteryConnect to facilitate math formative assessments and track student mastery of math Common Core Standards.

Before school let out for summer, teachers in the pilot group shared feedback based on their use of the tool. Survey highlights included:

- Teachers using the student tracker to support planning for differentiation and preparing for future instruction
- The INSPET item bank provided assessment items that were similar to what students might see on the PARCC assessment
- Provides an efficient way for teachers on a grade-level team to look at trends across grade-levels
- Teachers need additional time and support to learn how to use MasteryConnect including how to use the grading camera, how assessment scores to PowerSchool/Grade Book, and how to create assessments

This information will be shared with Dr. Warkle and other Cabinet members as we discuss how MasteryConnect may connect with the priorities that will emerge from our vision process and how MasteryConnect may support the district's assessment system.