



**To:** Board of Education  
**From:** Michelle Hilla  
**Re:** Curriculum and Instruction Update  
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➤ **Student Support Data Review**

A highlight this month was our second student support data meeting, which included me, our Special Education Director, Lisa Nickel, and teacher representatives from each building. During this session, we analyzed K–12 student data to ensure our programming and staffing structures are aligned to best support student needs. This work continues to strengthen our MTSS framework by identifying gaps, refining supports, and ensuring effective resource allocation to meet the academic and behavioral needs of all learners.

➤ **Instructional Rounds Implementation**

This month, I, along with our secondary instructional coaches, participated in instructional rounds training and have since facilitated multiple instructional rounds sessions at both Beach Middle School and Chelsea High School. Instructional rounds are a structured process in which teams of educators observe classrooms to identify patterns in instructional practice and student learning, rather than focusing on individual teachers. The purpose is to gather evidence, develop a shared understanding of effective instruction, and identify high-leverage next steps for system-level improvement. This work allows us to focus on trends that can inform building-wide and district-wide professional learning. We plan to begin introducing this process to teachers this spring and continue expanding the work next year, as it will directly inform building goals and strengthen instructional coherence across classrooms.

➤ **Summer Programming and Tutoring Model**

In preparation for summer programming, we are launching a new model designed to better support student learning and accelerate growth. This summer, our program will include targeted small-group tutoring opportunities, allowing us to provide more individualized instruction based on student needs. This shift reflects our ongoing commitment to using data to inform supports and maximize the impact of extended learning opportunities for our students.

Respectfully,  
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