

## General Education/MST Updates February 2018

This month we pick back up with cohort 1 of Math Recovery. Ad+Vantage Math Recovery (AVMR) 2 focuses on multiplication, division, and place value. Scheduled dates include February 6, 7, 22, and March 1. This group of 29 teachers will all receive another assessment kit for AVMR 2, which is valued at nearly \$400. It has been exciting to hear about AVMR being implemented in our schools and the interest level for future cohorts is very high for both teachers and principals.

We will host our second Geographic Information Systems (GIS) training on February 28th. Project GRACE, a team from Eastern Michigan University, has partnered with our UP SMILE grant to deliver this two day professional learning opportunity. Participants will be receiving a new Garmin GPS unit as part of UP SMILE grant funding.

Planning for the upcoming DIISD Career Fair/Mock Interviews is well underway. This year's event is scheduled to take place on April 10, 2018 at Bay College West Campus. This is the third consecutive year that this event has taken place and the committee has been working extremely well together to ensure another successful fair for our area seniors.

Our early literacy coaches are conducting their second round of grade level meetings and literacy leader meetings. Vocabulary and small group instruction have been the focus this quarter, both of which are cornerstones of the Early Literacy Essentials for Grades K-3. Sue and Stacy have taken a leadership role among the UP and statewide literacy coaches network and plan to present at the UP Special Education Conference coming up at the end of the month. I am very proud of their efforts to support early literacy across our ISD!