

## January Board Update General Education

February is jam-packed...at least it was supposed to be! We have a lot of programming scheduled this month and have already been faced with many cancellations and reschedulings. We are doing our best to accommodate districts' schedules in this process.

Add+Vantage Math Recovery (AVMR) Course 2 kicks off this week. We are thrilled to be able to fund this training for our districts! The Upper Peninsula was selected by the MiSTEM Advisory Council to receive grant funding to cover sub costs, kits, and materials at approximately \$900 per teacher. We will also be able to fund another round of AVMR Course 1 that is scheduled for this spring. Our goal of blanketing the UP with Math Recovery is well underway and our ISD has been seen as leading the way in these efforts. We are very proud of this work and it is so exciting to see teachers getting fired up about shifting their mathematics instruction in order to benefit their students.

We also began our next cohort of Next Generation Science Exemplars (NGSx) for K-12 teachers. This 5-day course is being facilitated by Chris Standerford and Kim Smith of NMU's Seaborg Center and will mark our 4th cohort of NGSx training at DIISD. There are 16 teachers participating in this training. Unfortunately we had a few teachers that really wanted to participate but were unable to join due to not being able to find substitute teachers.

Sue Mielcarek and Stacy Wonfor will be heading to Muskegon mid-month to attend a Classroom Learning Labs training put on by Muskegon ISD's literacy coaches. We are hoping to model their work with our grade-level teams moving forward. Fourth and fifth grade teachers meet at the end of this month to wrap up our 2nd round of grade-level literacy sessions.

Finally, we have training for newly elected board members on the Marzano Framework for Superintendent Evaluation scheduled for February 20th from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.