

Memo

To: Michael Robey, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
From: David Ballard, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum
Date: 8/3/2012
Re: Curriculum Department Board Report

Dr. Robey,

The list below comprised major duties and tasks undertaken by the Curriculum Department since the July 26, 2012 Board of Education Meeting.

Jump Start

The Jump Start summer program began in late July and will be ending on August 9. Ms. Watkins has prepared a more detailed report regarding the status of the program.

Principal Evaluation

A committee comprised of central office administrators and principals is currently working on the creation of a principal evaluation tool that meets the new requirements stipulated by the passage of Senate Bill 7 and the Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA). The 2010 PERA law requires that student growth be a significant factor in all evaluations. The committee is working on the development of a tool that weighs performance standards and student achievement equally and will present a recommendation next week.

Professional Development

The Curriculum Department has identified topics for professional development this year that will be used as a starting point to gather input from members of the Professional Development Committee. Major topics include the Common Core Standards, Rtl, and, if necessary, the Danielson Framework for Teaching. Additional professional development opportunities will be offered through an "academy" approach. These after-school sessions will be tailored to meet the diverse needs of staff.

PBIS

Ms. Dahly and a group of principals have volunteered to serve on a District-wide PBIS committee. The committee is creating a plan for full implementation of PBIS at every school. In addition, this year we will be utilizing the SWIS program that will allow us to gather and report data in a meaningful manner, thus helping further implementation efforts.