

Assistant Superintendent Report to the Board

August 2017

Here are some of the items we are working on to prepare for the fall.

Full Service Community Schools

- Our Duluth Community Schools were selected as one of five health focus sites nationally to receive support from the Coalition for Community Schools. We recently (July 20 & 21) hosted national leaders from D.C. to work with our Community Schools initiative to strengthen and expand our capacity for making the systemic changes necessary to grow and sustain community school systems that help to create more equitable and healthier communities.
- Our goal is to increase systems-level support and capacity/infrastructure of full service community schools in Duluth. We aim to identify common results and streamline data and evaluation processes. Through shared vision and accountability for results, we aim to impact attendance, academic achievement, physical health and social-emotional well-being to the end that students, families and our entire community will experience greater health and equity.

Elementary Principal Hiring

- District leadership has made a recommendation for hiring the new Laura MacArthur principal. Two rounds of interviews were conducted on July 19 and 26. A variety of stakeholders were included in the interview process. The interview teams consisted of district leadership, teachers, a DPA representative, parents and community members. Thank you to all of those staff and families that gave up part of their summer to assist in this important process. We are excited to welcome another new principal to our team!

Effective and Efficient Systems

- Over the summer months I have been able to put together documents that capture the expectation for district initiatives. Over the years we have distributed lots of information to staff and we now have much of this work captured in user friendly documents for future reference. All resources are listed on my webpage. Documents compiled include:
 - ISD 709 MTSS Handbook
 - ISD 709 PLC Handbook (Curriculum Dept. completed this in the spring)
 - Updated ISD 709 Teacher Development and Evaluation Plan (Updated with My Learning Plan procedures)
 - ISD 709 Continuous Improvement Process