

Curriculum and Instruction Board Report  
March 2018

**Summer Learning Festival**

HISD's Summer Learning Festival (SLF) planning is underway. This year, Angela Boyd, Sheila Bowman, and Cindy Darden are designing a four-day learning opportunity for district staff. Local districts have also been invited to share in the learning with HISD. This festival is a celebration of modern learning that will focus on digital learning, pedagogy, content, classroom management, engagement, special populations, social emotional learning, health services and soft skills. The theme of our 1st SLF is "Learning is Marvel-ous"--a connection to Marvel Comics and entertainment. This is not your traditional sit & get, everyone in the same room, whole school professional development. The event will take place from July 16-19, 2018, complete with engaging opening and closing keynotes, contests, prizes and food trucks for a fun, festival atmosphere.

To see more about our Summer Learning Festival, visit [tinyurl.com/HISDslf](http://tinyurl.com/HISDslf)

**Training Across the District**

Central office staff met recently with Nancy Rindone of the Schlechty Center to begin connecting the three goals drafted from the Strategic Change Agenda to our roles. These goals connect to quality of work, district beliefs, and the district as a community builder. Angela Boyd and Pam Ziolkowski, a PSP, worked with new teachers in the district on how to ensure rigor in student work. Students from 4th grade and 7th grade spent two days the first week in March building their writing and revising skills with trainers from The Writing Academy.

**State Testing**

Testing season is upon us and that means testing training for campus testing coordinators and teachers. Security training occurred for central office staff, technology staff and the Maintenance Director. First round STAAR/EOC testing dates: 4th and 7th writing, 5th and 8th reading and math, and high school English 1 & English 2 will take place on April 10th, 11th and 12th. The next round of tests will happen the first two weeks of May.

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