



Curriculum Department Report to the Board of Education
April 20, 2018

To: Mr. Middleton, Superintendent
Ms. Malone, Chairperson of the Board
Members of the Board of Education

March 26, 2018 – April 20, 2018

Curriculum Focus of the Month: Spring 2018 Testing Preparations & PD Planning

- The Curriculum Department's monthly focus highlights a curriculum, instructional, or assessment strategy/initiative in the district.
- Spring 2018 Testing Preparations
 - All schools have been preparing for testing all year through the development, administration, analysis, & planning next steps for interventions with each of the assessments that occur in their buildings
 - Reference these attachments for more information regarding testing preparations:
 - Testing Preparation Reflections
 - 2018 KPREP Testing Format
- PD Planning for 2018-2019
 - The Curriculum Department has been collaborating with school leaders since the beginning of March to begin identifying instructional needs & planning professional learning for the 2018-2019 school year
 - Reference these attachment for more information about the PD planning & procedures
 - Newport Professional Learning Expectations for 2018-2019
 - Newport PD Planning Descriptions
 - Tentative Drafts of PD Schedules for each NPS, NIS, & NHS

Teaching and Learning Initiatives & Highlights

- The Curriculum Department's work focused on these main areas this month:
 - Assisting with preparing for & monitoring the administration of all state assessments with Building Assessment Coordinators
 - 2019 Federal Fund allocations for 95% hold harmless
 - SIG Grant budget planning with Newport High School
 - Planning & conducting the 50/50 Committee meetings to work on revisions to the current Certified Evaluation Plan to meet the new KDE requirements
 - Conducting calibration walkthroughs with school leaders
 - Conducting Instructional Technology Committee meetings for school leaders & teacher leaders
 - Coordinated & participated in Google Level 1 training during Spring Break
 - A total of 44 teachers & school leaders attended the 2-day training
 - Many of them have already successfully taken the certification test

District/School Improvement Highlights

- Mrs. Gilkison assisted Mr. Middleton with the Spring Site Visits with Principals as part of their evaluations
- The Curriculum Department will be meeting with each building to monitor & review their 30-60-90 day plans during the first week of May

Assessment Updates

- BACs are in the process of planning for Spring Testing
- NHS successfully completed KOSSA testing
- Spring MAP testing is currently occurring at NIS & NHS and will begin at NPS in May
- EOC Field Tests are being given at NHS & NRS from April 16 to April 27
- ACT make-ups will occur on April 24 for any student in grade 11 that was absent on the original administration date

Respectfully Submitted,

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