



**Curriculum Department Report to the Board of Education**  
**August 17, 2018**

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

**July 9, 2018 – August 17, 2018**

**Curriculum Focus of the Month: Classroom Structure Non-Negotiables**

- The Curriculum Department's monthly focus highlights the current draft of the Classroom Non-Negotiables that were shared with School Admin Teams
- Reference the following document:
  - Newport Class Structure

**Teaching and Learning Initiatives & Highlights**

- The Curriculum Department's work focused on these main areas this month:
  - The Curriculum Department worked with school leaders to implement all professional learning that occurred from July 2018 through August 2018
    - Major Professional Learning events included:
      - District New Teacher Induction
      - 3-Day Project Based Learning (PBL) Training
        - All Science & Social Studies teachers in grades 2-12 attended
      - KAGAN 2-Day Cooperative Learning Training
        - All NPS & NIS teachers attended
      - Scholastic Reading Training
        - All ELA teachers in grades K-12 attended
      - Design in Five 2-Day Assessment Training
        - All NPS, NIS, & NHS teachers attended
      - Edgenuity Training (on-line learning courses)
        - All teachers from NIS, NHS, & NRS that will be facilitating on-line courses attended
  - The Curriculum Department serves as liaisons to the following schools:
    - NIS: Carla Davis
    - NHS: Amy Gilkison & Rachel Ball
  - Liaisons have been working with School Admin Teams to assist with the beginning of school
  - Conducting school walkthroughs during the first few days of school
  - Participation in a KDE Monitoring Visit since we are a Focus District
  - Assisted with implementation of Home Visit Day
  - Conducted District Retreat Day #2 for all District & School Leaders
  - Led the organization & implementation of the Safe Schools on-line training program for all required trainings for staff
  - Scheduled, organized, & facilitated the Opening Day speaker, Dr. Bethanie Tucker, a colleague of Ruby Payne

Respectfully Submitted,

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