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Report for January 15, 2019 Gallatin County Board of Education Meeting

1. Continuous Improvement Planning Process: We have completed Phase 3 and are entering the 4th and final phase of the Continuous Improvement process. New federal requirements outlined in ESSA have upped the level of commitment and accountability. This year brought a vast amount of change in the process as we are learning. A plan is in place, revisions are allowed if needed; now it is time for implementing, monitoring and collecting evidence. Yes, for the first time schools and districts are required to develop a progress-monitoring plan and required to collect evidence of implementation as we go. Evidence must uploaded to a secure website. Each school must document the use of evidenced-based teaching practices to address TSI groups. This requires principals to submit all teaching practices and only practices included in a national database meet the requirement. I include all this in my report in order to create an awareness of the new expectations from Kentucky schools in this new age of accountability. We have three new principals that are taking on more work than those before them. This has been a great challenge for them and will continue to be burdensome as we move forward. All principals, new and experienced are learning together and working hard for our students.
2. A district wide professional learning initiative will be launched on January 14th. **All** certified staff will participate in the first of 4 professional learning events. Monday the High School faculty will experience a challenge as we present a “Mind Shift” in what we expect from students. We must embrace a “Growth Mindset” if we plan to improve student achievement. Each of the other schools will receive the “Mind Shift” training during January. Specific high yield instructional strategies will follow in the coming trainings.
3. On January 2nd, Owen County Superintendent invited me to attend a *Trauma Informed Care* professional learning in the Owen County District. The training had a high impact on my thoughts and I brought home some valuable tools to use with students that have or are experiencing traumatic events. The admin team decided that we should pursue a training such as this for our district. I am in the process of forming a committee to discuss the needs of our students and research the possibilities for professional learning for all district staff. (teachers, custodians, drivers, cafeteria workers) We can make a huge difference for our students with the right tools in our possession. We are learning the non-academic supports may have a greater impact on performance than the traditional academic approaches. In other words, content and instruction are important, but reaching the whole child socially and emotionally may prove just as or even more impactful on student achievement in some cases.

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