NEWPORT INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

2019 NEEDS ASSESSMENT

PROBLEM OF PRACTICE 1

Schools (teachers and administrators) lack in-depth understanding of the intent of all standards; thus instruction and assessments are not congruent.

PROBLEM OF PRACTICE 2

Schools do not currently have a balanced assessment system (formatives, interim, summatives) in place that informs instructional adjustments and curricular changes.

PROBLEM OF PRACTICE 3

Students are not cognitively engaged as a result of ineffective strategy/activity selection that are congruent to the intent of the standard.

Instructional Shifts

- collaboration of PLC team members (grade/content level teams
- implementation/delivery of congruent instruction
- using formative assessment results to make instructional decisions (data driven)
- understand and use standard progressions to make curricular decisions

Instructional Shifts

- formatively assess DLT every class, every child, every day to ensure mastery/proficiency of the instructional core
- use formative assessments to meet individual student needs (i.e. small group, guided, skills groups)
- triangulate multiple points to intentionally focus on identified deficiency/ies

Instructional Shifts

- Intentional lesson design that includes all facets of the class structure:
 - High yield instructional strategies
 - Higher order thinking
 - 3 part instruction (before, during and after)
 - Checks for understanding and responding appropriately
 - Relevant, stimulating activities that support the learning