



**Curriculum Department Report to the Board of Education**  
**April 19, 2019**

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

**March 25, 2019 – April 19, 2019**

**Curriculum Focus of the Month: District & School Turnaround Plans**

- The Curriculum Department's monthly focus includes an update on the current work related to the district & each school's Turnaround Plans:
  - Turnaround Plans
    - As part of the CSI work, each school & the district are required to embed the Improvement Priorities from the recent audits into their CSIPs/CDIP & 30-60-90 Day Plans to result in a Turnaround Plan
    - The Turnaround Plans must be submitted & approved by the School Board
    - The Turnaround Plans will also be submitted to KDE for approval
      - KDE will notify the school/district of any needed revisions for their Turnaround Plans
    - The plans will be in place for up to three years and will be monitored at the district and state levels as each step is implemented
    - In addition to the Turnaround Plans, each school will be submitting a School Improvement Fund application for up to \$250,000 to use over a two year period to assist with implementation of the Turnaround Plans
      - The applications are due by May 1, 2019 and funds will be available to schools on July 1, 2019

**Teaching and Learning Initiatives & Highlights**

- The Curriculum Department's work focused on these main areas this month:
  - Met with School Admin Teams to provide feedback on the deconstruction of their Improvement Priorities, 30-60-90 Day Plans, & their Turnaround Plans
  - Participation in the River Cities Training Hub Network Meetings
  - Collaboration with the Education Recovery Staff from KDE
  - Attended various regional meetings as NKCES, including Grants Consortium, Title, & Professional Learning Consortium
  - Conducted weekly District Instructional Meetings with principals to discuss curriculum, instruction, & assessment
  - Organizing & conducting BAC Meetings to plan KPREP Testing
  - Conducted Data Meetings with each School's Admin Team to analyze & monitor student achievement in both academic & non-academic areas
  - Attended & assisted with PLC Meetings at NIS
  - Monitored KREP Grade 10 Pilot implementation at NHS
  - Organized & conducted a School Improvement Work Session with all school leaders to deconstruct their audit reports to understand the identified Improvement Priorities, align the deconstruction with their CSIP goals & 30-60-90 Day Plans, & to finalize their Turnaround Plans
  - Attended Gifted Coordinator Training with KDE
  - Attended School Improvement Training with the Principals
  - Organized & conducted multiple meetings with each Principal to discuss their tentative staffing allocations, Section 7 processes, & to plan for 2019-2020 staffing
  - Conducted all final & summative evaluations of the Curriculum Department for 2018-2019
  - Organized & conducted a BAC Meeting to plan for Spring Testing at NIS, NHS, & NRS
  - Assisted with Acting Principal duties at NIS while the Principal and Instructional Coach attended NISL Leadership Training
  - Attended a meeting with KDE regarding the new KAS Standards that will begin implementation in 2019-2020
  - Assisted KDE with conducting their investigation into the testing allegations that occurred at NIS in May 2018

Respectfully Submitted,

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