



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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