

Teaching And Learning

1-27-20

The PLC processes continue to function in a healthy and vibrant manner in both buildings. It will continue to be the basis for continued growth in academic rigor for the schools and professional growth for the staff.

Vertical PLCs took place on 1-15-20 and 1-16-20. Meetings involved the core areas of English, Math, Science and Social Studies teachers from 6th and 7th grade, as well as administrative personnel. Meetings were very productive in moving towards closing curriculum gaps. Next steps will be vertical work from 6-K and 7-12 gap closures. There will be one last meeting on 1-29-20 to align the district writing plan for K-12 vertical alignment.

The CDIP has been completed and the required elements will be posted on the district website. Ms. Ward and Mr. Marshall were very diligent in the goal setting work, as well as Mr. Whalen in developing a district overview.

Walk throughs are continuing at the building levels. We completed a third round of district walks on Friday afternoon, 1-17-20. Although Friday afternoons aren't the norm, administrative calendars could not align for another time. It was refreshing to see the level of effort and engagement occurring in both buildings on that Friday afternoon.

Mid-year assessment meetings are scheduled for Thursday, 1-23-20. We will be looking at CERT, iReady and scrimmage results for the winter cycle. There is great anticipation for growth at all levels and in all subjects.

The district is gearing up for testing, with the required field test scheduled for a window of 2-26-20 until 3-4-20. These assessments are inconsequential for the district academic index, but all students who take a field test will participate in the School Quality and Safety Survey, which will become a part of the fall assessment results.

We are in an optimal instructional time that, barring any weather-related issues, will allow for 59 instructional days with the only interruption being two holidays and one flex day. Coupled with the work that was witnessed on the afternoon of 1-17-20, there is great anticipation for marked gains.

