

## **Teaching And Learning**

### **2-17-20**

The last vertical meeting of the cycle was on 1-29-20 to align the district writing plan for K-12 vertical alignment. The meeting was very productive, with Mr. Godbey providing the facilitation. Elementary teachers worked diligently, reaching back as far as second grade to create vertical expectations.

Future expectations for the vertical process will be a continuous monitoring for gap closures, and moving towards a common critical vocabulary in all subject areas. Vocabulary is of paramount importance in the delivery of instruction and expectations of student articulation.

We have had and will continue to have conversations about the 2020-21 master schedules. It is desirable to have master schedules and most if not all students schedules completed before school is out.

Walk throughs are continuing at the building levels. We completed a fourth round of district walks on Thursday morning, 2-6-20. We continue to look for high levels of engagement, and are fortunately finding that engagement in any areas. We are tentatively looking at 2-27-20 as the next date for district walks.

We have had some in-depth discussions in the district about kindergarten readiness and pre-school. Dr. Nancy Lovett, Executive Director of the Calloway County Early Childhood Regional Training Center, met with us on 2-13-20. Dr. Lovett is recognized as a premier authority on early childhood education. She has consented to provide as much assistance, both consultative and on-site, as we may deem necessary. Kindergarten readiness is a universal struggle, and we are fortunate to have the partnership of Dr. Lovett and her group.

The district is gearing up for testing, with the required field test scheduled for a window of 2-26-20 until 3-4-20. Rosters are pre-populated by the Pearson group for the field test. 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 continue to be in an optimal instructional time and Mother Nature has only robbed us of two hours instructional time. The only downside is this period of uninterrupted time is very taxing, and our staff deserves to be applauded for their efforts.

