

Teaching And Learning

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We are continuing to move forward with the thought process being that we are still on-track for spring testing because we have not been told anything different; but there is starting to be a ground swell of belief that there will be another waiver on testing this spring. The ACT is set to be given on March 9. Working with Ms. Wooton, we have some new logistical issues we have had to work through for social distancing concerns, but we have a solid plan.

We have returned to in person instruction -- where we thrive best, and it has been very refreshing. The elementary has jumped into assessing their students with iReady and attempting to gauge where our students are working. The Jr/Sr High CERT window will be open in the next week and we will be able to assess those students.

I want to recognize Kammie King for being accepted into the Kentucky Preschool and Kindergarten PBIS training Academy. I am sure that you are aware that this comes on the heels of Kammie completing her Doctoral program. I look forward to seeing the heights to which Kammie will be bringing our preschool.

Teacher creativity will be a premium for the remainder of this year and into the 2021-22 school year and will need to carry into next year, but conversation and observation leads me to believe that we will realize success. We have very strong and capable teachers who have been diligent through pandemic, but we all know that they are at their best when they are in class with their students.

I have been engaged in a number of conversations with instructional leaders in western Kentucky. A great deal of these discussions have focused on the subjects of extended school services, promotion and retention, how to reach the hard to reach in virtual learning settings, and what to do with the skill deficient student next year. The answers to these questions are that there are no definitive answers. As alluded to above, creativity and out-of-the-box thinking will be more the rule than ever before.