

Superintendent's Report December 6, 2017

Board of Education Goal - Student Achievement: All students will participate in a rigorous, enriching, and engaging learning experience that supports their academic, social, emotional and physical development.

- Administrators continue monthly Instructional rounds to calibrate our supervision and evaluation practices. We will be focused on giving effective feedback to students, with connections to our work with growth mindset. I'd like to thank the building principals for hosting our monthly walkthroughs, and would also like to thank our teachers for inviting us into their classrooms.
- The Curriculum Committee had their first meeting last week to continue the professional development and curriculum writing work that was started at the end of the school year. We will be using the book Understanding by Design by Wiggins and McTighe to guide our work. Our session last week focused on gaining a long-term goal perspective (curriculum) versus short-term plan perspective (units of study) PK-12. We will continue our discussion on essential questions at our next meeting on December 12.

Board of Education Goal - Culture: LPS will develop and maintain a learning environment focused on physical safety as well as social and emotional well-being.

- School Climate Teams have developed action plans based on the results of the CSCI, and the training facilitated by The National School Climate Center. These plans were presented as part of our District Improvement Plan and were presented to you at the last BOE Meeting. We will continue to update you on the implementation process and also keep you informed as we monitor progress.
- Several staff members attended a mindfulness training conference on December 1st as an initial step to implementing the use of mindfulness practices throughout the school environment. We are excited to extend these practices into our schools, and are grateful to the Litchfield Prevention Council for their support in this endeavor.

Board of Education Goal - Communication: The district will effectively communicate with all stakeholders and will continuously work to improve relationships with parents and the community.

- The District Newsletter was sent out on November 20 and highlighted events and happenings from each school. The next newsletter is scheduled to be sent out in March.
- Parent letters will go out this week regarding our first administration of MAP testing. Overall we are excited about our first administration and the reports we have been able to generate. Parents will be provided with individual student reports detailing their child's performance. As we have discussed, we are looking forward to sharing this information vertically among grade levels, and between buildings. It is also important to point out that these results are another data point we will use to inform our instruction, among the many benchmarks and other assessments we administer.

Board of Education Goal - Resources: Resources will be utilized effectively and efficiently to support the district's mission and goals.

- Administrator budgets are due to Central Office by December 22, 2017. David and I will begin meeting with administrators in early January to discuss their budget requests, and how they support the BOE Goals.