

July 30, 2009

I hope this letter finds you in the midst of an enjoyable summer. Much important work has been accomplished this summer. Since May, the Administrative Team led by Mischel Miller has been planning staff development opportunities for this coming school year. We are excited not only about our August plans, but the plans for the entire school year. We want teachers, HPEC staff, and teacher aides to join us at our kickoff event at the Middle School on Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 AM.

**QPA and Building level Continuous Improvement Plans:**

The District Leadership Team (DLT) met in June. We looked at data and talked about the relatively new QPA Continuous Improvement process. Our goal each May and June is to review the latest data (MAP, State Assessment and other measures) to determine relative strengths and weakness in the core subject areas and all sub-groups. An important goal we established was for each building to develop a SIP at-a-glance. This one page document will list our SIP goals and building strategies. The DLT is scheduled to meet again in August before teachers report.

**Summer School Follow-up Meeting:**

In July, after the Splash Summer School was over, a group of teachers from each building met and discussed/critiqued all of our summer school endeavors. Ideas were given for how each program could operate next summer. Also, some discussion centered around a possible extended learning day in the Elementary to replace Splash. The five-year Splash grant has expired. A survey to all ES parents will be given this August to shed light on whether a scaled down after-school, Splash-like program is needed and if it is feasible. Funding is a hurdle to consider as well.

**Extended Learning Day Committee:**

After the July, Summer School follow-up meeting a new committee was developed. Much planning has gone into a K-6 program to start after Labor Day. A memo will be forthcoming to all elementary teachers. The MS and HS may be asked to consider a similar program for both secondary schools. This ES program will have a completely different focus than our former Splash programs.

**Dates to remember**

Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30AM

All teachers and staff report to MS Auditorium (light breakfast followed by a kick-off event in the auditorium)

Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00

District Luncheon @ HMS gym (all staff invited)

Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

First day of school

Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00PM

District Site Council @ HMS

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools