

## GREENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To: Dr. Christine DeBarge, Superintendent

From: Karin E. Patenaude, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning

Date: February 8, 2023

RE: Assistant Superintendent Update

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### 1. DESE HQIM Professional Learning Network - HS Math:

The team completed the Investigate and Select portion of the HQIM PLN, and after review and research of the curriculum resources available at the high school math level have chosen to field test: Illustrative Math and Reveal Math. The high school teachers began a field test of Illustrative Math in Algebra I and Geometry this week for a three-week test. The field test of Reveal Math will begin on or about March 13th. Teachers and students will be asked to complete a rubric each day that provides feedback on the district’s parameters and priorities to determine the best choice for implementation in the Fall of 2023.

### 2. Professional Development

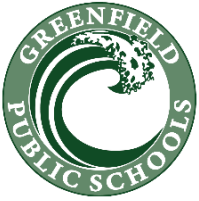
The district hosted a districtwide staff professional development day on Friday, January 27, 2023. There were sessions on Get Set for School, CKLA, Amplify, Illustrative Math, Zearn, Lindamoodbell, IEPs, as well as unified art-specific workshops. Overall, staff feedback was positive and appreciative of the offerings.

### 3. Library News

The faculty meeting on January 18th allowed for all AEL staff to provide input on the library needs of the pre-school. As the weeding of library materials comes to an end, we will be determining next steps on improving the collection of books and resources that are accessible to our teachers and students.

### 4. Grants:

**Civics Grant:** The grant supported Greenfield High School’s YELO conference on January 26, 2023. Youth engaged firsthand with legislative representatives and officials about local economic development, school issues, as well as transportation and roads.



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### **Title I:**

**Winter Carnival:** The district’s Title I program supports family engagement at many levels. We were pleased to sponsor three events this past weekend at Greenfield’s Winter Carnival. Saturday, February 4, we were located at Sanderson Street, and provided families with a free take-home winter family activity and game brochure for all who stopped by as well as provided giveaways such as books, math flashcards, pencils, and World Eye Bookstore gift certificates. We then headed over to the middle school where we co-sponsored with the Rec. Dept., a Lasermania light show and science demonstration. Then Sunday, we joined Olaf at Adams Donuts on Federal Street and gave away math games as well as books! Big thank you goes out to the faculty that joined me at all of these events, Kim Herlihy, Jacki Pinger, Rose Skriloff, Ashtyn MacKnight, and Brenda Hartshorn.

**February Break Title I Reading and Math Challenge:** Title I will once again be sponsoring a reading and math challenge for grades K-7 over February break. Students will be provided with a bingo sheet of activities to complete in either reading or math or both and will submit the sheet for a prize upon return to school.

### **5. ESSA District/School Report Cards**

On Friday, all families were provided with the links to the 2022 DESE District and individual School Report Cards. The school report cards are designed to show families how our schools are doing in different areas. The report card includes multiple measures of a school’s performance – more than just MCAS scores. It represents a new way of looking at school performance, by providing information on student achievement, teacher qualifications, student learning opportunities, and more.

Some of the highlights from the overall district report card are Greenfield continuing to maintain a high level of access for our students to the arts and digital literacy/computer science courses. An area of focus that remains pivotal to the work we continue to do at the school and district level is student attendance. We continue to look for ways to improve student attendance so students are present and able to access their learning.

Links to the district and individual school report cards can be found on the district webpage.

Thank you,

Karin E. Patenaude, Assistant Superintendent

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