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

Date: March 8, 2023

RE: Assistant Superintendent Update

1. Professional Development

The district hosted a CKLA/Amplify trainer at each elementary school and the middle school on Wednesday, March 1. The trainers visited K-7 ELA classrooms, collaboration meetings, and the faculty meeting to discuss the new ELA curriculum resource with staff and address any issues or ongoing needs with the implementation of said curriculum resource. Trainers provided valuable feedback to administrators and faculty.

2. DESE HQIM Professional Learning Network - HS Math:

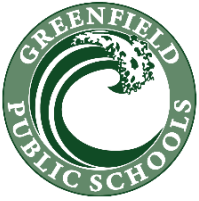
The high school math department is finishing up the field test with the Illustrative Math program and will begin the second field test with Reveal Math on Monday, March 13th. Teachers and students have been asked to complete a daily rubric to provide feedback on both programs. At the end of both field tests, we will meet as a team and review the feedback and have further in-depth discussions on the product that best met the district’s parameters and priorities to determine the best choice for implementation in the Fall of 2023.

3. Grants:

Title I: The grant recently provided engagement opportunities over February break for students K-7 in literacy and math. Participation increased from December’s challenge and we are excited that many students took advantage of these opportunities.

TAG Grant: As part of the requirements of the Turnaround Grant and in conjunction with the Statewide Systems of Support (“SSoS”) DESE team, the district hosted three DESE team members on Monday, March 6, 2023. Each building Principal and I met with the DESE team and created agendas and action steps for the Instructional Leadership Teams’ work at each building. The ILT teams are comprised of the principal of each building as leaders of the team, along with two teachers at AEL and four teachers at all other schools. The work is revolving around the district’s goals to analyze data, review instructional practices, and improve student outcomes.

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4. **UMass Internship Program**

Greenfield was invited to participate in the UMass Internship Day on Friday, March 3 to meet potential student teachers to be placed in Greenfield for the 2023-24 school year. We met over 30 future educators certified in history, English, science and math; many are extremely interested in working under our highly-qualified staff at the middle and high school next school year. As we have welcomed many UMass interns in the past, we look forward to this continued collaboration as many of our previous interns have become full-time educators in Greenfield.

Thank you,

Karin E. Patenaude, Assistant Superintendent