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To: School Committee

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Re: Report on Summer Curriculum and Professional Development

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Overview

This year, there were a record number of applications for summer work and learning projects by LPS faculty. Similar to last summer, we have many small groups collaborating on targeted work. In nearly all cases, projects crystallized from ideas and needs that teachers voiced in the spring of 2019. I am quite proud of the significant increase in cross-campus work, where teams from Hanscom and Lincoln are joining together to embark on shared work. This week, the first projects of the summer began, and they will continue until the end of August, when teachers return for the 2019-20 school year.

Range of projects

The summer work projects, covering many curriculum areas, often involved teams coming together to craft or revisit curriculum, reflect on their instruction, or build a shared vision for the teaching and learning they will be leading in the coming school year. Multiple projects were based on revising or deepening existing bodies of work to sustain and strengthen important momentum from the prior school year.

Areas of Focus

This year's projects aligned with five areas:

1. *Curriculum Development*: Ten projects are explicitly about designing or revising curriculum. Many of these projects stem from updates to state frameworks or a result of investigating our curricular strengths and gaps.
2. *Interdisciplinary Team Work*: Multiple teams, particularly at Hanscom have invested in collaborative team projects or approaches to teaching and learning. These projects allowed complete grade level teams or interdisciplinary teams to work together strengthening old or creating new opportunities for students.
3. *Developing (New) Instructional Skills*: These projects are all focused on developing teacher's instructional skills in specific domains, building off of what teachers already know, and adding on new, sometimes more complex layers.
4. *Social Emotional Learning Development*: Both campuses are developing unique approaches to supporting a few targeted social and emotional student needs.
5. *Teacher Leadership for Planning 2019-20*: These groups all include faculty who will help to design and plan processes or potential resources for the upcoming school year.

At the culmination of each project's work, faculty provide updates and share products as well as evidence of their process. Whenever possible, I visit projects while they are happening to see faculty in action. I am looking forward to seeing the fruits of teams' collaboration in action throughout the year in classrooms all across our district.



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Summer Work 2019			
Curriculum Development			
Convener	Area	Project focus	# part.
Karena Hansen	Lincoln 5-8	Foreign Language Unit Design	3
Keri Malm	Cross-campus	K-5 Science Curriculum Exploration	12
Keri Malm & Lauren Sonalker	Cross-campus	Science Enrichment Curriculum Development	2
Jay Peledge & Keith Johnson	Cross-campus	7th grade Social Studies Curriculum	2
Wendy Glosband & Jess Rose	Lincoln	6th grade Social Studies Curriculum	2
Cross campus 5 th grade teams	Cross-campus	5th grade Social Studies Curriculum	5
Music Department	Cross-campus	Music Curriculum Review	4
Kevin Lahey and Scott Burke	Cross-campus	Sex Ed Curriculum Update	5
English Learner Team	Cross-campus	English Learner Curriculum Development	4
Jay Peledge	HMS	National History Day Support	1
Interdisciplinary Team Work			
Blake Siskavich & 2 nd Grade Team	Lincoln K-4	2nd Grade Continents Project	6
6/7 HMS Team	HMS	Transition to 6th grade @ HMS	5
6/7 HMS Team	HMS	Student-Led Conferences @ HMS	5
8 th Grade HMS Team	HMS	Agents of Change	4
HPS K Team	HPS	Visioning at HPS K	4
HMS 4 th Grade Team	HMS	Co-teaching Model Development	5
Developing (New) Instructional Skills			
Cindy Matthes	Cross-campus	Authentic Family Engagement with SeeSaw	9
Maureen Markelz & Rose Vignola	Cross-Campus	Kindergarten Literacy Workshop	10
Carol Walker	Cross-Campus	Kindergarten Math Extension	5
Carolyn Shannon & 6-8 Math Team	Cross-Campus	Middle School Math Differentiation	7
Jess Rose	Cross-Campus	Diving into New Units of Study for K-5 Teachers Online Summer Course	23
Social Emotional Learning Program Development			
Denise Oldham	HPS and HMS	Transitional Learning Center @ HAFB	8
Alyssa Rosenfeld	Lincoln 5-8	TLC @ Brooks	5
Mary Emmons	Cross-Campus	SEL Task Force	4
Teacher Leadership in Planning for 2019-20			
Rob Ford	Cross-Campus	Developing Online Course Modules	3
Gwen Blumberg	Cross-Campus	Classroom Libraries	4
Sarah Collmer	Lincoln K-4	Smith Summer Planning Team	4
Maureen Markelz	Cross-Campus	Phonics	3