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District Curriculum Coordinator

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Professional Learning

I attended the state Accountability Task Force meeting last month. The focus of the meeting was to review the recently approved New Hampshire Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) plan by the US Department of Education. The focus was to review the new requirements for student performance, growth, and subgroup performance. There will be no new school designations for schools in need of improvement this year as it is considered year 1 and no growth can be determined until after next year's testing.

The regional curriculum, instruction, and assessment meetings focused on how the new testing worked for schools and sharing of procedures that could be helpful to one another. We met with Deputy Commissioner Brennan to discuss communication from the NH Department of Education, state resources, and grants.

If a grant I wrote is accepted, we could host a science institute for our teachers during a week in August. This would be a wonderful opportunity. (A second grant would allow us to offer a four-week summer reading and math academy for our W.I.N students.)

Four teachers will attend science and technology training in July. Teachers from FRES will attend Responsive Classroom training this summer, similar to that attended by other staff members last summer.

Curriculum Development

The Universal Design for Learning Committee met to discuss our March workshop and future plans. We reviewed some of the resources provided to us, the FRES staff meeting with our UDL coach, and drafted the beginnings of our three-year action plan.

The FRES science committee continues to meet to review competencies and sample performance indicators by other schools. Teachers will bring draft performance indicators/ "I can" statements to our next meeting for review by the group.

Assessment

The last of state testing will occur during May at FRES and WLC Middle School. The teachers have been very responsive to administering the Interim Assessments for practice and with preparations for the final assessments. The grade 11 science test went well. Results for all testing will be available in the fall after the state sets the benchmarks for each performance level.

STAR assessments will occur before the end of the year and will provide year-long growth data.

Respectfully submitted,

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