

Administrator School Board Update 10/11/22
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Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment update

- Fall Assessments are underway! Pond Cove teachers and specialists are busy gathering information about each of our young learners throughout the month of September. The many assessments administered in Reading and Math give insight into students' learning needs, allowing for differentiated instructions to meet the many and varied learning needs.
- Ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students will be taking the PSATs on 10/12/22.
- As part of the Maine Educational Assessment System, students in grades 3-8 and third year of high school will be participating in the NWEA MAP Growth Test during the month of October. Students will be assessed in the areas of Reading and Mathematics. These assessments provide normative data on student performance and predicted growth and are used to inform programming decisions on the student, grade level and school level.

Professional Learning

- Most people think teachers don't work in the summer. Not our Cape faculty! 125 teachers gathered this summer to complete 43 collaborative work projects to enhance pedagogical practice, improve instructional methods, develop curriculum and address specific learning needs. Some of the projects completed:
 - Expanding ELO options across content areas
 - Engaging learners in a block schedule
 - Supporting newcomer families as they transition into our schools
 - Increasing experiential learning opportunities for more MS students
 - Targeted PD for teachers of Multilingual Learners Grades K-12
 - Revising the K-4 report card to better communicate to parents
 - Here's a complete list of [Summer Work Projects](#)
- Teachers who have Multilingual Learners in their classroom participated in a professional development session before the start of school. A highly engaging session led by our ML teachers, Jessica Miller and Emilee Conroe, classroom teachers and specialists learned strategies to best support our multilingual learners in their classrooms. This one-time offering will be required of all teachers of ML students in coming years.
- August 28-30 Opening Days for staff and teachers were packed full of opportunities to reconnect, orient and learn together. Besides the great Opening Day kick-off under the tent celebrating our return, staff gathered in buildings and across departments to prepare for the school year. This included training and informational sessions, staff and team/grade level meetings, and time in individual classrooms.
- On Tuesday, August 29th, teachers and Ed Techs attended two one-hour professional learning sessions led by their CESD colleagues. Staff chose from a variety of sessions, allowing them to choose topics that were of greatest interest and relevance to them. It also provided an opportunity to hear from our own Cape "experts" about the innovative and impactful things happening in our schools. Check out the selections by clicking [this link](#).
- We've welcomed 15 new faculty members to Cape this year. Each teacher, regardless of whether new to the profession or a seasoned veteran, has the benefit of a mentor teacher throughout their first year in the district. The mentor supports, guides and provides collegial feedback. New teachers also attend professional growth sessions throughout the year as an additional layer of support in the first year. These efforts assist in meeting the goal of retaining highly qualified teachers.

Celebrate the Good

- Our newly hired Volunteer Coordinator, Sarah Gagne, has hit the ground running! Already our volunteers are moving through the on-boarding process with great efficiency which means more time and support in our schools and classrooms. You can find out more on our [Volunteer Services](#) Page of the website.

Upcoming Events

- October 7th - Professional Development Day
- October 19th - Mentor training for new mentors
- Fall 2021 - Math Curriculum & Program Review
- November 7 & 8th - Parent-Teacher Conferences/Professional Development