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Greetings 😊

We just finished up our 4th day and I'm happy to report that we are all still here and smiling.

We started out the school year with professional development for our teachers with two separate trainings, but in complete support of each other.

The first one was with our Rubicon/Atlas curriculum development PD, that the teachers will use to map out and align their curriculum. We will be looking for 'gaps' within the curriculum so that we can supplement and address it. The program itself allows teachers to see each other's curriculum maps to ensure that each teacher is aligning their curriculum to the teacher in the grade above them and below them. We will continue to work on this throughout the course of the year.

The second one was our EdDirection PD, which is our three year commitment for school improvement and student achievement. We will have two coaches through EdDirection that will work with both teachers and administration. Scott Christenson will be working closely with the teachers and Laura Scarpulla will be working with our administration. The goal is to increase our teacher's and administration's knowledge base in curriculum, the deliverance of curriculum and how best to work with students that have difficulty or come from poverty. I'm excited to have this opportunity to work with them and the current administrative team.

The middle school has been going fairly smooth. We've had to make adjustments to the schedule; due to testing and lunch, but the students have transitioned in very well. One of the main things I wanted to address this year were the interventions that we used. The Read and Math 180 programs. We've set it up this year to have each intervention set up with an on-grade level or above class, the intervention itself (Read/Math 180) and a program to target the lowest tier. We will continue to monitor the program itself to make sure that it is truly giving our students the foundational skills that they need and if not, we will start to look for a curriculum that does.

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