

# Curriculum News

## RSU No. 67

A newsletter for teachers, staff, and RSU No. 67 board about curriculum, instruction, and assessment.

### Website Resources:

[Productive Struggle Article](#)  
[Computer Science Professional Learning for Middle and High School Teachers](#)

**Assessment Timeline:** Please be sure to check out the [assessment timeline for dates of testing at each school](#).

### District Committees:

The district committee schedule and dates can be found [here](#). There are still some openings in the district committees. If you are interested in participating, please let your building administrator know.

**Mentors/Mentees:** A reminder our second mentor support group meeting is December 9 at 3 in the DO conference room. All materials for mentoring can be found at [this link](#). We will be continuing the work on building level new teacher support books for mentors/mentees. Remember anyone who is a trained mentor can participate in these meetings even if you don't have a mentee this year.

**Book Studies/Site-based PD:** Be on the lookout for more opportunities to participate in book studies. Also, if you would like to facilitate a PD session on an area of strength, let me know. We have monthly technology sessions being offered at MJHS, as well as the opportunity to participate in an online Google Classroom dedicated to learning about technology by using code ppli5. Be sure to access these resources.

**Teacher Evaluation Information:** There are three more sessions after scheduled from 3-4 as well. They are December 4, January 23, and March 19. Use this opportunity to upload evidence, ask questions, and receive support from teachers and administrators on your plan.

**Curriculum Updates:** The DOE has been working on updating the Maine Learning Results content area standards through their comprehensive revision process and cycle. New standards for science and engineering and social studies were adopted in April of 2019. This year, ELA, math, and career and education development are in the revision process. A team of educators met this summer to work on revising the standards and now they are in steps 7-9 of the review process. To find out more about the review process [click on this link](#). Public comment was taken for Visual and Performing Arts, Health, Physical Education, and World Languages this fall. This means a steering committee will be formed to begin the process. Educators who are interested may apply in the spring to be part of the state level revision process. As a district, it is expected to take 2-3 years to adopt new standards. We reviewed last spring the newly adopted standards in science and social studies. I will continue to reach out to teams and individual teachers to work to align all of our documents and make sure resources are available over the course of the next few years as standards are adopted.

### Trauma-Informed/Social Emotional Update and Resources

The Trauma-Informed/Social Emotional Committee is working to provide you with resources. Check out this [link](#) for more articles, links, and videos. Here are fact sheets for each building level around the psychological and behavioral impacts of trauma for kids: [Elementary](#), [Middle](#), [High School](#). Here is a [list of calming strategies](#) for the classroom.

### Service Learning:

Remember if you have an idea for a service learning project, there are funds for each building to support those projects. Check out our [shortened application](#) to apply for use of those funds. They are issued on a first come basis. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the [purchasing protocol](#) once you receive approval. No funds will be issued until an application has been approved by the committee.

### PD Opportunities:

With our PREP partnership you have access to a variety of professional development opportunities. Please [check out this link](#) for the calendar of events for this year. If you would like to participate in a session, please be sure to fill out a workshop request form and let me know. I will register you directly once it has been approved.

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