

Curriculum News

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

<p>Free Resources to Use Interesting TedTalk on Our Experiential Brain Annotated On-Demand Student Writing Samples Understanding Mathematical Practices Maine Integrated Youth Health Survey Data Released (MIYHS)</p> <p>Service Learning: If you have an idea for a service-learning project, please fill out the shortened application. We still have some funds available to support new projects.</p> <p>Mentors/Mentees: Second observations should be completed prior to February 14th if possible. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out. Remember all information related to mentoring can be found here.</p>	<p>Teacher Evaluation Information: There will be a help session for evaluation work on Thursday, January 23 at 3 in the DO Conference room. Anyone who would like to attend to have help uploading evidence, reviewing their growth plan or any other component of the process should attend. All who attend will receive a contact hour.</p> <p>Curriculum Updates: With the new science and social studies standards adopted at the state level, I am currently updating all documents based on the conversations we had last year. I will be sharing those with teams and asking for feedback to make sure they accurately reflect the discussions. Currently, ELA, math, and career educational development are in the revision cycle with an approved adoption anticipated for this spring. With those changes, we will need to review our current documents to check alignment with the new revisions. A timeline will be shared on how that work can unfold moving forward. VPA, Health and PE, and world languages are in the beginning stages of the revision process. Check out this site at the state for more information.</p> <p>Wellness Team Thank you: Thank you to all who participated in the Coast to Coast Challenge. We received \$250 for our wellness committee, as we had the most registrations for our size district. We will use this funding to provide another wellness challenge with a prize for RSU 67 employees starting in February. Be on the lookout for a great way to earn prizes to support health and wellness.</p> <p>NorthWoods Partnership PD opportunity: On January 29th, the NWP will provide a workshop on Understanding Growth Mindset. They will also be offering follow-up sessions for those people who would like to learn more but might not be able to participate in the workshop day. If you are interested in the follow-up sessions, please let me know. You will receive contact hours for participating. There will be opportunities for asynchronous learning, as well as online live sessions.</p>
<p>Trauma-Informed/Social Emotional Update and Resources: The district committee is continually updating the district site with information and resources. All three schools have teams attending workshop sessions this winter and spring. These teams will share more information moving forward.</p>	<p>Professional Development 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.</p> <p>Site-based PD: There are monthly tech help sessions after school. The next one is February 6 at 3 at the junior high. All are welcome to attend. There will be a PD opportunity for staff focused on understanding trauma. This is not a book study, but a chance to learn more about the topic. If you are interested in sharing information with colleagues in a PD session, please let me know.</p>