

Curriculum Coordinator Report:

January 2025

Professional development:

- I attended a NYSED Zoom meeting at Jeff-Lewis BOCES that informed administrators and literacy leaders about the new Pre-kindergarten- 3rd grade Literacy Instructional Best Practices. Education Law 818 now requires that all school districts annually review their literacy curriculum and instruction. Once a year they must submit an attestation that they are implementing evidence and scientifically-based curriculum and practices. This information and review process will be shared with teachers so that we can engage in a collaborative effort to ensure that we comply with this new mandate.
- I am attending a professional development session on evidence-based literacy assessment at SLLB. The workshop will provide information on the most reliable types of assessments for screening, diagnostics, and progress monitoring. The district will also have to attest that they are using assessments that demonstrate reliability (*yields consistent information about what it is trying to assess*) and validity(*measures what it is intended to measure*).
- This process is part of our overall goal of creating alignment and consistency across grade levels and content areas.
- Our teachers taking the LETRS training are about to engage in their third training session.

Data:

- Meetings with the 3-6 math teachers and 3-8 ELA teachers are scheduled in January to do an in-depth analysis of our students' state tests. This will help guide instruction in the last couple of months before the new tests are administered.
- K-2 teachers will be looking at data from the second i ready diagnostic test. Students are taking it now, and it is scheduled to be completed on the 16th of January.

MTSS and AIS:

- The second marking period MTSS meetings are coming up in the next couple of weeks.

Positive School Culture:

- We are in the process of creating a shared-decision making committee to begin looking at the middle and high school student handbooks. This arose out of conversations with staff and students about the dress code and the possibility of an upcoming state-mandated ban on student use of cell phones, during the school day.
- There were a lot of community and culture building activities for the students and staff during the last week before Christmas vacation!
- The elementary students had the opportunity to sing and dance in the high school gym to Christmas songs. Elf on the Shelf and Santa came to visit. This year, the Hand in Hand children participated in the carol singing and Santa visited them. The elementary students at each grade level created some beautiful gifts and cards for the residents at Harrisville Courts. This was an opportunity for them to learn about giving to the community.
- The middle school and high school students had a great time participating in the block party. Teachers put a tremendous amount of effort into planning creative and fun activities for the students. The high school and middle school students were clearly having a blast! A scavenger hunt led to two students winning hoverboards. That led to some big excitement and smiles.