

**MSAD #53 School Board  
Curriculum Report  
November 2011**

To: MSAD #53 Board of Directors  
From: Anne Miller  
Re: Board Report for October 2011  
Date: November 7, 2011

**Curriculum Committees 2011-2012**

School Board members are welcome to attend all curriculum committee meetings.

- English/Language Arts/Literacy – 11/1, 1/5, 4/5, 2/28 (3 - 4:30)
- Math – 11/3, 3/1, 5/3 (3 - 5)
- Science – 11/16, 12/8, 1/26, 3/22, 4/24 (3 - 4:30)
- Social Studies – 12/1, 1/24, 3/8, 5/10 (3 - 4:30)

Curriculum tidbits . . .

- ELA – revisions to universal writing prompts for grades 5-8 to replicate the “on-demand” format of NECAPs; creation of a student-friendly writing guide at PK-4.
- Math – continued positive reports from K-1 teachers about new Saxon implementation; 7-8 teachers are examining a variety of sample math texts from Saxon and Glencoe.
- Music – Mr. Lake is working on plans to extend G/T enrichment to grades 1 and 2.
- Social Studies – Elementary students participated in their annual walk to the food bank to deliver canned and boxed goods; this is a great introduction to our youngest students to the concept of community service and civic responsibility.
- Theater Arts – Mrs. Susi is working with ELA teachers to integrate Shakespearean drama studies and with Science teachers to integrate science and drama around a Zombie theme – not only hip but so appealing to middle schoolers! ☺
- Testing—Fall universal screening has been completed and will be reported on at the meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The NECAP marathon has also been completed. My thanks to Faye, Kristen, and their staffs for a thoroughly professional and positive test event.

**NCLB and Title I**

Copies of our annual district Title IA and Title IIA applications are attached for your information. Please feel free to ask me any questions at the board meeting you might have about the applications.

The state five-year annual review of our district NCLB programs occurs this year with a site visit from the Department of Education on January 6, 2012. The review will focus primarily on Title I. Preparation involves extensive time collecting evidence/documentation that we are meeting federal standards and guidelines. I am confident that we will have a positive experience during the site visit.