

**MSAD #53 School Board
Curriculum Report
February 1, 2010**

I. Curriculum Committee Meeting Dates:

Pk-8 Science – Thursday, February 11th from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Warsaw (Littlefield)
5-8 Health – Wednesday, March 17th from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., Warsaw (Littlefield)
PK-4 Math – Tuesday, February 2nd from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m., Vickery (Library)
PK-4 ELA – TBD
5-8 Math – Wednesday, February 24th 12:30 – 3:00 p.m., Warsaw (Cafeteria)

II. PIE

MSAD #53 and MCI will host a joint PK-12 Parent Information Event – PIE – on *Wednesday, March 24th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.* at Warsaw. Staff members will offer informational sessions for parents/guardians on a variety of topics, such as reading with your primary grade student, helping your child with the Connected Math Program, and the college admissions process. MCI Key Club members will provide babysitting, and Warsaw Student Council members will help serve refreshments – pie, of course! We hope that School Board members will be able to join us for this event.

III. Gifted and Talented Program –

The universal screening process for referrals to the Gifted & Talented Program has begun. Teachers are reviewing their class lists and making referrals this week. I will work the G/T committee to review and gather any additional information needed on students during the month of February. We will notify teachers by March 1st and parents/guardians by March 15th.

IV. Response to Intervention –

The timeline and action steps from the Strategic Plan for implementing RTI will be reported during the Learning Results portion of the Board meeting.

Currently, classroom teachers and Title I staff are piloting various assessments to be used for monitoring student progress. These assessments are often referred to as “curriculum based measures,” or CBMs. A CBM measures specific content and skills. Results are sensitive to student growth over relatively short periods of time (e.g., every 3-4 weeks), and thus are useful for decision-making about instruction.

V. Staff Recognition –

Congratulations to Warsaw Theater Arts Teacher Debra Susi! Mrs. Susi was recognized on Wednesday at the Farnsworth Art Museum, along with several other Visual and Performing Arts teachers, for her work in connection with the receipt of a Fellowship from the Maine Arts Commission. Mrs. Susi traveled to Spoleto, Italy last summer to study directing at the La Mama Institute. Recipients of the fellowships from the Arts Commission were asked to share their experiences and new learning with each other and school administrators at a presentation and reception.

Respectfully submitted,

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