

**MSAD #53 School Board  
Curriculum Report  
May 2010**

**I. Curriculum Committee Meeting Dates:**

- 5-8 Math - Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. and Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Warsaw (Ulrickson)
- K-8 ELA - Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Warsaw (Graham)
- PK-4 Math - Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m., Vickery (Library)
- PK-8 Math - Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Warsaw (Cianchette)

A summer calendar of professional learning and curriculum work has been drafted and is included with this report.

Since the April Board meeting, the Health and Science curriculum teams have met. The Health team reassigned some content and skills areas for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades, since Dan Delano will now be teaching a Health class as part of the allied arts rotation for those grades. We are delighted with this addition to our allied arts schedule. The Health team will meet this summer to plan the "Health Minds and Bodies" event for grades 5 and 6, a supplement to the Health curriculum that will address some of the content of our district Family Life program.

The Science team completed the vertical alignment of the curriculum document. We will meet this summer with the goal of developing one unit kit per grade level. The kits will include everything a teacher needs to accomplish the unit of study, including lab materials, literature, lesson plans and objectives, and assessments.

**II. Title I Schoolwide Planning**

Mike Gallagher, Faye Anderson, and Anne Miller met with state Title I Director Rachelle Tome this month to consult about the progress of our Title I Schoolwide application. We are currently funded under the "targeted assistance" model of Title I. Changing to a schoolwide plan will allow more flexibility in use of staff, materials, and funds. Our Response to Intervention plan is a major component of the schoolwide plan, which must address the learning needs of all students, rather than just Title I identified students. Parent feedback is being sought via a survey available on the district web site.

**III. Professional Development**

The year-long work of our Professional Learning Groups will culminate this month during our half-day in-service on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Each group will set up a display to share the group's topic, goal, and learning outcomes. Staff will circulate through the displays and will look for information in a "scavenger hunt" format to learn about and from their colleagues' work. Participants will also complete a final survey evaluation of the PLGs that will be used to inform planning for next year's groups.

Respectfully submitted,  
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