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Grants (High Ability, Title II, Title IV)

The High Ability Grant final report for 2018-19 was submitted and approved by the state. There is a 2018-19 Title IV Annual Performance Report that I will be completing by January 31 that will document monies spent from Title IV during that school year.

Assessments

I am continually sending all schools updated information on ILEARN, I AM, IREAD3, ISTEP+10, WIDA, and ISPROUT. I viewed an ILEARN pretest webinar.

The ISTEP+ 10 winter retest, the Fall ILEARN Biology, and the CogAT tests have been completed. ISTEP+ 10 math results will be available January 20. Language arts results will be available January 30. All ILEARN Biology results will be available July 1.

I am currently disaggregating the CogAT test results for KD, 2nd, 5th, and 8th grades to prepare for the student high ability identification process for the 2020-21 school year. The winter Performance Series test results will also be used in the identification process. That test will begin later this month. The WIDA test for EL students will open Monday, January 13. Michelle Dunham will be conducting those tests.

The December 17th meeting to look at NWEA as another possible test to replace Performance Series was postponed due to weather. That meeting will now take place on January 23.

MTSS

I viewed an MTSS webinar on interventions and implementation. The next MTSS corporation meeting will be Wednesday, January 15.

High Ability

The corporation high ability coordinators met on Wednesday, December 18. We reviewed the 2019-20 high ability grant document, available funds, program goals, and future goals. We discussed the student identification process using CogAT and winter Performance Series test results, parent notification, and the appeals process. We discussed the need to explain the high ability offerings in both math and language arts as students begin in middle school and move through the high school. We also discussed the need to have a decision concerning AirWays or NWEA testing replacing Performance Series prior to having a Broad-based Planning Committee meeting. The next high ability coordinators meeting will be sometime in February with the Broad-based Planning Committee meeting taking place prior to Spring Break.

Review360

All schools are still in the process of using the Review360 program to evaluate student social/emotional needs. I have reopened the evaluation window for the next two weeks. The counselors will then begin looking at the data to determine the need for individual student social/emotional intervention.

Social/Emotional

The middle school and high school participated in a convocation with Nathan Harmon from Your Life Speaks. He discussed dealing with feelings of anxiety, depression, suicide, and loneliness. He discussed the importance of choices, doing your best, owning up to your mistakes and respecting others. Besides talking both student bodies, he had smaller sessions with students especially dealing with issues and choices, and with student leaders. The five takeaways from all sessions were his emphasis on five healthy habits of the heart and mind which were accountability, transparency, hard work, making good choices, and taking care of people.

State Reports

I continue to monitor state report beginning and ending dates to attempt to keep buildings informed. I have completed the upload of the Special Education report along with the signed summary upload that was due January 10. The Certified Positions and Course Completion reports are now open and are due February 14. I will monitor schools on these reports and provide assistance as needed. Information concerning these reports were sent to schools on January 6.

Special Education

Michelle meets with me regularly to keep me informed of any issues. I will continue to sit in on case conferences as needed and will continue to attend the monthly KASEC meetings.

Library

I have developed a questionnaire for Ms. Bammer to address what she is doing in the various aspects of the library. I will schedule another observation in the next few weeks.

School Safety

Nothing to report.

Other Meetings

Nothing to report.

Other Items

I continue to help with and answer questions concerning Harmony and other day-to-day school operations.