

February 9, 2022
PK-6 Elementary Board Report
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1. Professional Learning Updates:
 - a. Full day of professional learning on January 17, 2022
 - i. Focus areas included Math Interventions, Literacy (Orthographic Mapping), PBIS (Behavior Expectations), and Leader in Me (Action Team Planning)
 - ii. Paraprofessionals were also provided with optional professional learning (Student SEL strategies and Building Safety Protocols)
 - b. Full day of professional learning on February 21, 2022
 - i. Focus areas include Leader in Me (Core 2) and ISASP testing preparation
 - ii. ISASP Testing Dates for Elementary will be March 28-April 1
 - c. Additional professional learning opportunities for teachers:
 - i. Phonological Awareness and Word Recognition course
 - ii. District Science Committee Learning with AEA Science Consultant on January 27
 - iii. Bi-monthly Classroom Management Strategies provided by Mr. Rieken, Behavior Learning Advisor
2. Universal Winter Benchmark Screening Update:
 - a. Grades K-6, Literacy and Math
 - b. Next steps: Data Analysis in Grade Level Team Meetings
 - c. Data indicate a need for Additional Literacy support for Grade 3 needed based on data
 - i. [Proposal to purchase HD Word](#)
 1. ***“HD Word** is a set of lessons that build the important and lifelong foundations needed for all future academic and life success. The lessons systematically teach the essential phonics structures that unlock the English code in both simple and complex words. While the focus of HD Word is word study (phonics and phonemic awareness), there is a high rate of transfer to students’ skills in other areas of reading, such as fluency and comprehension. The net effect is faster, more accurate, and more confident readers.”*
-Really Great Reading
 - ii. Implementation to begin as soon as possible accompanied with training and literacy coaching provided by Cassie Eberly.
3. Partnerships with High School:
 - a. Child Development 2: Integrated Child Development Class (HS Class taught by Nicole Davis)
 - i. HS students have class at the PK-6 building every other afternoon
 - ii. One course requirement is to observe in assist in elementary classrooms

- b. National Honor Society
 - i. Monthly High School Reading Buddies with K-3 students to begin in February
- 4. [Statewide Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund](#) (CSPFIF)
 - a. Iowa Department of Education announced the Computer Science Professional Development Incentive Fund (CSPDIF) grant. Iowa's AEAs are collaborating to write a CSPDIF grant application to help meet the needs of Iowa school districts.
 - b. Funds will assist with implementing a 2020 state law that requires high schools to offer computer science instruction starting July 1, 2022, and middle and elementary schools to provide computer science starting July 1, 2023.
 - c. The Statewide AEA Collaborative grant applications will include:

Elementary CSPDIF Grant Proposal*	Secondary CSPDIF Grant Proposal*
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ BootUp PD ■ Code.org CS Fundamentals & Deep Dive PD ■ CS Micro-credentials asynchronous learning ■ AEA PD Online CS Standards asynchronous modules <p>*All options include teacher stipends of \$160/day.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Code.org CS Discoveries PD (MS) ■ Code.org CS Principles PD (HS) ■ Code.org CSA (Java) PD (HS) ■ Carnegie Mellon CS Academy(Python) (MS) ■ Carnegie Mellon CS Academy (Python) (HS) ■ AEA PD Online CS Standards asynchronous modules (middle and high school)

- 5. February Events:
 - a. National School Counselors Week, Feb 7-11
 - i. PK-3 School Counselor, Audra Riddle and 4-6 School Counselor, Heidi Bird
 - ii. [Kindness Week](#) for Students and Staff
 - b. [Rachel's Challenge](#)
 - i. Based in part on the life and writings of Rachel Joy Scott, the first Columbine victim, Rache's Challenge provides I K-12 assemblies, digital programs, student and educator trainings, and support materials. Rachel's Challenge is a proactive, preventative intervention for school violence and self-harm, with a focus on social-emotional programs that improve connection and mental health.
 - ii. February 9-10 Assemblies for Elementary and High School
 - iii. Community Parent Night on Thursday, February 10, 6:30 PM at PK-6 Media Center
 - c. Parent Teacher Conferences
 - i. February 17, 2022 from 2-7:30PM and February 18, 2022 from 8-12PM
 - d. Schoolstore Fundraiser Udate

- e. Tuesday, 2-22-22 = Two's Day!
 - i. Students and staff will celebrate Two's Day with fun number activities during math instruction and tacos for lunch!