

Assistant Superintendent Report
Region One Schools
March 2019

Curriculum and Assessment

Grade 4 Arts Day - This event will take place on Wednesday, March 13 at the Hotchkiss School. Michelle Mott and Lexie Juch have done a great job of working with the Art and Music teachers to organize a day full of creative workshops and performances. We thank Brad Faus, the Hotchkiss School administration and the Region One administrators and teachers for their continuing support of this wonderful day for our fourth grade students.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL) - Sixteen teachers have volunteered to be part of the Region One task force to help create curriculum and professional development in this area. This group will facilitate the development of the Region One vision and plan to incorporate tools and strategies to support student growth in social and emotional learning.

Computer Science - The State of Connecticut has adopted the ISTE (International Standards for Technology Education) and NCSTA (National Computer Science Teachers Association) standards to support the development of computer science curricula throughout the State. The Region One computer teachers, along with Mike Ellington and the Applications Support Specialist (if approved) will form a team to develop a comprehensive K-12 computer science curriculum that will ensure that Region One students have access to the acquisition of the digital skills they will need a to be successful in school and beyond.

Professional Development

March 15th Regional PD Day - Plans have been finalized for this day, which will consist of:

- a series of teacher-led workshops for the Pre-K-8 teachers, and
- teacher meetings to review student achievement, assessment and social emotional learning at the High School.

The schedule for this day has been created in collaboration with PDEC (Professional Development and Evaluation Committee), the teachers who have volunteered to facilitate workshops, and with the Department Chairs at the High School. The day promises to be a great day of learning for everyone.

Alpine Training - On March 5, a group of thirty teachers and administrators will be trained to use this program which warehouses student achievement data. Later in March, these teachers will then train the rest of the staff to use the program, which will allow easier access to student achievement data that can be used to inform instruction.

State Summative Tests - Spring is the time for students to take the State summative accountability tests. The dates for test administration are as follows:

SAT School Day - Wednesday, March 27

Smarter Balanced and Next Generation Science Tests - April 24-May 14

All schools have been briefed with regard to test administration updates from the CT DOE.

Career/Work Experience Program

Dr. O'Neill continues to make progress with her work in multiple areas including:

- Internships
- Job shadows
- Financial Reality Fair
- Careerpalooza
- UCONN Health Career Day

She is also firming up another exciting day in New York City for the HV@NYC field trip. She will report the details for these plans in April.

Please click on this link to read Dr. O'Neill's full report:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1UW9QUhsBlxoTDpBxMdYDOWx-R2NkScFghlnt3n5qaJk/edit?ts=5c702b21>

English Learner Program Coordination

In February, Mrs. Huber attended the CAPELL (Connecticut Administrators of Programs for English Language Learners) meeting and received new updates from CSDE about ways to support the success of EL students. The meeting included discussion of LAS Links and assessment updates, the Seal of Biliteracy, CELP (Connecticut English Language Proficiency) Standards, Title III Grant updates, and new EL resources.

Mrs. Huber and the Region One TESOL (Teachers of English as a Second Language) teachers met to plan a professional development workshop to be held for Region One teachers on March 15th. They are also making plans for a Regional International Family Night.

Finally, Mrs. Huber continues to visit all of the Region One Schools to administer the annual LAS Links Assessment. She has completed testing at Kent Center, Cornwall Consolidated, and North Canaan. She is currently testing students at Salisbury Central, Sharon Center, and Lee H. Kellogg.

Region 1 Schools EL Population

School	# of EL Students
Housatonic Valley Regional High School	7 students (Spanish, Arabic)
Cornwall Consolidated School	5 students (Spanish and Arabic)
Lee H. Kellogg School	1 student (Spanish)
Kent Center School	3 students (Spanish)
North Canaan Elementary School	9 students (Spanish)
Salisbury Central School	11 students (Arabic, Spanish, French, Bulgarian)
Sharon Center School	1 student (Spanish)
TOTAL	37 students

