

Assistant Superintendent Report
Region One Schools
May 2020

Professional Learning

Friday Workshops - These are continuing every Friday. The workshop topics tend to focus on the use of digital applications or on social emotional issues. Now that teachers have a stronger foundation in the use of digital tools (Google Suite, ScreenCastify and SeeSaw), the digital sessions have evolved to Q&A sessions to help teachers improve their use of these tools. The school counselors, psychologists and nurses have divided their sessions to discuss: 1)grief and loss, 2) building strong relationships with students and parents, and 3) stress management and health issues. Additionally, Tom Krupa and Alicia Simonetti Shpur have done some work with the music teachers in the area of using digital platforms to help with music instruction. All of the sessions have been well attended and we are receiving good feedback about the usefulness of this professional learning work.

Curriculum and Assessment

I have been working with the Principals to prepare a schedule to begin planning for the next school year. At the end of this school year, teachers will be working together in vertical teams (i.e. with the teacher in the next grade level) to review the end-of-year student achievement relative to the expected learning outcomes since the day that school closed. Teachers will then make plans to adjust instruction and assessment for the 2020-2021school year based on any gaps in learning that may have occurred this spring due to school closure. We expect to have plans finalized for the start of the 2020-2021 school year by June 15.

Staffing for 2018-19

We are making progress on filling the open positions for 2020-2021.

School	Position	Status
Cornwall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Middle School ELA ● .5 School Counselor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● filled ● Posted - interviewing candidates
HVRHS	Nothing as of 4/28/20	
Kent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Music Teacher (Choral) (0.4 or less) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Posted externally
Kellogg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Middle School ELA (1.0 FTE) ● Social Studies (1.0 FTE) ● .5 School Counselor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Posted - reviewing candidates ● Posted - reviewing candidates ● Posted - interviewing candidates
North Canaan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Title I Teacher ● First Grade Teacher ● Math Interventionist 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Posted - interviewing candidates ● Posted internally ● Filled
Salisbury Central	Nothing as of 4/28/20	
Sharon	Nothing as of 4/28/20	

Career/Work Experience Program

Dr. O'Neill is dividing her time between: 1) professional learning that will enable her to expand the Career/Work Experience program curriculum when we return to school and 2) supporting current students digitally with career/work experiences in a variety of areas.

Please click on this [link](#) for her full report.

English Learner Program Coordination

Region 1 Schools EL Population

School	# of EL Students
HVRHS	6 students (Spanish)
Cornwall Consolidated School	6 students (Spanish, Arabic, Tagalog)
Lee H. Kellogg School	2 students (Spanish)
Kent Center School	2 students (Spanish)
North Canaan Elementary School	11 students (Spanish)
Salisbury Central School	7 students (Spanish, Chinese, French/Bulgarian)
Sharon Center School	0 students
TOTAL	34 students

Similar to the classroom teachers, Mrs. Huber is managing distance learning by: 1) participating in live SeeSaw or Google Classroom/Meet classes 2) preparing and posting video lessons, 3) video conferencing or messaging (using the translation feature) with students and families, and 4) sending home printed materials to families that need them. Students are responding by sending videos or pictures of the completed activities.

Mrs. Huber just received the official LAS Links score reports for the 2020 assessment on Friday, which she will download and send to parents as soon as possible.