

**Assistant Superintendent Report
Region One Schools
October 2019**

Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

- Human Trafficking - Presentations have started for all teachers in Region One schools. Anne Malisk, from the Susan B. Anthony Project, is coordinating this effort. The first presentation took place at Kent Center School on September 25 for teachers from Kent Center School, Sharon Center School and Lee H. Kellogg School. A similar presentation will be held on November 6 at Salisbury Central School for the other three Pre-k-8 Schools. The HVRHS presentation will take place on November 7.

Two parent presentations on this subject will be held in November, one on Wednesday, November

13 and one on Thursday, November 21. We will be sending information out to parents in early October to let them know about this event.

Finally, students in grades 7-12 will receive instruction about this topic beginning in January of this school year.

- Smarter Balanced and Next Generation Science Testing - Results have been received for both of these assessments. We receive this information for each individual school, but not in aggregate for the Region. Principals will be presenting the Smarter Balanced Assessment information this month. However, since the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards) Assessment data were just reported at the end of September, Board of Education members will hear about these results in November after teachers and administrators have had time to analyze the information.
 - Smarter Balanced Assessment Summary - Most overall scale scores, on average remained flat; however, students in most of the schools showed growth, sometimes significant, relative to targeted expectations. One or two schools showed significant overall growth.
 - NGSS Summary - This assessment is given to students in 5th, 8th and 11th grades. While scores varied by school and grade, the scores, on average are respectable as a baseline for this assessment. For several grade levels, 80% or more of the students showed proficiency.
- NGSS Curriculum - Teachers in grades K-5 are working with staff from the CT Science Center to continue to “unpack” the curriculum purchased from CREC (last year). Grade level teams each have a day in October for this work. Another day is planned for January.

Professional Learning

- Regional Professional Learning Day - Social/Emotional Learning - All Board of Education members are invited to this event, which will be held on October 14th. Keynote sessions given by Mike Anderson and Bena Kallick will be followed by workshops about a variety of topics regarding social/emotional learning.
- PLCs - All of the PLCs will have met for the first time by the end of October. Members are working well together, leveraging past experience to inform future practice.

- Alpine Users Conference - Amanda Kilian, our new Regional Applications Coordinator and I attended the Alpine conference in Denver from September 25-27. We were joined by a group of administrators and teachers from HVRHS, North Canaan and Sharon. The time was well spent learning about the effective use of student data and formative assessment.
- Literacy for All - This is an excellent conference sponsored by Lesley University and held in Providence, Rhode Island in late October. Several teachers from our Pre-K-8 schools will be attending the conference this year. I will be going as well.

Teacher Evaluation

- Collegial Calibrations - Amy Tepper (Revision Learning) and Holly Hollander (CT Science Center) will be working with Pre-k-8 Principles and science teachers to develop a protocol for classroom observation and feedback that is aligned with the NGSS (Next Generation Science Standards).

EL Programming

Region 1 Schools - EL Population

School	# of ELL Students
Housatonic Valley Regional High School	6 students (Spanish)
Cornwall Consolidated School	6 students (Spanish and Arabic)
Lee H. Kellogg School	1 student (Spanish)
Kent Center School	2 students (Spanish)
North Canaan Elementary School	9 students (Spanish)
Salisbury Central School	10 students (Arabic, Spanish, Chinese French/Bulgarian)
Sharon Center School	2 students (Spanish)
TOTAL	36 students

- At this time, the English Learner (EL) population in Region One consists of 36 students ranging from grades Pre-K through Grade 12. The languages represented are Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, and French/Bulgarian. In September, Mrs. Huber visited all Region One schools and administered placement tests to new students who have languages other than English in their homes. Six new students have been identified as English Learners for Region One to start off this school year.
- Mrs. Huber has also met with teachers at HVRHS, North Canaan, Salisbury, Sharon, Kent, Kellogg and Cornwall to go over plans for the EL students in each building. Due to scheduling and the support available at the schools, she will be working with the EL students in North

Canaan, Salisbury, and Sharon on a weekly basis and she will meet with a team of teachers at Kent twice monthly to go over planning for the students there.

- Finally, Mrs. Huber has been working with starting the TELL Progress-Monitoring program for all EL students. We had a positive response from the schools that piloted the program last year and so will implement it for all EL students this year.

Career/Work Experience Program

- The first month of school started out with some new Career Experience initiatives and activities. These include:
 - A mobile Career Cart that can be taken to flex, study halls, and lunch blocks to find students where they are
 - Outreach to self-identified 2019 HVRHS graduates who entered the workforce directly on a part- or full-time basis
 - Renewal of UELP Program
 - Membership in Tristate Chamber of Commerce and Northwest CT Chamber of Commerce. These memberships are invaluable for learning about new opportunities and unearthing potential connections.
- Dr. O'Neill is organizing and attending meetings with area employers and civic groups to learn about opportunities for students and make connections with organizations on behalf of the Career Experience Program and HVRHS.

For a full report from Dr. O'Neill, please click on this [link](#) .