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Superintendent's Report for: November 2019

Updates on: (Superintendent goals are underlined)

Better feedback for teachers on their instruction: The principals and I met for the 2nd time on 11/13 to discuss recent evaluations and share feedback on iObservation data. We're working to create meaningful feedback to teachers on their instructional strategies.

Legislative Issues and involvement at the state and national level to voice and address issues for small rural school districts: Met with Commissioner Makin at our regional superintendent meeting on 11/21 and discussed: Pre-K barriers in starting up programs (I mentioned space issues); Concerns around messaging with test scores that schools are failing and her greatest fears are being confirmed that this seems purposefully driven to privatize education (we're the 3rd largest market behind the military and health costs); Moving our assessment from MEA to NWEA seems like a closer possibility; Amount of staff training being required (at federal level) is not realistic; watch closely the legislative session and labor decisions that could impact budgets; moving to increase funding by 1% to get closer to the promised 55% funding by the state.

Curriculum/Assessment/Achievement/Reporting to focus on improving our Response to Intervention support for students: We met as a Fivetown A Team with Camden Rockport on 11/19 to look at our shared curriculum and discuss time to look over math and social studies standards, also discussed positives and challenges of high school transition and plan to meet again in February. We had lunch in the cafeteria with an opportunity to see former students.

Policies: Currently looking at Policy KI Visitors to the School regarding dogs on school grounds.

Transportation: Bus renewals for HES and AVS by Luce for year 4 of extended contract and LCS by Northeast Charter for year 5 of extended contract

Visits to classrooms: Sarah Michaud LCS ELA 11/5, Dawn Emery ELA LCS 11/14 6th, Jimmy Blackman 5th LCS 11/20; HES Resiliency Workshop 11/25; Tammy King 11/26 5th grade AVS;

Snow day count: HES and LCS have currently used 1 of the 5 snow days allotted. AVS now has 5 back available since they have used 2 workshop days instead of student days to make up their 2 snow days used.

HAL Goals for 2019-2020:

- How can we continue to align our professional development and calendar in our 3 schools, especially for support with our evaluation system and the Marzano instructional model?
- How can we as an administrative team address the challenges and improve on our evaluation model?
- How can we improve our Response to Intervention (RtI) to help support students in the regular instruction programs?

Lincolntonville School Committee Goals

- How can we improve communication and coordination between
- Lincolntonville Central School and Camden Regional High School?
- How can we continue to improve our Gifted and Talented program?
- How can we better support our middle school students with career education opportunities?
- How can we better evaluate and determine the appropriate amount of time our students spend using technology, at school and with the technology sent home from the school?