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Curriculum Report

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2006 Testing Information

● ISAT

- In March 2006, the district's 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade students were tested in the areas of mathematics and reading. Students in grades 4 and 7 were also tested in science.
- As you all know, state-wide issues with the ISBE-contracted testing vendor have been ongoing since materials arrived late last year.
- Official reports, including overall reports for schools, districts and individual students, should be released in the near future.

2006 Testing Information

● PSAE

- Eleventh grade students took the PSAE in April 2006.
- Preliminary scores were reported to districts in mid-October for data corrections. At that time, the state discovered scoring issues with several Illinois districts that have required re-scoring for all day 2 answer sheets. Day 1 scores, ACT scores, are not affected by this problem.
- Official results, including individual student reports and school reports will not be available until all issues have been resolved.

2006 Testing Information

- AYP Status
 - Three conditions need to be met to make AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress):
 1. At least 95% of the students must be tested in mathematics and reading for the “all” group and the subgroups (white, black, hispanic, asian/pacific islander, native american, multi-racial, LEP, students with disabilities and economically disadvantaged).
 2. Students in the “all” group and the subgroups must be meeting the minimum annual target (47.5% in 2006) for meeting/exceeding standards in reading and mathematics.
 3. Schools must meet the minimum annual attendance rate targets in elementary (89% in 2006). The high school must meet the minimum graduation rate (69% in 2006).

2006 Testing Information

- As of Dec. 11, 2006, final AYP Status Reports show that all of our elementary schools, the intermediate school and middle school **HAVE** made AYP for 2006.
- No preliminary AYP status has been determined for CHS at this time.
- School Report Cards, which are required by Illinois School Code to be distributed prior to October 31, will be distributed once the State finalizes all ISAT and PSAE data.
- I will continue to keep you up to date on all information as it is received.

2007 Testing Information

- Sue Homes, Karen Muller, Chris Anielak and I joined a teleconference that explained the Assessment Process through the SIS system for the 2007 Assessments. This covered pre-ID files, uploading, reports and correction files. Dates and deadlines were also discussed.
- ISAT (Illinois Standards Achievement Test) will be administered to students in grades 3-8 from March 12-23, 2007. Students in grades 3-8 will be assessed in mathematics and reading. In addition to that, students in grades 4 and 7 will be assessed in science and students in grades 5 and 8 in writing.



2007 Testing Information

- The IMAGE (Illinois Measure of Annual Growth in English) will be given to those identified students in grades 3-8 from March 12-23, 2007. Students will be assessed in mathematics and reading.
- ACCESS for ELLs (English Language Learners) will be given to identified students in grades K-12. The speaking and kindergarten sections will be administered January 16-February 23, 2007. Reading, writing, and listening will be administered January 16-February 2, 2007.

2007 Testing Information

- PSAE (Prairie State Achievement Examination) will be given to 11th grade students April 25-26, 2007 (makeup dates: May 9-10). Reading, mathematics, science, and writing will be assessed.
- IAA (Illinois Alternate Assessment) will be collected several times throughout the year. This assessment is only for a limited number of special needs students.
- I am attaching a calendar of events for the 2007 testing. This includes contractors being used, test windows, and dates for ordering materials. As you can see from this, it is becoming a year long process to complete the cycle of testing.

2007 Testing Information

- Changes:

- The annual target for students meeting/exceeding standards on the tests increases from 47.5% to 55% this year for the “all” group and the subgroups.
- The graduation rate target increases from 69% to 72% this year.
- The attendance rate increases from 89% to 90% this year.
- Writing is added at grades 5 and 8.

Kindergarten Curriculum

- A group of 6 kindergarten teachers and myself have been meeting regularly since September.
 - We went to the Illinois Kindergarten Standards workshop to learn more about the newly developed Standards.
 - We have revised the report card to be aligned with the new Illinois Kindergarten Standards.
 - A report card rubric is now available for all kindergarten teachers to use as a guide when completing the report cards. Copies were also given to all parents at parent conferences in October. (Twin Echo had been using a rubric and we have just revised it to meet the needs of all teachers) (a copy is attached to report and available on the district web-site)

Kindergarten Curriculum



- A meeting was held for all kindergarten teachers to review the changes to the report card and to discuss the rubric.
- A copy of the Illinois Standards was sent to all kindergarten teachers in the district.
- Benchmark rings were made and distributed to all kindergarten teachers throughout the district to use when planning lessons.

Kindergarten Report Card Rubric

- http://www.unitten.org/pics/db/pdf_gallery/247_KDG_Rubric.pdf

Third Grade Curriculum



- A group of five 3rd grade teachers and I have been meeting since October to make revisions to the report card and to establish a rubric for all teachers to use when completing the report card. (Twin Echo has been using the rubric and we are just tweaking it to meet the needs of all teachers)
- Our next step will be to use information we gathered last year from teachers to align math and language arts curricula with the Illinois Assessment Frameworks.

Grade Level Committees



- I plan to meet with grades 1, 2 and 4 throughout the Spring to revise their report cards and to establish rubrics for each of those report cards.
- The new report cards and rubrics for grades 1-4 will be used beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

Academic Festival



- The Academic Festival will be held on January 25, 2007 and February 1, 2007.
 - Scholar Trivia will be held for the 6th grade students on 1/25/07 at CIS. Students will compete in a “trivia night” format. Each classroom will be represented by a team of 5 students.
 - Students in grades 2-5 will compete on 2/1/07 at CIS and Renfro. Second grade students will compete in writing, third grade in math, fourth grade in social studies and fifth grade in language arts.

Character Plus



- Our district is participating in a county-wide character education grant. This is the second largest grant awarded in the country.
- Leadership teams, comprised of parents, teachers, social workers/counselors and administrators, from all buildings have been attending training sessions for the Character Plus Program.
- The leadership teams will provide training for all CUSD 10 teachers over the next few years.
- Character Plus is based on ten essentials.

Character Plus Results



- Research based evidence has shown the following:
 - Greater student feelings of belonging at school.
 - Greater staff and parent expectations for student behavior.
 - Higher achievement scores at elementary, middle and high school.
 - More positive school health as perceived by students, staff and parents.

English Language Learner Program (ELL)

- The number of identified ELL students has increased by approximately 25% this year.
- We are required to update the information on all students that enroll and/or drop from the program on a regular basis. Kathy Pitzer works directly with the ELL staff to ensure this information is accurate.
- Kathy Pitzer and I attended a two day workshop in Springfield for ELL coordinators.
- Monthly meetings are being held for ELL staff members.
- We have been reviewing materials to use to support our ELL students in the regular classroom.

District Institute

- We will have our yearly institute on January 16, 2007 at CHS from 7:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.
 - Keynote 7:30-8:45
 - Session 1 9:00-10:00
 - Session 2 10:15-11:15
 - Session 3 11:30-12:30
- Our keynote speaker will be Neila A. Connors, author of **If You Don't Feed the Teachers They Eat the Students**. She will also conduct three mini sessions on evaluation methods, skills across the curriculum and a session for administrators.
- Debbie Silver will be presenting three sessions. She was a speaker here last year and got excellent reviews from the teachers. She will be presenting on classroom management, teaching tips and stress management.

District Institute



- We will have approximately 20 choices at each of the three sessions, including topics such as: CPR/AED, School Safety, Kagan Professional Development, AP Course Development, ISAT Preparation, Sensory Integration, IEP development, etc.
- Along with the presentations, we will also have a couple of exhibits from book companies and area teacher supply stores.
- Sessions were developed using results from a needs assessment given to all staff members last spring.