



# Curriculum Report

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# Professional Development

## ■ Kagan Structures for Success

- June 4, 2007 at CMS
- 55 teachers and administrators from Collinsville Unit 10 participated in the day long training
- Kagan Structures provide an opportunity for all students to be actively involved in a positive learning environment
- Teachers at CIS have been using the structures in their classrooms for two years

# Professional Development

- Comments from Unit 10 teachers:
  - “Content was very useful and easy to learn and implement in the classroom.”
  - “A++ ... Hope to see strong improvements in my classroom.”
  - “I learned how to empower my students to aid in their own learning without losing control of the class.”
  - “Awesome! Very useful! I know I will be able to implement it in my classroom.”

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## ■ Kagan Cooperative Meetings

- Susan Homes and I attended a three day workshop to help us conduct more effective meetings and training sessions
- We have already utilized several of the structures during the new teacher induction and training for the teachers using the new media classrooms

## ■ Additional Kagan Professional Development

- Ongoing professional development will be provided to Unit 10 teachers and administrators

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- Every Day Counts: Partner Games
  - 25 teachers, grades K-5 participated in a math workshop on July 11-12 at CIS
  - Teachers received a kit full of activities to use in their classrooms as well as ideas and strategies to use the games to increase achievement in mathematics

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- Comments from Unit 10 teachers:
  - “I received many excellent resources, ideas and activities to use with my students.”
  - “This workshop has given me so many ideas to help make math more motivating and give a more concrete understanding of concepts.”
  - “This workshop was one of the most worthwhile and productive workshops I have been to. I gained an enormous amount of insight and knowledge into teaching math through modeling, manipulatives and visual models.”

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- ELL (English Language Learners)
  - In conjunction with the Illinois Resource Center, Collinsville offered all employees the opportunity to learn more about providing instruction to ELL students
  - Approximately 25 teachers took advantage of one or two days of professional development this summer. Sessions were offered on June 5th and August 7th at CMS.

# Induction and Mentoring Program

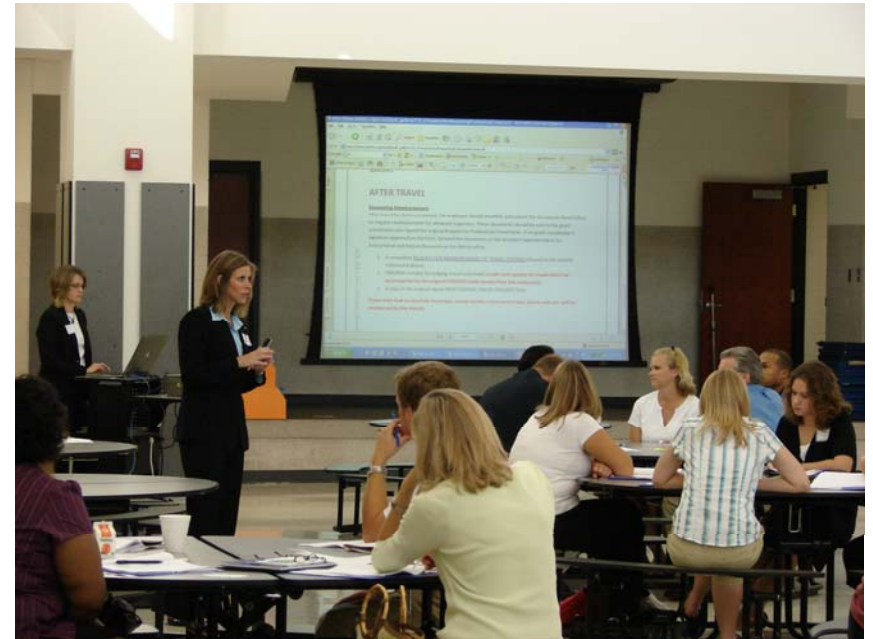
## ■ New teachers

- All newly hired teachers (47) attended training on August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - On August 8th all new teachers came to CMS to hear general information about Unit 10, including things such as; employee benefits, technology, special education, curriculum, assessment, etc. All administrators and mentors joined the new hires for lunch catered by the St. Louis Bread Company.

# Induction and Mentoring Program

- On August 9th the new teachers, mentors and administrators met in their individual buildings to discuss building specific information.
- Mentors
  - A meeting was held for all mentors on August 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the specific responsibilities that need to be fulfilled throughout the school year.
- Online Staff Forum
  - Teachers and administrators will be able to post questions regarding the Induction and Mentoring Program for others to view. Answers will be posted by a central office administrator.

# New Teacher Induction and Mentoring



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# Character Education

- All schools will continue to participate in the county-wide Character Plus Grant this year
- The goal for this year is to increase community participation and support for this program.
- Community members are being asked to display the character traits or support the initiative.
- Brochures have been designed and distributed to all parents at registration. A copy is attached.
- Schools will be sharing information about the “Trait of the Month” at each school board meeting during the 2007-2008 school year.

# Adequate Yearly Progress Status Reports

- Included in your packets you will find copies of the *PRELIMINARY* individual building AYP Status Reports. District reports are not available yet.
- According to these reports CHS, CIS and CMS have not made AYP this year.
- I will provide additional information regarding test scores once the district information is received.
- If you would like to compare the 2006 and 2007 AYP Reports, the 2006 Reports are available on the District's webpage or you can contact me for a paper copy.