

- Grades 3-5 full implementation
- Developed extensive curriculum resources
- Conducted PD at grades K-2
- Implemented additional guided reading resources for grades K-5
- Continued researching reading resources for kindergarten and grade 1

Laura Singer and Helene Spak then provided the Board with grade level reading unit and assessment data samples. The summary of middle school work:

Sixth Grade (Strength of Character)

- Unit 1 and Unit 2 – Survival and Perseverance
- Unit 3 – Relationships and Loyalty
- Unit 4 – Heroes

Seventh Grade (The Individual and Society)

- Unit 1 – Self-Identity
- Unit 2 - Acceptance and Understanding
- Unit 3 and Unit 4 - Justice, Injustice, and Civil Rights

Eighth Grade (The Power, Beauty and Responsibility of an Individual's Voice)

- Author Study
- Characters' Voice
- Memoirs
- Individual Activism

Dr. Olson reviewed the NWEA Results for District 27 with the Board. She stated the scores were exceptionally high, which is consistent with results from other standardized tests administered throughout the year. Every grade level scored within the top 4% of the nation in reading and mathematics, and over 50% of the grade levels are ranked within the top 2% of the nation. At a district level, our goal is to maintain our extremely high performance results. The Curriculum Office will collaborate with the principals and curriculum coordinators to further

review and correlate data in light of the new reading and math curricula. Additionally, the data will continue to be examined to identify individual student needs.

Dr. Olson updated the Board on the administration of the PARCC End-of-Year Assessment. She stated it went very well, including grades 4 and 7 who took the test online. She reiterated that the support necessary for the online testing is significant. She added many students did get logged off the online test at least once. Some students experienced technical problems answering a couple of the questions, which was reported to the Illinois State Board of Education. Dr. Olson stated that if the District has an option, it plans to test two grade levels per building online next year. Otherwise, the District will be required to test all online at all grade levels.

Dr. Olson reported to the Board that the District offers a Science Fair class to the 8th graders. Typically there are 10 to 15 students who are interested in the class. This year there are 29 students who want to participate in science fair. The Administration explored student interest in a Science Expo class and found enough interest to allow a choice between a traditional Science Fair class and a Science Expo class for the 2015-16 school year. The Science Expo class will have fewer restrictions and requirements than the Science Fair class.

Community Comments

None

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PRESIDENT

SECRETARY