



RSU 16 School Board  
 Administrative Report  
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**NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION**

- ✓ Bonnie Robbins, Whittier School Counselor, opened the day with a low stress teambuilding activity.
- ✓ From 9:15 – 10:15 we hosted a **Panel Discussion** of Katie Toothaker, MCS Kindergarten; Jordan Gregory PRHS Senior; Anne Printup, PCS Physical Education; Jessica Harvey, ESS 2nd grade; Logan Landry, WMS 7th grade Social Studies; Jessica Elias Castillo, PRHS Science; Kelly Adams, Whittier Middle School 8th grade Math. Our current staff members shared their stories and gave advice to our new teachers.



*"You're going to make mistakes. Ask for help. Connect with colleagues."*

*"The community makes this place special. Everyone wants to work together and wants you to be part of the team."*

- ✓ Various Directors and Principals gave overviews of different features in our district: **Director of Operations**, John Hawley; **Teacher Evaluation** - Shawn Vincent, Whittier Principal and Patrick Flynn, PRHS Assistant Principal; **Special Education Services** - Holly Day, Special Education Director; **Technology** - Linda Chaisson, Technology Director; **Certification and Association** - Michelle Smith, PRHS teacher, Certification Chair, Association President. Association also meets on Opening Day; **Business Office** - Stacie Field, Business Manager; Stephanie Brochu, Accounts Payable/Benefits Specialist
- ✓ **Suicide Prevention Training** with Hillary Bush, Corey McFadden, Carrie Rhoads, PRHS School Counselors was in the afternoon.
- ✓ **Next steps** - New Teacher Cohort Meetings 3:45 - 4:45 at Elm Street School Conference Room on: Tuesday, September 19, Tuesday, January 23, Tuesday, April 24

**TEACHER LEADERS during Workshop Days and Early Release Wednesday**

- Our elementary task force representatives are leading the work! The **Everyday Math 4 Implementation team** at each elementary school helped design and lead the professional development for our mathematics program. Teachers will participate in a monthly survey to certify that we are meeting building and district professional learning goals. **Science task force team** members led their grade level teams in how to access all of our curriculums in RubiconAtlas (online curriculum storage). Grade level teams reviewed their first science or social studies unit in RubiconAtlas.
- During the first workshop days, elementary teachers participated in Google training mini-sessions on Gmail and Google Drive.

**ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS**

- Curriculum work for English Language Arts (ELA) grades 7 – 12 begins this month. I will begin with one-on-one teacher interviews and a series of walkthroughs to identify **predominant instructional practices, strengths, struggles, and philosophies**. In October, I will share the data with the 7 – 12 ELA teachers.

**#RememberYourWhy – Opening Day Speeches**

- *What's your story? What did you choose to be an educator?* Thank you to Tina Meserve and Jessica Madsen for sharing their why. **Kellie Whitten** designed a card for all staff members to write their “why” to provide a visual reminder of their vision and purpose.

