With only 7 instructional days left as of today’s date, our teachers are working very hard to wrap up the 2016-2017 academic school year. At this time, we have completed the following end-of-year assessments: NWEA MAP, K-PREP, End-of-Course, and Advanced Placement testing. The last 7 days will be very busy as we graduate our seniors, transition our students to their next grade level, and finish up this academic school year. Also, we have professional learning that will be taking place May 23-26 and throughout the summer as we prepare for the 2017-2018 school year!

Over the course of the last month, April 12, 2017 - May 10, 2017, I have worked on the following items:

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPERVISOR

➢ Dr. Stafford, Heather Alger, and I continue to meet with OVEC to continue our active implementation work as we learn to build systems and processes in what we do. Engage NY continues to be the focus, and we will learn how to apply this process in other areas throughout the district. Maurice Bowling Middle School’s Building Implementation Team continues to pilot this work in their math improvement efforts. We had our monthly Building Implementation Team meeting on April 20th at MBMS. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 15, 2017.

➢ We conducted our District Capacity Assessment for our active implementation work on April 21st. We will have our data in the coming weeks and will revise our action plan as we work towards improving our implementation of Engage NY at MBMS and throughout the district.

➢ Throughout the last month, Dana Gill (District Data Manager) and I have worked with each building to help assist with curriculum planning, student growth goals, and end-of-year data reporting of assessments.

➢ Heather Alger, Sharen Hubbard, Donette Gaines, Duane Kline, and myself attending a follow-up training for instructional rounds on April 24th. This will help us as we put together plans for implementation in the 2017-2018 academic school year. We will be meeting this summer to discuss our plans and develop our formal action plans. This work will strengthen our work around improving teaching and learning in classrooms. The focus is on “problems of practice” and our continuous improvement work.

➢ I attended the Northern Kentucky University job fair on April 24th. I met several teacher candidates and invited them to come and see all the great opportunities and resources there are for them in Owen County. Several have applied for some of our open positions throughout the district.

➢ Dr. Stafford and I attended the Northern Kentucky Excellence in Education Dinner at BB&T Arena on NKU’s campus. Our goal is for some of our staff and students to be recognized at this event in the future.

➢ We held our monthly District Implementation Team meeting on April 27th. During our meeting, we discussed our data from the capacity assessment and goals over the next month. In May, we will be planning for the 2017-2018 school year.
On April 28th, we celebrated OCES receiving Lighthouse Status. They are the 290th school to receive this honor in the world. Congratulations to all students and staff for their hard work over the last 4 years! This is truly an honor for the school, our school system, and the community.

On May 2nd, I met with the career and technical education teachers at OCHS to discuss each program, our work based learning plans, and the focus for the 2017-2018 school year.

Dr. Stafford, myself, and other district leadership participated in the “Seal the Deal” event at OCHS. It was a great event and showcased all of our students who have college, military, or trade school plans after graduation. This was the first time for this event. We will definitely be doing this again next school year. Thanks to Mr. Doug Wainscott and the rest of the staff who made this day happen!

I met with Lisa Allen, Carrie Wilhoite, Gail Forsee, and the STLP students to discuss their plans and potential projects for next school year. We discussed district and community needs that could be met through various student projects.

On May 8th, I met with Sharen Hubbard and Heather Alger to discuss the revision of our Early Entrance Policy for preschool students and those entering Kindergarten. We will be revising the policy over the next couple of weeks and will be presenting to the board for review and approval.

I met with Doug Wainscott and Rusty Wilhoite on May 8th to discuss all the forms and plans around our revamp of the work based learning program through career and technical education. Mr. Wilhoite will be meeting with eligible students next week and will be making plans and developing the program over the summer for implementation in the 2017-2018 school year.

OCES held their annual Color Run on May 8th to kickoff this year’s K-PREP administration. As always, the students and staff had a blast cheering our students on!

At this time, MBMS and OCHS has completed K-PREP testing. OCES will be done this week as well. Once makeups have been completed, we will have completed all of our spring assessments. The only thing left will be final exams at OCHS.

As the instructional supervisor, I continue to monitor classrooms and student performance through involvement in PLCs, classroom visits, and meetings with teachers. We have a great staff that works hard each day to meet the needs of our students!

Carrie Wilhoite, Lisa Allen, and I continue to meet to discuss technology needs across all buildings as well as plan for logistics of upcoming projects and professional learning with staff during this second semester as well as this Summer.

The Summer Enrichment Program, “STEAM into Summer 2017” has finally come together. Registration forms have been returned and our numbers are finalized! At this time, we have 200 students registered K-8. We have around 120 registered for elementary and 80 for the middle school. As stated last month, we are excited about the opportunity to expand programming to two weeks. Between UMC providing breakfast and lunch, as well as Kentucky American Water providing programming for the second week, we have been able to double programming for less than we spent the previous year. This is a great opportunity for students and parents as we extend learning into the Summer!
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FEDERAL PROGRAMS/GRANTS

➢ On May 10th, Kathy Faulkner and I met on Fund 2 for the tentative budget. We examined all state and federal grants. At this time, we have all allocations for the state grants. In terms of federal grants, we are still waiting for our Title I, II, and VI allocations.
➢ Kathy Faulkner, program directors, and I continue to meet and close out our local, state, and federal budgets for 2016-2017. At this time, we will continue to meet with building principals and bookkeepers to review and monitor our programs. We will be meeting with principals and bookkeepers in the next month to close out 2016-2017 as well as finalize plans for 2017-2018.
➢ We submitted our Perkins budget for the 2017-2018 school year and are waiting for KDE approval. We have also updated the budget in MUNIS to reflect the submission as well.
➢ I continue to meet with Becky Gibson, Community Education Coordinator, to discuss parent and community engagement efforts that tie to our Title I program. She is in the process of conducting home visits and working with the parents and community as we focus on engagement in our schools.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

➢ Dr. Ted Hodgson continues to work with math teachers at Maurice Bowling Middle and Owen County High Schools in addition to our consultant, Debbie Thompson, from OVEC. Training is ongoing throughout the school year.
➢ Lynn Schwallie, from OVEC, continues to work with our ELA (English/Language Arts) teachers across the district.
➢ The exploration of standards-based grading continues to be researched by our schools.
➢ Dr. Stafford and I continue to meet to discuss business collaboration, professional development, dual credit, leadership development, and learning opportunities for students and staff. Our goal is to increase learning opportunities for all students in reading and mathematics as we increase the number of our students college and career ready.
➢ As I have stated before throughout this report and the previous months, we will continue our focus on reading and mathematics with curriculum alignment, professional learning communities, and student engagement through high-impact instructional strategies.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

➢ Work Ready Community Update: We presented on April 11th at Bluegrass Community and Technical College with Mark Stallons and the other Owen County Community Leaders. I am proud to announce that Owen County was awarded “Work Ready in Progress” status.
➢ We continue to collaborate with the Owen County Public Library. They continue to provide resources and support in our literacy work. Our next meeting with the Owen County Public Library is in August.
➢ As always, Dr. Stafford and I are looking for ways to engage the community and find collaborative partners to work with our schools.

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