

Brandywine Heights Area School District

200 West Weis Street, Tipton, PA 19562



Superintendent Report

January 8, 2018

Curriculum/Instruction:

1. Read 180

- Read 180 Next Generation (our current program) has some curricular gaps - specifically with writing. Read 180 Universal (their new program) fixes many of these gaps. This solution is currently being investigated.

2. Lehigh Valley Writing Project Professional Development

- As part of our ELA curriculum revision, a heavy emphasis is going into our writing progression. We have reached out to known experts at Penn State, who have referred us to the Lehigh Valley Writing Project. We are working with a representative from this organization to help provide some professional development, as well as assist in our review of the ELA curriculum (specifically the writing component).

3. Star 360

- Renaissance Learning's new program, Star360, is currently being investigated.

4. Kindergarten Registration

- We have built a new InfoSnap digital enrollment packet specifically to streamline the process for Kindergarten registration.

5. One Button Studio

- As part of the Makerspace implementation plan, all components needed for the One Button Studio at the high school have arrived. Assembly of this studio started on January 4th.

6. Career Readiness Indicators

- As part of the ESSA regulations and the Future Ready PA Index, districts must provide evidence in grades 5, 8, and 11 that certain criteria are met in relation to career readiness. We are currently establishing our procedures.

7. Text Dependent Analysis

- The next step for Text Dependent Analysis professional development focuses on the assessment of students' written responses. This session will be held on January 9th.

8. SAT Training

- The new SAT Score Reports are greatly improved. Training on how to navigate them will occur at the BCIU on January 11th.

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9. Summer Learning Coalition

- The next meeting for the countywide coalition will occur on January 30th. The goal for this meeting is to hear information regarding a grant opportunity, as well as help consolidate summer programs available to families.

10. Math Fluency Practices

- An investigation into our practices for math fluency in grades K-5 began in November. A follow-up meeting is scheduled on January 23rd. The goal of this meeting is to ensure we have appropriate and consistent approaches for fact practice.

11. High School Science Qualifying Criteria

- Like mathematics last year, we are solidifying our qualifying criteria for students to enter into different 9th grade science courses (i.e. - Honors General Science and Honors Biology).

12. High School Art Acceleration

- In an attempt to accelerate appropriately prepared artists at the high school, a set of qualifying criteria is currently being developed. Students that would qualify would skip the typical "Foundations of Art" and move directly into a more advanced course.

13. Algebra I High School Site Visits

- A core team of teachers and administrators will be visiting Exeter, Muhlenberg, and Upper Perkiomen School Districts during January/February in an attempt to better understand the root cause of their successes (achievement and growth) - and then replicate those practices.

14. Brandywine Heights Virtual Academy

- The VA has 180 students enrolled to date

Technology:

1. Technology Advisory Committee

- Members of the committee and selected students have been using the demo devices we are currently exploring to provide feedback to help us better make an informed decision regarding our next devices.

2. Mail Filter

- On January 11th the District will transition to a more robust mail filter.

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Athletics:

1. Character Education

- N/A

2. Student/Community Involvement

- The next Student and Parent Athlete Advisory Council meeting will be held on January 8th

3. Athletic Excellence

- Boys Basketball
 - Qualified for the championship game in the Hamburg Tip-Off Classic
- Girls Basketball
 - Won first game in the Hamburg Tip-Off Classic
 - Championship game was postponed due to weather (rescheduled for January 13 at Hamburg VS Tri-Valley)
- High School Wrestling
 - Program is building momentum under first year Coach Whalen
 - Sam Lovello Invitational was held on December 9th for 12 schools
- Cheerleading
 - It is great to have cheerleading back at Brandywine Heights under the direction of Jenna Grant and Erin Ketner.
 - They have started cheering at home wrestling and basketball games

Brandywine Heights Community Task Force:

1. After School Program (Middle School)

- The Task Force is making a financial contribution to allow for an additional staff member, as the program continues to grow (~40 students/day)

2. 4th Annual Community Christmas Caroling

- The Tipton Borough, HS Band, HS Chorus, and Trinity Lutheran Church helped make this another successful event

3. Family Night (March 22, 2018)

- The Task Force and SADD Club are collaborating on the planning of a Family Night for this spring

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 District Enrollment Board Report
 January 2018

Class of	Grade	Total Enrollment	Staff 2017-18	Average Class Size	Students with Academic IEPs (with possible related services)		Free/Reduced Lunch students		Virtual Academy Full Time	Virtual Academy Part Time/Blended
2030	Kindergarten	89	5	17.80	6	6.74%	31	34.83%	2	0
2029	First Grade	101	5	20.20	17	16.83%	32	31.68%	0	0
2028	Second Grade	104	5	20.80	26	25.00%	43	41.35%	0	0
2027	Third Grade	102	5	20.40	18	17.65%	28	27.45%	0	0
Elementary		396								
2026	Fourth Grade	82	4	20.50	25	30.49%	28	34.15%	0	1
2025	Fifth Grade	113	5	22.60	32	28.32%	42	37.17%	1	1
Intermediate		195								
2024	Sixth Grade	107	5	21.40	21	19.63%	31	28.97%	1	1
2023	Seventh Grade	119			23	19.33%	30	25.21%	2	0
2022	Eighth Grade	123			36	29.27%	32	26.02%	1	1
Middle School		349								
2021	Ninth Grade	101			16	15.84%	30	29.70%	3	20
2020	Tenth Grade	120			17	14.17%	32	26.67%	2	39
2019	Eleventh Grade	120			29	24.17%	23	19.17%	5	43
2018	Twelfth Grade	114			21	18.42%	22	19.30%	7	50
High School		455							17	152
Out of District Placements					7					
Totals		1395			294	20.45%	404	29.36%	24	156