



College Station Independent School District

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MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Clark Ealy, Superintendent
From: Dr. Penny Tramel, Chief Academic Officer *P. S.*
Date: March 8, 2019
Subject: Receive report on Curriculum Development in CSISD
Agenda Item: H-3

BACKGROUND

The curriculum team was trained on Level I Audit training on October 17-19, 2017. Based on our learning, we examined the curriculum we currently had in place and developed a plan of improvement that provides for equity in learning across the district. The curriculum team, principals, assistant principals and around 150 curriculum writers received training on the Understanding by Design (UbD) structure of designing learning. In the summer of 2018, curriculum writing teams, with the assistance of the Understanding by Design organization spent a week working on curriculum for our four core content areas. All staff were trained in August of 2018 on the components that make up a strong curriculum and the expectation was set that all teachers would follow the same scope and sequence of instruction across the district. During the 2018-2019 school year, the curriculum team and principals have monitored the following of the scope and sequence and have continued to develop teachers' knowledge of the components of UbD. This school year, the curriculum writing teams, principals, and assistant principals have received training on how to write essential questions and performance assessments aligned to unit plans. In the summer of 2019 curriculum writing teams are scheduled to come back together to write performance assessments for each unit of study, refine essential questions, and screen resources aligned to each unit of study.

RECOMMENDATION

The CSISD Board of Trustees will receive an update report on the development of our curriculum in CSISD.

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