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Sharon School Directors' Report

It is hard to believe that the summer recess is almost over, and we are quickly approaching our professional development in Literacy for new hires, new teacher orientation, and professional development in mathematics through UVMI (Math as a Second Language). We will also begin to articulate our plan to address writing and science. To this end, teams have been meeting on a regular basis throughout the summer months to plan/develop their Road Map for Success. It is all very exciting, and I'm looking forward to having our faculty/staff and students back in the building very soon. I also expect that we will have the official recommendations and supporting documents on Covid-19 from the VT Agency of Education and Department of Health by the end of the week. I'll then be working in conjunction with our Covid-19 Coordinator, Shane Oakes to get communication out to our families.

1) *The WRVSU will form and sustain a comprehensive MTSS that:*

- ***Utilizes evidence based best practices in instruction***
- ***Utilizes student data to ensure student growth***
- ***Encourages a rigorous, innovative and relevant learning environment***
- ***Encourages the integration of PLP and Flexible Pathways to best meet the needs of all students.***

You will all receive a data report from Principal Haley on the spring of 2021 SBAC results. The focus of the data is on how to best utilize it in order to inform our instructional practices so that we take the next step in increasing student achievement/learning. To this end, we will begin our WRVSU-wide Professional Development in the Data Wise approach from Harvard University. This p.d. opportunity will begin on Thursday, August 19.

We are looking to implement more relevant and experiential learning opportunities into our elementary schools across WRVSU. To this end, we will begin piloting the concept of Capstone Projects. This work will begin at RSUD this school year, and inform our work across WRVSU.

I'm pleased to report that we have secured the funding to make certain that a licensed school based clinician is assigned to Sharon and Strafford schools. This person will provide intensive therapeutic intervention to our students. This position will be a contracted service provided by the Clara Martin Center.

2) WRVSU will implement a PK-12 Proficiency Based Learning System. WRVSU school will utilize a comprehensive approach to ensure relevancy, rigor, and personalization. This will be achieved through the following:

- **Curriculum**
- **Instruction**
- **Assessment**

I've been very pleased with the addition of both Anda Adams and Annette Rhoades to the WRVSU administrative team. Anda will be working diligently with teams of teachers/administrators to take the next step forward in the development and implementation of our WRVSU curriculum and proficiency based instruction/assessment. There is a great deal of work to be done in this area, but the work is critical to ensuring equity across the WRVSU schools.

To the same end, Annette is working with her team to understand how we can better ensure interventions/services are implemented not only with fidelity, but in a manner that makes certain that appropriate rates of growth are realized. It is critical that our interventions are closing the academic and social/emotional achievement gaps. Otherwise, we won't be able to realize our goal of ensuring all our students reach their greatest potential.

I'm pleased with the hires that have been made and the candidates that Principal Haley has to share with you on Tuesday evening. They all share a belief that all students can achieve, that social/emotional and academic success are both equally important, and that lifelong learning and professional development are critical to continuous improvement.

3)The WRVSU will improve student learning and increase equitable educational opportunities through the development of a culture that promotes interdependence among all stakeholders and enhances student achievement,choice and voice.

I'm including the resumes for hire and draft #4 of the Anti-racism policy. Please review all of these materials prior to the board meeting. The board will also be taking up the concept of planning an annual retreat for either late August or early September. Finally, a reminder that we will be meeting in person at the Sharon Elementary School at 6:00 p.m. We will also be providing virtual access to the meeting, if you prefer to join remotely.

Respectfully,
Jamie Kinnarney,
Superintendent of Schools, WRVSU