

APSD145 Team

Message – January

2019

Announcement: Teaching and Learning Department made possible by Evidence Based Funding

Evidence based funding has allowed for and our Board of Education has approved the creation of a Department of Teaching and Learning under which the following new positions will function:

1 Director – Ms. Camille Hogan will provide direct support and feedback to all instructional and administrative staff on the development of district-wide school improvement efforts and the related programs that support student services grades Pre-K through 8. This position focuses on matters related to the development and delivery of instructional programs, assessment, professional development, and works in conjunction with our other new department – technology. Management of instructional services based on the effective use of data, collaborative processes that include all stakeholder groups, and the use of research based instructional strategies fall under her direction. Through close relationships with instructional and administrative staff, Ms. Hogan will make recommendations about budget and staffing projections/allocations for the improvement of our instructional programs, handle state reporting requirements and write for grants.

2 Media Center Specialists 1 for Grades PK-4 and 1 for Grades 5-8 TBD - Posted

4 Math Instructional Coaches 2 for Grades PK-4 and 2 for Grades 5-8 TBD - Posted

2 Reading Specialists for Grades 5-8 TBD - Posted

1 Accelerated Placement/Gifted Program Facilitator – TBD and/or possible pending 2020/21

By implementing EBF, Illinois is choosing to put education and children first. Let's hope this is sustained and built upon. Our Funding Adequacy Level is only near 60% however, the State Board of Education has requested full funding of this initiative by 2027. Here is the research that says we are most lacking in instructional supports for our teachers.

<http://picusodden.com/state-studies/> Not that we didn't know this! We've all been waiting for the opportunity to fully support teachers by allowing them to create the most effective, rewarding and inspiring learning environments to meet the evolving needs of students. Our shared commitment to education remains at the forefront of everything we do, now and in the future.

Stay warm this weekend,

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