Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development

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Budget Priorities:

- Strengthening our current programs and practices through increased support
- Areas of focus include:
    - The connection between assessment, curriculum, and instruction
    - 6th-8th grade Science
    - Technology instruction/integration throughout the curriculum
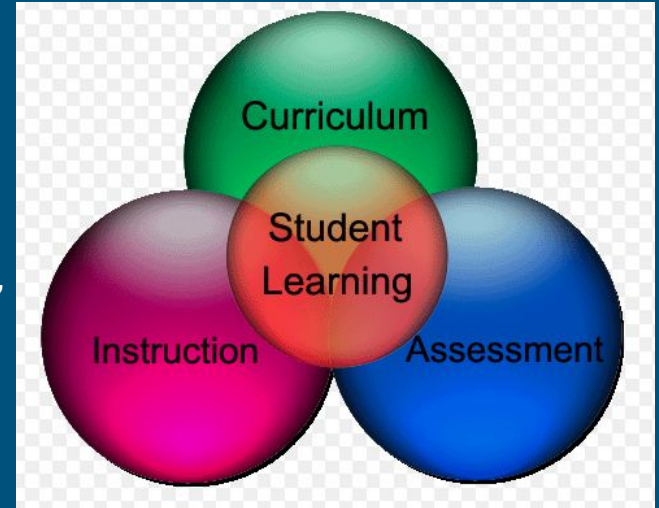   - Literacy instruction

Assessment - Instruction - Curriculum

- Goals:
    - Tighten the connection between the district's curriculum, assessing student understanding of the curriculum, and targeting instruction to meet students' learning needs.
    - Strengthen parent's ability to support student learning by providing better information on student progress
- Supports to meet these Goals:
    - Genesis - Student information system that teachers will utilize to access curriculum, develop lesson plans, and log and report out assessment information to parents
    - Ongoing professional development focused on the connection between these domains

6th-8th Grade Science

- Goal:
    - To better support instruction and assessment of the Next Generation Science Standards
- Supports to meet the Goal:
    - Investigation of science programs that were developed for the Next Generation Science Standards and also have strong technology components
        - Example: Amplify Science
    - Ongoing professional development around new science assessment methods

Technology Curriculum and Integration

- Goals:

    - Build upon the integration of technological skills already being fostered in the 3rd-8th grade classrooms with improved tools
    - Ensure that the technology curriculum moves students forward in line with 21st century competencies

- Supports to meet these Goals:

    - iPad carts in the technology classroom
    - Professional Development - ongoing support for the management of iPads and integration of technology into the classroom
    - Curriculum revisions/rewriting to integrate the new "Learn to Code" Swift classes

Literacy Instruction

Goal:

- Continue to grow literacy in Reader's and Writer's workshop as well as across the content areas.

Supports to meet the Goal:

- Provide ongoing professional development based on teacher's needs through the use of coaching