



SACHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Our Story

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Professional Development

Education is ever-evolving, making it necessary for our staff to engage in professional development throughout their tenure. Our goal is to ensure all district professionals gain the skills, knowledge and strategies required to best suit the needs of their students. Professional development not only ensures that our professionals achieve the best learning outcomes for students, but that they also become more effective in various other aspects of their work.

Research indicates that teacher quality is the single most powerful influence on student achievement, so it is essential to ensure that teachers are provided with ongoing, high-quality professional development to sustain and enhance their practice. The professional development needs of the school community, including administrators and support personnel, must also be addressed to ensure a focus on continuous improvement for the achievement of all students.

Every year the district offers its teachers, faculty and administrators professional development programs to advance their academic knowledge, skills and techniques so that they grow as professionals. A recent Superintendent's Conference Day provided a unique opportunity for targeted and specific training for teachers, including professional development and advancement workshops, some of which are detailed below. Other workshops for the day included Secondary Writer's Workshop; Literacy Practices Across the Content Areas; Deeper Literacy Training; Collegial Conversation: CTE Programs; Math Readiness Review/Growth Mindset; Guidance Practices; NGSS and PBL Curriculum Review; Collegial Conversation: Reading Strategies; Social and Emotional Needs of Immigrant Students; Overview of the

Tri-State Consortium; Computer Basics; Google Drive, Sites and Classroom; and Understanding Dysgraphia.

Peer-to-Peer Education

Jonathan Chiaramonte, a teacher at Sachem High School North, spoke about engaging students through deep conversations, further recognizing the importance of their social and emotional health. He explained that the peer-to-peer education class gives students an opportunity to dialogue with teachers about real-world problems that are important to them, thereby opening up the lines of communication.

During the workshop, teachers participated in multiple activities that the students take part in during the full-year social studies elective.



Art Adobe Mac Training

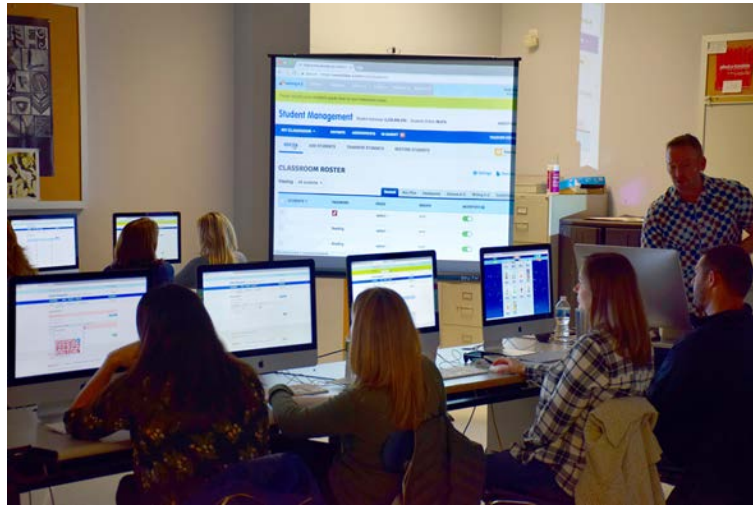
James DiGregorio, the senior network designer from News 12, joined educators to hold a workshop focused on improving skills in two Adobe Suite programs, After Effects and Premiere. The educators explored aspects of keyframing, editing and the program effects offered by each application.



Reading A-Z (RAZ)

Educators were led through an interactive workshop presented by Reading A-Z Account Manager Andrew Waters. Reading A-Z is a blended learning platform that offers reading activities across 29 difficulty levels, enhancing the capabilities of educators to instruct students who may be on varying levels of literacy. The program strengthens the parent-classroom connection by providing students access to the program at home. Reading A-Z also provides

valuable student performance data, which allows educators to accurately gauge a student's reading performance.



Wellness: Meditation and Yoga Practices

Danielle Gagnon, a third-grade Merrimac Elementary School teacher, led fellow educators through multiple yoga poses that focused on effective breathing, strength, flexibility and mindfulness.



Assistive Technology Within the Classroom

Amanda Krauszer, a teacher at Sachem High School North, and TJ Nardolillo, a teacher at Samoset Middle School, led educators through a presentation on assistive technology available to students throughout the district. Assistive technology is any item, piece of equipment, software program or product system that is used to increase, maintain or improve the functional capabilities of persons with disabilities. The presenters explained both high- and low-tech assistive devices that can help individuals work around their challenges by playing to their strengths. The workshop participants also explored multiple assistive sensory and seating devices to aid students during their time in the classroom and beyond.



As with any district in New York State, we are required to adopt a professional development plan that focuses on the improvement of the quality of teaching and learning through participation in professional development. To view the plan, please visit this link: www.sachem.edu.

The district will continue to place a significant emphasis on the development of all staff members. Specialized workshops will be hosted throughout the school year by parties both in and out of the district and will serve various purposes aligned with district goals.

Featured News

A World of Opportunities for Sachem Students

At a recent Board of Education meeting, several Sachem Central School District faculty members and students delivered a comprehensive presentation on the career and technical education programs offered at both Sachem High School East and North, a program that encompasses technology, business, and family and consumer science disciplines. [<read more>](#)



Sachem Students Share Kindness

Sachem ROCKS – Reach Out Choose Kindness Sachem. A simple acronym with a meaningful message is blanketed across the new kindness rock garden in front of Sachem High School North thanks to a program to promote kindness in a unique way. [<Read More>](#)

Tamarac Teacher Turns Broken to Beautiful

Art students at Tamarac Elementary School have been working toward something special this year as part of a recycled rainbow-crayon reward program promoting teamwork, respect and recycling within the classroom. [Read More](#)



Wenonah Read to Feed

Wenonah Elementary School connected literacy and learning during a recent community service initiative – the Read to Feed food drive. [Read More](#)

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Board of Education

The Board of Education is composed of nine community members elected by district residents to serve overlapping three-year terms of office. The Board has the responsibility to ensure that all students receive the best education possible, as well as to express and represent the views of the community in matters affecting education.



Upcoming Meetings

December 6, 2017

BOE Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Samoset MS - Board Room

December 20, 2017

BOE Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Samoset MS- Board Room

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View the latest presentation on the Career and Technical Education Program

[See the Presentation Here](#)

View the presentation on the Tri-State Consortium.

[See the Presentation Here](#)

On September 27, 2017, the Board of Education voted to adopt their goals for the 2017-2018 school year. [Read more about it here.](#)

View the presentation on the districtwide safety plan, as well as the plan itself, here:

[District Safety Plan Presentation](#)

[District Safety Plan](#)

Upcoming Events

Today	Day	Week	Month
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The Sachem Family (students, parents, employees and residents) works interdependently to develop leaders of great character who are highly competent, confident and caring. Most importantly we are motivating our students to become the best possible version of themselves.

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