

Greetings, Brandon Families!

Just like that we are already quickly moving in to the second grading period of the school year! Report cards will be going home on October 15 for the first quarter of the school year. Now is an excellent time to update the community on our continued work towards becoming "Intentionally Exemplary".

As I have shared previously, I have four main areas of focus for this school year: communication, IB (International Baccalaureate), Special Education, and growth for all students. Recently, our Leadership Team, which consists of 13 teachers and all members of the administrative team, wrote our Continuous Improvement Plan for this school year. In writing this plan, the team analyzed longitudinal data, survey/perception data, and current instructional programs and practices in order to set concrete and measureable goals for the school year. Below, I have listed the goals written in our plan and showed the connection with my four focus areas. As you will see, we are staying busy, but more importantly, we are confident that we are focused on the right work, work that is intentional and will lead us to being exemplary.

**Goal #1 (aligned to Focus Area of Growth for All Students):** By June 2015, we will adopt a formal school wide writing plan for implementation in the 2015-2016 school year informed by gathering of student writing data and research of instructional strategies aligned with CCGPS and GA Milestones.

**Goal #2: (aligned to Focus Area of Special Education):** By June 2015, the achievement gap between Students with Disabilities and Regular Education students will decrease by 5% in each content area.

**Goal #3: (aligned to Focus Areas of IB and Growth for All Students):** By June 2015, a scope and sequence/pacing guide for all grade levels and content areas aligned with CCGPS and the IB framework will be created and ready for implementation in 2015-2016 SY.

Through working strategically towards the accomplishment of each of the goals above and through a continued focus on improved communication, we are poised to achieve the vision of maintaining our level of excellence while becoming "Intentionally Exemplary". The goals above will allow us systematically to provide an excellent education "on purpose"! While we work behind the scenes on the goals above, our daily work with students continues to be focused and engaging, ensuring that we maintain the level of excellence for which Brandon is known!

Thank you for taking the time to read about our continued work. I am enjoying continuing to meet parents and families. Please stop and say hello when you are visiting the school, and do not hesitate to reach out if I, or any member of my team, can be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Kara Stimpson

Principal