

The WVDE Office of Leadership and System Support: **Spring 2020 Professional Learning Series**



5/12/20 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Supporting Students in a Complicated World**



- » **Presenter:** Dr. Jim Harris, Associate Director of Training, Marshall University Autism Training Center
- » **Grade Level Covered:** PK-12
- » In this session Dr. Harris explores the impact of trauma and toxic stress on the development of students. Keeping that impact in mind, Dr. Harris will identify key developmental experiences that help to build resilience in student and explore ways that schools can help to provide those experiences. The focus of this session is practical understanding along with real-world strategies.

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5/19/20 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Family Matters: Purposeful Partnerships for Student Success**

- » **Presenter:** Alexandra Criner, Coordinator, West Virginia Department of Education
- » **Grade Level Covered:** PK-12
- » Research has consistently shown students whose parents were involved with their schooling, regardless of income or background, were more likely to earn higher grades and test scores, enroll in higher-level programs, pass their classes, and earn credits. These students also attended school more regularly, exhibited better social skills and school behavior, and were more likely to graduate and go on to postsecondary education. In this one-hour session, consisting of a thirty-minute presentation followed by a discussion, participants will learn research-based practices to help parents, students and teachers combat the issues surrounding family engagement – and not each other.

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5/20/20 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Elementary and Middle School Balanced Scorecard Measures**

- » **Presenter:** Drew McClanahan, Assistant Director, West Virginia Department of Education
- » **Grade Level Covered:** 3-8
- » This session will provide an explanation of each measure of the WV Balanced Scorecard as it pertains to Elementary and Middle Schools. There will be a thirty-minute presentation with time allotted afterwards to answer questions and discuss best-practices.

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5/20/20 - 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. **High School Balanced Scorecard Measures**

- » **Presenter:** Drew McClanahan, Assistant Director, West Virginia Department of Education
- » **Grade Level Covered:** 9-12
- » This session will provide an explanation of each measure of the WV Balanced Scorecard as it pertains to High Schools. There will be a thirty-minute presentation with time allotted afterwards to answer questions and discuss best-practices.

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5/26/20 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Numbers Junkie: Using Data for Continuous School Improvement**



- » **Presenters:** Jeff Kelley, Principal, Saint Albans High School and Susan Young, Coordinator, West Virginia Department of Education
- » **Grade Level Covered:** PK-12
- » Saint Albans High School Principal Jeffrey Kelley administered an exit survey to dropouts in an attempt to prove or disprove the notion that suspensions were causing or contributing to an increase in dropouts. The results found that lack of student participation in school activities as the number one indicator that a student will drop out of Saint Albans High School. Suspensions were not among the top three indicators.

A partnership was formed between SAHS and the WVDE to begin tracking participants vs. non-participants through ZoomWV-e. Data was collected weekly for all students and each group for multiple metrics. The data we collected supports the notion that participation contributes to student success and has led to changes in school policy. This presentation is an example of how schools can use the continuous improvement process to identify problems of practice, determine root causes, develop plans, collect data, implement changes, and monitor progress and is applicable to all K-12 schools

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5/27/20 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Elementary and Middle School Balanced Scorecard Measures**

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6/2/20 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Key Elements of School Culture

- » **Presenters:** Jonah Adkins, Coordinator, West Virginia Department of Education and Drew McClanahan, Assistant Director, West Virginia Department of Education
- » **Grade Level Covered:** PK-12
- » The ability to understand and guide a school's culture is an integral part of the principal's job. Participants will be exposed to the difference between climate and culture and analyze strategies and tools used to guide and measure a school's culture. This hour-long session will consist of a thirty-minute presentation, followed by time for questions and discussion.

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6/16/20 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Intentional Relationships: Using Data to Analyze and Track Individual Student Need

- » **Presenter:** Stacey Losh, Coordinator, West Virginia Department of Education
- » **Grade Level Covered:** PK-12
- » Data consistently indicates positive relationships play an essential role in student development and academic success. This thirty-minute session will explore the role of relationships and how schools can intentionally create and track meaningful experiences to positively impact student success by ensuring every student is connected to at least one caring adult. Time for discussion and questions will be allotted following the presentation.

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6/23/20 - 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Educator Evaluation Refresher

- » **Presenter:** Jessica Austin, Coordinator, West Virginia Department of Education
- » **Grade Level Covered:** PK-12
- » This thirty-minute presentation will provide a refresher for requirements and best-practices related to WVBE Policy 5310 (Performance Evaluation of School Personnel) to support educator growth. Time for questions and discussion will be allotted following the presentation.

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