Director's Report - Curriculum and Instruction

May 2025

I attended, along with Ms. Thomas and Ms. Snowden, the Arkansas ERZ Communities of Practice meetings at the Arkansas Department of Education on April 1st and 2nd. The purpose of this partnership is to help our university partners better prepare students to use High Quality Instructional Materials (HQIM) once they enter the profession.

The district guiding coalition held its monthly meeting on April 7th. Campuses identified steps to take to improve student achievement and improve PLC processes for the upcoming school year.

Peake and Goza hosted teams from the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET). The teams included faculty from HSU, OBU, and other universities in Arkansas. They were here to observe HQIM in action in Arkansas classrooms.

On April 14th the testing window for K-2 ATLAS, 3-10 ATLAS and EOC exams opened. State testing monitors visited AHS and Peake. They reported no issues with our testing processes and procedures. Monitoring visits are unannounced and occur randomly. The testing window closed on May 16th with well over 95% of students testing in all grade levels and tested areas. At least 95% of students must be tested for accountability purposes.

In April, several meetings and virtual meetings were attended or held including: Dawson curriculum cabinet, Arkansas Association for Curriculum and Instruction Administrators, interviews of prospective employees, and meetings with district personnel.

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