Hello BC Teaching Staff,

The Teacher Quality Committee (Jeremy Suiter, Kim Fisher, Laurie Donald, Anna Upah, James Bieschke, Rob Arnold) met earlier in January to design additional professional learning opportunities for this summer. We've put together opportunities for individuals to learn in local teams being led by teacher leaders and a few opportunities to learn with educators throughout Eastern Iowa. Please know more information could continue to be shared throughout the summer.

When you are finished looking over the learning opportunities below, please discuss with your CLDT. Then, you will need to fill out the survey. The survey will be shared with you on Tuesday, May 17th. It is required for certified staff regardless of intent to participate. The survey will close on Wednesday, May 25th. **This will give teams time to discuss in CL/DT prior to filling out the survey.**

Please review this information and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.
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Summer Learning - There are three summer learning opportunities we are exploring for this summer (up to 10 hours total/paid at $25 per hour - between June 13- August 5, 2022 - unless otherwise noted). These 10 hours can be used in combination in any format, but can not exceed 10 hours.

Option 1: Guided Focus Group: Join a summer focus group with a teacher leader. Below, please see the book options (with links) for possible opportunities for this summer. Up to 10 hours can be used for a guided focus group. This is for participation in the focus group. If books are needed, they will be acquired by the reader, not BC. ***(Meetings taking place between June 13 - August 5, 2022 - unless noted otherwise.)***

Visuals in the Classroom *(Based on content from Structured TEACCH Training)*	**Dates**: **(choose one)** Option 1 - August 3 & 4 @ GWAEA - 8:30AM - 3:30PM Option 2 - August 8 & 9 @ BC - 8:30AM - 3:30PM *This course will provide the information and tools needed for basic support of students. The content of the class will include lectures covered during the 3 day Structured Teaching in the TEACCH Model class, as well as lectures on social stories, and communication strategies. There will be some in-class role-playing and assignments, question/answer sessions, and videotapes of students. Homework will be assigned to each participant during the first four classes.*
Benchmark Advance - Guided Discovery	**Dates: (choose one)** Option 1 - June 20th - 9:00-2:00 (dates depend on delivery of materials) Option 2 - June 27th - 9:00-2:00 (dates depend on delivery of materials) *Getting your hands on materials prior to the start of the school year is always a bonus for summer planning. We will be exploring all things Benchmark Advance in this "hands-on" learning option. Time will be structured to include:* ● *an overview of the resources* ● *discussion around negotiables vs. non-negotiables*

	● *setting up your literacy block* ● *collaboration with others around implementation, small-group rotations, and whole-group instruction*
Effective Classroom Practices	**Date:** June 13th - 8:30AM - 3:00PM *Classroom Strategies for Preventing and Responding to Problem Behavior - This course is designed for all grade levels and classroom types.*
Computer Science	**Date:** TBD *This session will provide time and opportunity for participants to learn more about computer science in Iowa. The focus will be on standards and instructional opportunities. This session will be helpful for those curious or just starting to learn about computer science and also those who have already knowledge of this topic.*
Intervening at the Secondary Level	**Date:** June 16th - 8:30 - 12:30 *We will spend time discussing MTSS and the role of interventions, specifically in the secondary system. The group will have time to look at intervention resources in the areas of academics, attendance, executive functioning, and SEBH.*

Option 2: Collaborative Learning: Learn and work with a team of your grade level or content alike partners during professional development break-out sessions with a teacher leader. Teachers may choose from the following options. ***(Meetings taking place between June 13 - August 5, 2022, unless otherwise noted.)***

- Deeper dive into planning for units of instruction based on priority standards (CL/DT Focus)
    - If this is the direction your team would like to pursue, you'll first need to submit an action plan for your time together. The action plan will guide the agenda and time together. The action plan template that must be submitted for prior approval is linked here. The final date for a team to submit to Anna Selk is **May 31, 2022. Teams will be notified when their plan is approved.**
        - Elementary Example

Both options listed above (guided focus groups and collaborative learning) could be available to teachers, but each teacher can only be paid for a maximum of ten hours of work.

The survey link will open and be sent to staff on Tuesday, May 17 at 11:00 AM. Please complete the link below no later than the end of the day on Wednesday, May 25, 2022. We need ALL teachers to complete this Google survey -- so we can determine potential learning options. If you are not interested in any summer learning opportunities, we STILL need you to complete the form. Payment for this work is only open to those who plan to return to teaching at Benton Community in the year to come.

2022-2023 Survey LINK