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Unit One Reflective Experience

Part I:

As I reflect on the outcome of our first team assignment, I think it went smooth. We began the planning via blackboard course, followed by phone text and messages where we determined a leader, date of conference, time and the readings being covered in the recording conference. We used zoomus.com to conference with each other and discuss the Horizon Reports. Overall I feel team did a good job discussing the plan of action. During the conference everyone shared great information regarding the reading and even provided some examples of our own experiences in the classroom that connected to the ISTE standards. Team conference number one was a success and look forward to working more with my team.

Part II:

Unit one was very informative for me as I had never heard of Horizon Reports. It has definitely got me thinking about my own teaching. Moving on, as I explored the unit

readings-Horizon reports, I noticed that some of the articles used the same format, I really liked this because it made it easy for me to quickly scan the article and move on to the next without being overwhelmed. I also liked that some used visuals such as charts, bold words and other graphs to demonstrate their goals and information. Something else I valued was the idea that some articles offered timelines, I feel this is very important because it helps keep schools and everyone involved accountable. Additionally, I appreciated the vocabulary that most used, again it was easy to skim read and understand. In previous experiences where reading a researched article, I've had to re-read the article and try to understand what their point is.

My focal point for the readings was "Redesigning Learning Spaces" around the world. I was intrigued by this because I personally love to rearrange my workspace, classroom, living room and bedroom. The article states that "schools around the world are rethinking how to utilize existing space while emergent schools are incorporating designs where new forms of teaching, learning and technology are taken into consideration." I love that this is being researched and implemented in some countries. The learning space is vital for student success. The article also states that leaders in the field agree that spaces must no longer look like the traditional classroom, instead it should be an open classroom environments that support collaborative learning, inquiry and creation. According to the article the US is also taking initiative in rethinking the learning space as the US Census Bureau reported spending about 41 billion on new K-12 school construction and renovations. Their design included features such as open spaces, movable seating, flexible seating, floating floor system and a tech free zone to support deeper concentration. Using space effectively is extremely important, for example my classroom layout is not ideal for me as against a long wall are custom built cubbies while they are great,

they limit my working space in the classroom. Overall this assignment was very interesting and informational and I am thrilled that leaders are rethinking and redesigning the infrastructure of classrooms to better meet the needs of all learners because after all, they are our future!