

Cambridge Association of Neighborhoods (CAN)
Unofficial Notes on Dorchester County Board of Education (DCBOE)
Work Session, Thursday, November 10, 2022

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Note: * Supporting documents may be found on the CAN website at CambridgeCan.org and the DCPS Board Docs website at <https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/dcps/Board.nsf/Public>. The meeting is available for viewing on Town Hall Streams at <https://townhallstreams.com/towns/dorchesterboe>.

1. Closed Session, 4:00 p.m.

2. Open/Work Session, 4:30 p.m.

2.01 Approval of Personnel Items for November 10, 2022

2.02 **Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Data Presentation** - Dr. Jodi Colman, Director of Curriculum & Assessment *

Who: Students with the most significant cognitive disability that have been identified as being eligible for the alternate assessment ($\cong 1\%$)

Focal Area Data Points

- Lack of students meeting the target in all areas
- Students in 3rd and 4th grade were emerging on all subjects
- 11th grade students did not meet the target in either content

Responses to the Focal Area Data Points

- Grant funding allowed for a coach to work with staff virtually (2020-21 SY) and in person (2021-22 SY) to increase staff capacity on the modification of the curriculum
- Coach is currently working with curriculum supervisors to develop documents that embed the Essential Elements within curriculum documents for teacher planning.
- Coach working with curriculum supervisors to develop modified local assessments for data collection on the response to instruction and progress on the modified curriculum.

2.03 **World-Class Instructional Design and Assessment (WIDA) Data Presentation** - Dr. Jodi Colman, Director of Curriculum & Assessment *

Focal Area Data Points:

- 39 students have been receiving services for 7+ years and have not obtained a 4.5 composite score
- The average composite score across the district is $\cong 2.9$

Responses to the Focal Area Data Points

- Most of our Long Term ELs (those who have been in the program 6 years or longer) are at the secondary level. We have increased staffing at MLMS and CSD to provide more service hours for these students.
- Staffing has increased to 7 full time ESOL teachers and 3 ESOL instructional assistants to support the growing number of students in the lower proficiency ranges.
- A data management platform with on-demand professional development modules was purchased with Title III funds. This is being rolled out to high needs schools to build capacity of general education teachers to better support EL students. These modules will eventually be available to all teaching staff.

2.04 **New End of Course Assessments** - Dr. Jodi Colman, Director of Curriculum & Assessment *

Who will this effect?

- In June 2022, a waiver was approved to postpone the new requirements to 2023-2024.
- An additional waiver has been proposed, that will only target government and science
 - Until this waiver is approved, English and Algebra are still required
- Incoming 9th graders for the 2023-2024 school year, will be held accountable for the new assessments and graduation requirements.
- Our current DCPS grading procedure requires final exams to count as 5% of a student's final grade.
 - These new EOC assessments will count as 20% of a student's final grade. This may negatively affect our graduation rates

What needs to be done?

- Work with teachers to revise our pacing plans to ensure all assessed content is completed before the state end of course exam
- Train our 8-12 grade school counselors on the new graduation requirements. Much needs to be done to inform teachers and students about the importance of this
 - Revise our course registration forms
- Review and revise our grading procedures to align with the new requirements

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- 2.05 Upcoming Curriculum Coordinating Committee Meeting, Dr. Jodi Colman, Director of Curriculum & Assessment * What's Coming?
- AP Psychology Textbook Review & Recommendation in Progress
 - Convening CCC Virtual Review Meeting - November 18th
 - In-person CCC Meeting - November 30th
 - Memo to Board Members - December 5th
 - Electronic review link on the memo
 - Hardcopy in Dr. Colman's Office
 - Posted as an Agenda Item for December 15th Board Meet
- 2.06 Dorchester County Board of Education Meeting Calendar Revisions *
- Starting in December 2022, there may be some conflicts involving community strategic planning meetings, budget work sessions, and general work sessions.

Comment from President Layton: President Layton indicated that she was blindsided by calls from retired teachers (and from a letter that she subsequently received) who have been informed that their Medicare Advantage Health Plans have been changed dramatically relative to benefits and providers negotiated by the Eastern Shore Consortium. The Superintendent indicated that DCPS will pursue this problem.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm.