

Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today



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SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

It is anticipated this fall and winter there may be an extensive outbreak of the H1N1 influenza virus, according to federal health officials. It is important that schools have notification plans in place. Mr. Don Williamson presented information about the H1N1 strain of the flu to the state board. Among his points were:

- ◇ Public schools will be asked to serve as vaccination sites.
- ◇ Vaccinations would be voluntary and permission slips would be required.
- ◇ School nurses may be asked to assist.
- ◇ Most susceptible to H1N1 are those ages 5-24.

Role of the Teacher for Improving Student Learning

1. Set clear expectations

- ◇ Get clear about the greatest student learning needs (the most important content area to improve first)...
- ◇ Believe more is possible and communicate high expectations...
- ◇ Establish a clear and narrow focus for improvement (clarify improvement goals and specific targets)...
- ◇ Focus on student learning and teaching (improving teaching as the key strategy for improving learning)...

2. Create conditions for success

- ◇ Demonstrate commitment to the improvement focus...
- ◇ Professional development is valuable...
- ◇ Stay the course...
- ◇ Support and connect with districtwide leadership...
- ◇ Ensure all parts of the system are aligned around the learning needs of the students (curriculum, instruction, assessments, goals, actions, resources, etc.)

3. Learn together as a schoolwide team

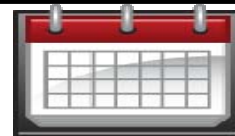
- ◇ Talk to each other
- ◇ Build commitment to the improvement focus through shared information and discussion...

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Superintendent's Office ~ Jenny Seals, Superintendent



CHARACTER EDUCATION Trait of the Week Success

Success means doing the best we can with what we have. Success is the doing, not the getting; in the trying, not the triumph. Success is a personal standard, reaching for the highest that is in us, becoming all that we can be.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 11th - K-3 Data Meeting from 12:30-1:30

September 11th - Vision and Purpose Meeting for District Accreditation

September 15th - Special Olympics at Moody City Park
9:00 a.m.

September 21st - Regular board meeting 6:00 p.m.



District-wide Accreditation

Our district's vision is "Preparing Tomorrow's Leaders Today." We have to prepare our students for the 21st century. This provides focus for all stakeholders throughout St. Clair County. As I stated at Institute, we are committed to do "**Whatever It Takes**". Remember, failure is not an option. Our 2009-2010 district goals are :

- ◇ To increase reading in all core subjects
- ◇ To engage students in all classes
- ◇ To increase awareness of the special education student's academic goals