

Meeting Minutes #3: Curriculum/ Special Education/ Technology Committee:
NJSLA in advance Presentation
November 7th 2022- virtual – 6:00 -7: 15

Attendance:

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- Welcome from Dr. Morgan
 - We will be using this opportunity to present to you in advance of the community presentation NJSLA Spring 2022 Analysis

- NJSLA Spring 2022 Analysis
 - National decline in ELA and Math achievement
 - Staff challenges
 - Movement of students in and out the district
 - The district prioritized health and safety within school

- 2018 NJDOE Required
 - Students in grades 9-11 complete ELA and math end of course tests for Algebra 1, 2 or Geometry

- 2019 NJDOE Required
 - No testing for Juniors in Spring of 2019
 - We only tested ELA 10 and Algebra 1 due to the stairwell damage thus affecting classroom and instructional time.

- 2020-2021
 - NJDOE canceled statewide assessments due to COVID

- 2022 NJDOE Required
 - NJSLA for grade 9 students complete ELA and Gr 9 & 10 complete math end of course tests for Algebra 1, Algebra 2 or Geometry and Science for grade 11.
 - NJDOE required field test: NJGPA for Grade 11 ELA and Math.

- ELA
 - Grades 3rd - 10, States top tiers are Meeting or Exceeding Expectations from 2017-2022 the upper grades experience inconsistencies due to the varying circumstances we experienced during those years at the High School years.
 - We have avg 65% of students meeting or exceeding expectations throughout the district.
 - 6th, 7th & 8th had the most concerning declines
 - We will do some investigating of the reasons behind the declines

- Comparison of Montclair Public Schools to NJ State Average: Sp 22 NJSLA English Language Arts:% Meeting/Exceeding Expectations
 - Our Achievement compared to the state avg is average but Montclair should be well above state avg
- Performance of Economically disadvantaged students: Montclair Public Schools % Meeting/Exceeding Expectations in NJSLA ELA
 - We have a significant gap in economically disadvantaged students vs economically advantaged during the pandemic we saw significant declines for students particularly in Middle School and High School
- Performance of students with Active IEPs or 504s: Montclair Public Schools % Meeting/Exceeding Expectations in NJELS ELA
 - Unfortunately we noticed that this economic disparity continued with students of IEPs or 504s.
- Performance of Race/Ethnicity subgroups: Montclair Public Schools % Meeting/Exceeding Expectations in NJSLA ELA
 - It's hard to say why the numbers turnout the way they have, during the pandemic and after. With both declines and jumps throughout the years amongst all of the groups
- NJSLA Math Multi Year Trend: Montclair Public Schools
 - Slight increases in the elementary groups whereas in middle school we see declines.
 - We did notice that we need to increase the rigor of math offering for Middle School students,
 - 3rd & 4th Grade experienced a growth after implementation of the Go Math curriculum.
- Comparison of Montclair Public Schools to NJ State Average Spring 2022 NJSLA Math % Meeting/Exceeding Expectations
 - We outperform the state avg except for when we get to Algebra.
 - Algebra will move to students beginning in 8th grade.
 - We recognize that more intervention and more professional development is needed in the are of supporting Algebra.
- Performance Economically disadvantaged students: Montclair Public Schools % Meeting/Exceeding Expectations in NJSLA Mathematics
 - We continue to see in the Math numbers the disparities between Economically advantaged and Economically disadvantaged. The Pandemic exaggerated the unfortunate fact that not all students had the same resources.

- NJSLA Science
 - Grade 5 assessments covers 3rd-5th grade Science Standards
 - Grade 8 assessments covers 6th - 8th grade science standards
 - Grade 11 assessments covers 9th - 11th grade science standards
- Administration Changes
 - 2018 Science was a field test- therefore no results
 - 2019 Science Operational test cut scores adopted
 - 2020-2021 No testing for the state
 - 2022 Science - First Year Accountability
- Comparison of Montclair Public Schools' Spring 2022 NJSLA Administrations Science- Percentages
 - Montclair out performed the state in science Gr 8. But what we have consistently noticed is that there are dips from Elementary and Middle School.
- Feedback -
 - The slides use to show economic disparities are so similar in color that it is difficult to clearly see the comparisons or disparities shared.
 - Explanation on implementation of improvements
 - Explanation of PLC's
 - Highlighting the fact that students moved in and out of the district and how those numbers are affected.
 - Being sure that we are staying away from giving the impression that we are teaching to the test.