

OFFICE of SCHOOL SUPPORT

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WHAT'S NEW

Moving Forward:

Site visits from the Office of School Support (OSS) are well underway and we have had the opportunity to meet and begin working with so many wonderful educators from around the state. With each site visit comes a part in the conversation where the School Support Specialist is asked "How do I get off this list?!!" This is the one question asked by almost every instructional leader who is working with a school that has been designated as Priority or Focus. The OSS certainly does not have a one size fits all formula for academic success. We recognize and celebrate that each school is unique in its educational culture and climate. However, what we do know is "What Works in Oklahoma Schools," a research project conducted in schools throughout Oklahoma from 2009-2011 by Dr. Robert Marzano. From this work we are excited to bring back to the Office of School Support the Oklahoma Nine Essential Elements for School Improvement. The Oklahoma Nine Essential Elements provide schools with a comprehensive framework of best practices, supports and resources as well as the opportunity for continuous school improvement for all schools – urban, suburban, rural; large or small; high performing or low achieving. These essential elements focus on improving student learning by preserving the goal of learning as the fundamental purpose for academic achievement, creating collaborative cultures that support a learning environment and by focusing on results and data driven decisions through collaborative leadership. It is through these pillars of school improvement that districts will be able to build capacity, provide support and resources and implement best practices that will improve the academic achievement for all students.

The Office of School Support will be providing webinar training and professional development in the upcoming months on the Oklahoma Nine Essential Elements. Information will be made available via email, posted on our website and in our monthly newsletter. If you are interested in more information on the work and research of "What Works in Oklahoma Schools" by Dr. Marzano, please visit the OSDE website at <http://ok.gov/sde/esea-waiver-supportsn-1>.

We look forward to seeing you.

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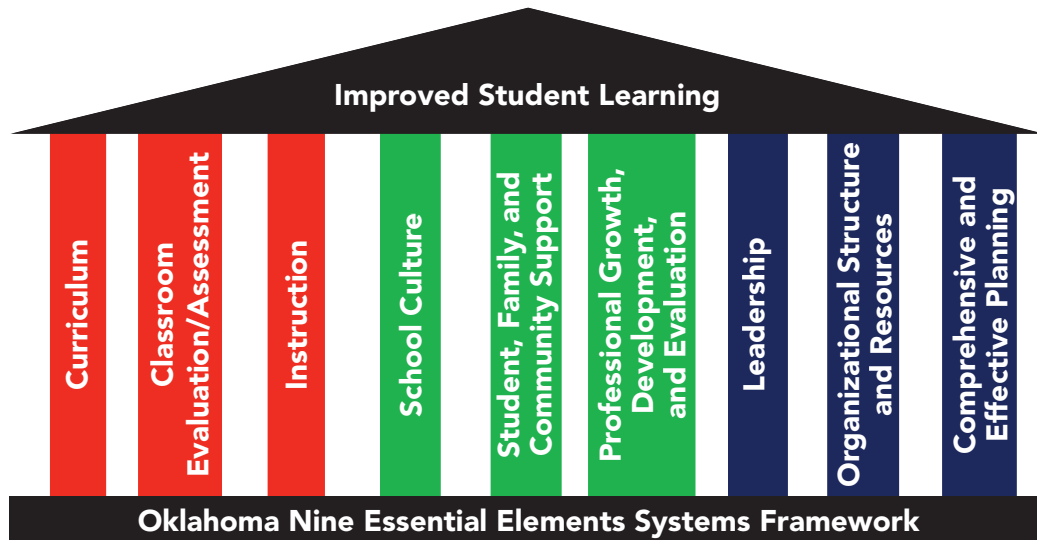
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SPOTLIGHT

Oklahoma Nine Essential Elements for School Improvement



New Team Members

Tina Spence- School Support Specialist- Yellow Area

Tina comes to us from within the OSDE building, most recently from the Office of Special Education services where she had been for the past eight years. Tina brings 20 years of experience in the field of Special Education, twelve of which were in the classroom.

Janel Cypert- School Support Specialist- Focus Sites

Janel is new to the OSDE and has the opportunity of working with schools who have received a Focus Designation for three or more years. Janel's experience includes middle level special education, co-teaching and Response to Intervention. Before coming to the Office of School Support, Janel worked a year for OKCPS as a Special Education Instructional Supervisor.

Deborah Cornelison- School Support Specialist- Red Area

Deborah Cornelison joined the OSS as a School Support Specialist on September 1 after completing an 11-month Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellowship at the National Science Foundation in Arlington, VA. Her career as an Oklahoma educator includes grant writer and program director of seven Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) projects in addition to 26 years of experience as a secondary level science teacher for Byng Public Schools.

REMINDER

School Improvement Status Report (SISR)

As you are aware, designations for SY15 have not been released. However, many have expressed an interest in getting started on the SISR Report. When you visit the SISR site, any data that is available is based on SY14. Please know, once the A-F Report Card appeals and verifications have been processed and finalized, SY15 testing data will be loaded and pre-populated into the SISR Report. The program is available for sites to begin loading benchmark data for the fall semester. However, the Consultation, Baseline and Initial Report "close date" will not be established until new designations for SY15 are final. We most certainly will allow ample time for any school new to designations to complete these reports as well as schools with a previous designation.

Consultation, Baseline, and Initial Report

August 31st (open) to TBA

Mid-Year Report

January 1 (open) to March 15th (close)

End-of-Year Report

April 1st (open) to June 1st (close)

Final Report

April 1st (open) to June 1st (close)

Fiscal Year '14 Funds

FY14 Project 515 funds will be expiring soon!

Please remember that services and goods paid with FY14 Project 515 funds (\$10,789.70) must be received by **October 30, 2015**. The deadline to submit claims for these funds is **November 15th, 2015**. This timeline will allow all claims to be processed and reimbursements made back to your district by December 31, 2015. Please contact your regional School Support Specialists for questions or additional assistance.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 30th

Joint Federal Programs Summit - Spring Lake Campus

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

November 10th

Closing the Opportunity Gap - more info to come

Free Professional Development

November 11th

OSDE Office Closed - Veteran's Day

We hope everyone has a safe and restful fall break!!!