



May, 2017

Superintendents and Principals,

As the month of April comes to an end, so does my opportunity to serve you as the Executive Director of School Support. I begin my journey with Yukon Public Schools on May 2nd as the Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction. It has been a pleasure working with you for the past two years and I look forward to our paths crossing again, just in a different capacity. With that said, I am thrilled to share that Shelly Ellis is the new Executive Director of School Support. Shelly will be joining the School Support team on May 1st and she brings with her a wealth of knowledge in administration, counseling, PBIS, student interventions and many other areas that will provide support to you and your schools.

With great appreciation,

Desarae Witmer, Executive Director

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Closeout Procedures

Regarding FY17 Project 515 Budget Closeout Process:

Due to budgetary cut-backs and system developer limitations, the Office of School Support is unable to provide a closeout report option for the FY17 Project 515 Budget.

LEAs that would like to get Summer expenditures pre-approved may complete a budget template and email it to their assigned school support specialists. The specialists will verify that the carryover amount is correct and that the expenditures are allowable. They will

provide pre-approval via email back to the LEA. Once the August State School Board Meeting has occurred, carryover will be loaded into the FY18 Project 515 Budgets. LEAs, with or without pre-approvals, will need to complete and submit their plans and budgets as normal.

LEAs that have no Summer expenditures or do not wish to get anything pre-approved, will simply wait until the carryover is moved and complete their FY18 Project 515 Budget as usual.

Please use this link for the budget

template: <http://sde.ok.gov/sde/sites/ok.gov.sde/files/FY18%20Project%20515%20Budget%20Summer%20Pre-Approval%20Template%204-21-17.pdf>

GMS Webinar

In case you missed our excellent webinars about GMS, no worries because we recorded them. If you need to review the information contained there here is the link to the recording concerning the budget portion of GMS: <https://vimeo.com/212952752>

If you have questions concerning the creation of the plans please go here: <https://vimeo.com/212977773>

Spotlight: Rogers Middle School



Two years ago, the staff at Rogers Middle School decided to attack extreme student behavior issues by implementing Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PBIS). Because fighting was a major issue, the school developed a program called PEACE Days. A PEACE Day is defined as a day where there are no physical fights. The first year, students earned a free-dress day for every five consecutive PEACE Days accrued within their grade level. Students were required to earn ten consecutive PEACE Days for a free-dress day in the second year. After two years, the result has been a 56% reduction in the number of fights which has positively impacted the school's culture.

Other PBIS strategies have been implemented at Rogers, as well. For example, the 6th grade students collect stamps for good behavior. The 6th grade teachers schedule a monthly activity – students are required to have collected a minimum number of stamps to attend. Again, the results using PBIS are significant. At the end of the first semester 2016-17, Rogers saw a 59% decrease in referrals and an 87% decrease in suspensions.

Jahree L. Herzer

Principal

EngageOK- On the Road

Come see us at EngageOK this summer! The Office of School Support will have an array of presentations including: *Maximize Learning While Meeting the Needs of Challenging Students*, *The ABCs of AMOs*, *Data Literacy: Exploring State Testing Data*, *Introduction to School Support* and *GMS Technical Support*.



Stop by and say hi!

July 10- Yukon

July 11- Union HS (Tulsa)

July 12- Enid

July 13- Weatherford

July 18- Durant

July 19- Ada

July 20- Cache

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