



Board Agenda Item #	IV B: Information/Discussion Item
Date:	February 10, 2022
To:	Magnolia Public Schools - Board of Directors
From:	Alfredo Rubalcava, CEO & Superintendent
Staff Lead:	Erdinc Acar, Chief Academic Officer
RE:	Academic Updates

Proposed Board Recommendation

N/A - This is an informational item

Background

MPS Academic departments will update the board members on the following programs, activities and events:

- Upcoming Events
- IXL Program Data
- Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) Program Update

Attachment

Slide deck for Academic Updates



Board Meeting
Academic Updates
February 10, 2022

Upcoming Events and Updates



- Celebrating Black History Month and New Lunar Year
- March 4 Symposium focusing on Professional Learning Communities with Solution Tree
- Independent Study Updates
- State Assessments Preparations
- Program implementations IXL, MyOn, MAP, IABs



New Program - IXL Data



DISTRICT DASHBOARD

We've answered **2,258,969** questions this year!

Our district on IXL:



3,658 students



209 teachers

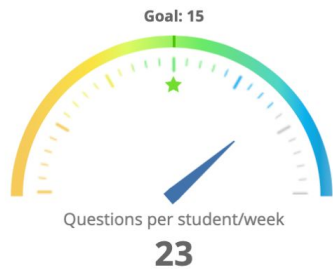


14 schools

How much learning is happening?

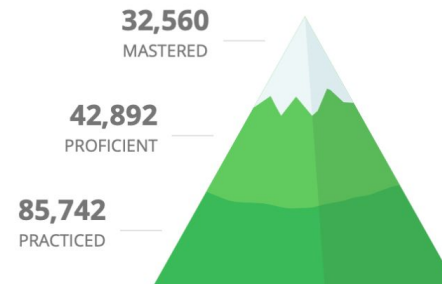
IXL effect

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Skill gains

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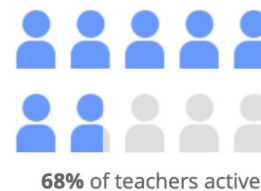
Extended learning

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Teacher engagement

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- The Academic Team worked with site leaders and teachers to create the position of Teacher On Special Assignment
 - MPS teachers that would lead OrgWide department meetings and collaboration efforts each month on select Wednesdays
 - In-House leadership opportunity for our teachers
 - We hired ten teachers to lead the following departments: History, Science, Arts - Secondary, Arts - Elementary, Elementary (TK-5), World Language, PE, Math, and English

TOSAs are leading their departments on two main themes:

- Instructional Practice
 - Common instructional technique used to support student learning
- Cultural Event
 - Showcase event(s) from each department to help learning come alive for our students

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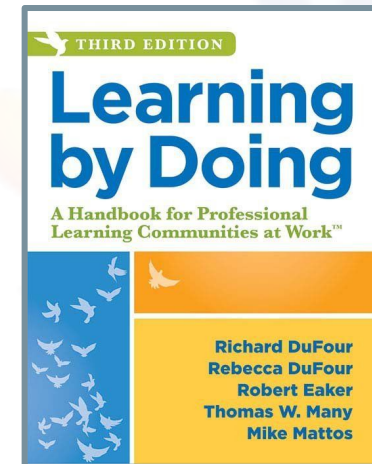


- TOSAs are undertaking a book study learn how to lead Professional Learning Communities in 2022-23
 - Research-based practice wherein teachers work collaboratively to improve teaching skills and the academic performance of students.

After each of the OrgWide PD meetings we collect survey responses from our teachers.

Two main questions we look at each time are:

- “Today's meeting provided me practical strategies that I can use to plan my instruction.”
- “I feel today's meeting was a good use of my time.”



Question	Sept.	Oct.	Dec.	Jan.
Practical Strategies	3.69	4.05	4.18	4.24
Good use of Time	3.61	4.09	4.18	4.21

The data is trending up for each of these questions as we respond to the data.



Questions or Comments ?