



Curriculum Update for Board of Education

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The District Leadership Team has been working with a group of approximately 20 other teachers on a curriculum mapping process. Recently, each building administrator and the superintendent have also integrated into the system to develop, review, revise, and enter three stages of curriculum into an online system known as the Atlas System.

I will be working with Jackie Bopp to make this link: <http://dist228-public.rubiconatlas.org> public by the time this meeting occurs. Essentially, our work has revolved around entering information into three distinct stages:

1. Identify the standards, essential questions, instructional objectives and the amount of time spent on each unit taught. We want to align our curriculum as much as possible with Common Core Standards and other national and state benchmarks where appropriate.
2. We are working to ensure that there are common assessments for students aligned to the curriculum identified in Stage 1.
3. In Stage 3, teachers will enter in the instructional strategies and materials needed. Again, we are looking to capture the qualities of great teaching in this portion of Atlas.

This is a dynamic and ongoing process, with a delicate balance of standardization and flexibility. We hope that as we move forward, we are able to more clearly define academic standards and outcomes that we can target through school improvement processes and will help shape any redesign or improvement of this project.