

**WEBSTER GROVES SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION ITEM OF CONSIDERATION**

DATE: May 11, 2015

TOPIC/PROPOSAL: Approval of revised Professional Development Plan for 2015-16.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Attached is a listing of changes in this Professional Development Plan for the 2015-2016 school year. Changes include the membership roster, an updated sample of activities, and goals for the upcoming year.

INSTRUCTIONAL IMPACT/RATIONALE:

This professional development plan will support the learning of all district staff as together we work to support learning for all children in the WGSD. Changes in the plan were included to further enhance the professional learning in our district.

CSIP/DISTRICT DEFINING OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED:

- Develop "space(s)" and processes to provide professional learning opportunities for the discussion, collaboration, and experimentation with new and different practices and share these within and outside the district. Provide high quality professional development and improve the ability of teachers to meet the individual needs of students through differentiation and responsive teaching
- Create a system for people to come together on a regular basis to discuss and experiment with how to make learning relevant, challenging, and rewarding for learners.
- Cultivate globally-minded pedagogies, curriculum, and practices.
- Provide staff with the professional development needed to design learning opportunities that help students discover and pursue their passions.
- Develop and utilize ongoing qualitative research as a cycle for creating continuous learning and improvement.
- Provide 21st century technology and adaptable spaces to support a culture of personalized learning.

FISCAL NOTE: All work completed according to funds allocated.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

- Action Requested: X
- Information:

Proposed Motion for Approval (if applicable):

I move that the Board of Education approve the revised professional development plan for the 2015-16 school year.

PREPARED BY: John Simpson

Motion: **Second:** **Board Vote:** (yes) (no) (abstain)