



Brookfield Public Schools

Office of Assistant Superintendent



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Dear Brookfield Community,

What an exciting few weeks it has been! In the past month, we have successfully opened a new school year with the theme of “reset and relaunch,” welcomed our students back into school following regular schedules and programming and kicked off another district strategic planning cycle. As part of keeping Brookfield community members and educators up to date with the goings on of Brookfield Public Schools, I plan on sending a monthly newsletter highlighting some of the important work happening in the Assistant Superintendent’s Office.

- **Word of the Week-Focus on the 4Cs:** During the first week of school, this year’s Word of the Week program was published. This year’s focus is on the Brookfield Portrait of the Graduate 4Cs: Critical & Creative Thinkers, Communicators, Collaborators, and Change Makers. The Portrait of the Graduate is the “north star” for the District to help focus our work on transferable skills that will help all students be contributing and productive citizens upon graduation. These skills transcend any particular age group and are relevant goals for all students. The word of the week program for the 2022-2023 school year is organized thematically around these skills (1 per quarter) to reinforce our commitment to the Brookfield Portrait of the Graduate. You can find access to the weekly words [here](#).
- **Atlas Public Portal:** As a reminder, the Brookfield Curriculum Mapping Public Site provides parents and other interested members of the community the opportunity to view general curricular information for many courses and areas of study that inform the instructional plans and practices of our teachers. While the teaching, learning and curriculum revision processes are iterative regarding adjustments based on the specific needs of students, our curriculum map provides information to the public regarding the standard-alignment, big ideas, essential questions, content, and skills that provide the foundation for all of our learners. Access to the public portal can be found [here](#). (Please note: not all curriculum maps are completed at this time; we will be working on populating this information throughout the school year).
- **1st CAPE Meeting of the 2022-2023 school year:** On Wednesday, September 14th, the first Curriculum, Assessment, And Program Evaluation (CAPE) Committee meeting was held to review the implementation of skills to the health curriculum, reflection on the opening of the school year, updates on the instructional coaching model, district strategic planning process review, and a brief reminder about impending change from Connecticut State Department of Education regarding K-3 reading assessment tools. Meetings are held monthly and agendas are posted on the Board of Education/District Website under subcommittees and can be found [here](#).
- **Brookfield Education Foundation (BEF):** As part of the Brookfield Public Schools Convocation, the Brookfield Education Foundation presented the grant proposal process to Brookfield Educators to encourage innovation and creativity in education. This

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partnership is an important component to the positive relationship between the Brookfield Educators and the larger Brookfield Community. These grants inspire our educators to dream big and try new things to help our students be critical and creative thinkers, communicators, collaborators, or change makers. More information about BEF, including the upcoming annual gala, can be found [here](#).

As you can see, Brookfield Public Schools is vibrant with activity to help hone our practices, engage our students, and create meaningful connections with the larger community. Throughout the fall, I will be updating the Assistant Superintendent website page to make resources more accessible and easily navigable. This is an exciting time and I am thrilled to be a part of this work. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email or phone.

Have a wonderful month!

Sincerely,

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