

## WASA Teaching and Learning Update

December 6, 2022







## **OUR PROMISE**

Every student in the Stanwood-Camano School District is **empowered to learn** in an inclusive setting and is **prepared for the future** of their choice.

### Context:

SCSD requested a review of the Teaching and Learning Department

September 20, 2021 WASA conducted a full-day review.

Interview of staff members across the district (including board members)

#### WASA Reviewers:

- Helene Paroff: former Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning with Spokane Public Schools and current WASA Inclusionary Practices Director
- Dr. Kathy Shoop: Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning with Anacortes School District



## Methodology:

WASA used an Inquiry Approach to the Review by asking:

- 1. What do you love most about working in the Stanwood-Camano School District?
- 2. If TL is central to our work, what strategies, behaviors, and beliefs are in place, what is needed?
- 3. What professional learning/development have you received in the last 3-5 years?
- 4. What does high quality teaching and learning look like?
- 5. How do you use assessment practices to enhance student learning?
- 6. Are you clear about your role and responsibilities?
- 7. Is there anything else you would like to share?



## Opportunities/Recommendations from WASA:

- Clarify the roles and responsibilities of TL members
- Develop a Theory of Action that describes the actions taken to move from current state to future state.
- Shift part-time TL tasks away from building principal and back to central office TL staff.
- Determine how present funding and organizational structures compares with that of other districts with high functioning TLL departments and teams.
- Provide funding and personnel for TL to demonstrate and implement strategies for every student to accomplish higher level academic performance
- Establish coherence between TL and schools; everyone knows the Theory of Action, beliefs, actions, and next steps.



## Opportunities/Recommendations from WASA:

- Include assessment, educational technology and data to support building leadership as part of the TL department.
- Move forward with a multi-year strategic planning process.
- Develop a culture whereby SCSD operates as a coherent system with common standards, goals and assessments for teachers.
- Establish partnerships between district planning and building work.
- Create visible alignment between the district and schools; from planning to teaching and learning to district communication strategies.
- Within TL, create a plan for 2-3 focus areas (aligned to District Strategic Plan)
   with clear timelines, checkpoints and sponsors.

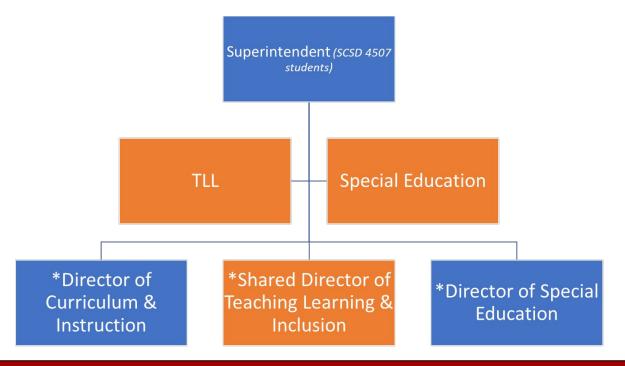


## Opportunities/Recommendations from WASA:

- Recruit for staff that are aligned to the values and priorities of the Strategic Plan.
- Conduct an in-district audit of the nature and age of all materials used in classrooms and create a plan for replacement.
- Establish a multi-year, data-driven learning plan for TL work, with personal goals.



What has taken place: Determine how present funding and organizational structures compares with that of other districts with high functioning TLL departments and teams.





If Teaching and Learning provides:

- strong instructional and leadership professional development
- anchored in the district's strategic plan and school's AAP/SIPs
- with an emphasis on equity, voice, and data



#### Then Teachers and Principals will

- continuously improve their instructional skills and pedagogy that focuses on promoting high quality teaching and leadership
- use assessment data to plan for standards driven instruction
- evaluate and assess progress
- and make modifications at various levels including the student, classroom, grade, building, and district levels



#### So students will receive:

 high quality instruction resulting in individual growth as independent, resilient and reflective learners culminating in higher student achievement and increased social/emotional development and are equipped with knowledge and skills necessary to be successful in future academic and career opportunities



Our Promise from Teaching and Learning

Through powerful professional development, every leader in the Stanwood-Camano School District is empowered to lead in their setting that prepares students for the future of their choice.



# What has taken place: Within TL, create a plan for 2-3 focus areas (aligned to District Strategic Plan) with clear timelines, checkpoints and sponsors.

Focus	2022-23	
Curriculum & Instruction	K-8 Literacy Adoption	
Resource Allocation Meetings	<ul> <li>Structure</li> <li>Develop Professional Development for school leaders (to understand use of categorical dollars (11/2022)</li> <li>Create architecture for schools to own the work to support their AAP/SIP through categorical dollars</li> <li>Support schools as they develop budgets for school year 23-24.</li> </ul>	



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Focus	2023-24	2024-25
Curriculum & Instruction	Intentional Professional Development for:      K-8 teachers     Principals     Summer School  Monitoring of curriculum adoption implementation	Continued monitoring and learning of curriculum adoption Data:
Resource Allocation Meetings (RAM)	Monitoring Fall      Gathering information and data to understand the effectiveness of a school's categorical program.  Winter     Progress Monitoring of AAP     Effectiveness of program  Spring     Budget/staffing	Continued work and refinement



### What has taken place: Establish partnerships between district planning and building work.

#### AAP/SIP review and feedback:

- July 2022
- November 2022

#### Differentiated Professional Development

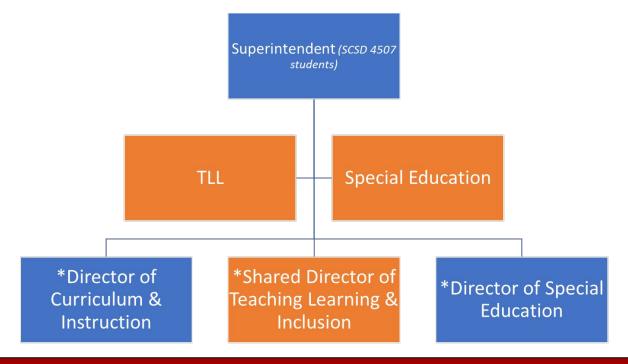
- Stanwood Elementary (Math Discourse)
- Stanwood Middle (Panorama)
- Stanwood High (Student Engagement)
- Cedarhome Elementary (MTSS)
- Twin City Elementary (Data)

#### **School Visits**

Approximately 176 classrooms visits



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## Questions or Comments?

