



## Clay County District Schools Superintendent's Update

November 2019



## **Presentation Objectives**

- Identify Current Trends and Patterns Observed in Classrooms
- Update on Grant Accomplishments
- Veteran's Day Celebrations
- Champions of Change



# Superintendent's Message



## **Overall Observations: ELA**

#### **Commendations**

Evidence of:

- Deeper Exposure to Read Discuss Read Strategies
- Moving Beyond Basics with i-Ready Reading and Achieve 3000
- Rolling Knowledge & Vocabulary Journals in Secondary Schools to Build Comprehension
- Increased Opportunities for Writing with Purpose (Reflections of Learning)
- Text-Based Writing to Source Documents
- Increased Exposure of Grade Level Text in Literacy and ELA Classrooms

#### **Areas of Opportunity**

Need to:

- Build Professional Development Plans that Support New Teachers in Literacy
- School-wide Writing Strategies all Schools
  - Establish Systematic Writing Plan
- Work to Develop Lesson Studies and Coaching Cycles to Enhance Mastery of Content
- Providing Appropriate interventions in Literacy for Students
  - Scaffolding Strategies

## **Overall Observations: Mathematics**

#### **Commendations**

Evidence of:

- Blending Usage of Digital Tools, Textbooks Resources, and Mini-Lessons
- More Confidence of Eureka Math Implementation
- Greater Planning and Pacing in Math Classrooms
- Teachers Maximizing Supports via Google Classrooms. Math Resources Available

#### **Areas of Opportunity**

Need to:

- Get to Concept Development vs Procedural Fluency in All Grade bands
- Plan & Implement Instructional Framework and Gradual Release of Responsibility
- Focus on Higher Order Questioning and Use DOK. Track Quality of Questions Posed in Classrooms and Share. Reflect on How to Make them More Complex
- Use New Resources on a Regular Basis or at All to Expose Their Students to Rigorous, Grade Level work Instead of Skills
- Teachers intentionally planning for probing questions, rigorous work, and daily assessing of students' understanding

## **Overall Observations: Science**

#### **Commendations**

Evidence of:

- Elementary 3rd-6th teachers are more aware of their fair game benchmarks on the 5th and 8th grade SSA assessments. Implementing Aligned Investigations in Classes
- "I can" statements posted to help students describe the goals for their learning in conjunction with essential questions
- Increase in teachers that are implementing instructional framework consistently
- > Teachers are asking for Model Lessons

#### Areas of Opportunity

- Need to:
  - Utilize HMH text interactively through reading, applying critical thinking, and communicating effectively around science content
  - Less instructional time spent on vocabulary copied from the consumable text and more instructional time on vocabulary through application
  - Expand opportunities to extend higher order thinking and discourse into writing in science journals
  - Consistent checks for understanding throughout the lesson and exit tickets (or other closing technique) at the end of the day



## **Next Step Professional Development Sessions**

- Identify how to utilize practical strategies for sharpening the quality of lessons in all subject areas.
- Understand how to promote deeper understanding, higher-order thinking, and student independence with strong instruction.
- Implement practical strategies to operationalize our theory of action in order to raise student achievement.





# **Grant Updates**





### **Grants Notifications Obtained in Last 30 Days**

# DoDEA Grant Award (\$750,000.00 for STEM)



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY NAVAL AIR STATION JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA 32212-5200

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Mr. Addison Davis Superintendent Clay County School District 900 Walnut Street Green Cove Springs, FL 32043

Dear Mr. Davis,

I want to congratulate you and the rest of the Clay County Schools family on your \$750,000 DDDEA STEM Award. The skills garnered by Clay County military children though the College and Career Readiness – STEM program will prepare them for not only college but for critically important STEM career fields so vital to the world in which we live.

It is a great accomplishment to be one of two school districts in the State of Florida to receive such a grant. On behalf of our military families, I want to sincerely thank you for the work and support to enable military children to discover endless possibilities. I look forward to hearing of the continued growth and advanced opportunities provided to our students in the Clay County Schools.

Sincerely, B.D. WEISS

Captain, U.S. Navy Commanding Officer



## **Grants Notifications Obtained in Last 30 Days**

 Dark Fiber Infrastructure Award (Up to \$36,000,000 Million)





# Celebrating Veterans Day





THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED, AND TO THOSE WHO ARE SERVING.







Discovering Endless Possibilities



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# Chloe Norman 8th Grader Oakleaf Jr. High

- Chloe won the state competition for her essay about her great grandmother Rosa Pallas, who was a Cuban immigrant.
- Chloe was presented with a four-year Florida PrePaid College Scholarship from Governor and First Lady DeSantis!