



2017-2018 Staff Development & Title Professional Development Report
District Staff Development Committee
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Welcome back! Thank you for your dedication to serving on this committee. It is always a pleasure working with you. Please check out the 2016-2017 Staff Development Report for the World's Best Workforce Report.

- **Professional Development Specialists:** We now have four!
 - **Leo Alberti**, Technology Integration Specialist, is hired through Q-Comp to provide support to teachers using technology in their classrooms. He will also provide Gmail and Google training.
 - **Jarad Blanche**, Cultural Curriculum Specialist, is hired through Indian Education to help teachers who have questions about American Indian culture and how to implement it in their curriculum.
 - **Amanda Mix**, RtI Math/Science Specialist, is hired through Title II and she will continue providing support for math and science standards and curriculum and Viewpoint.
 - **Brigitta (Gigi) Nicoson**, RtI Reading/Social Studies Specialist, is hired through Title II and replacing Karie Hougard. She will provide support for language arts and social studies standards and curriculum.

- **2017-2018 District Professional Development Focus:** Understanding Our Students' Cultural and Poverty Concerns
 - The Leadership Team is participating in a book study of William Parrett's book *Turning High-Poverty Schools Into High-Performing Schools*.
 - Amanda Mix will provide poverty training based on Eric Jensen's book *Poor Students, Rich Teaching*.
 - Jared Blanche will provide training on American Indian culture.
 - SD Committee needs to approve 2017-2018 District Staff Development Goals

- **October 2, 2017 Staff Development Day:**

The focus of this day is School Improvement. The principals will take charge in the activities for their staff and may invite other presenters to come in such as the above specialists, Q-Comp coordinators (Terry Hewitt and Erin Curran), or ALICE trainers. At the end of the day, time is allowed for teachers to participate in their PLCs.

- **Title I Professional Development Activities:**

Title I received a \$50,000 cut in allocation for 2017-2018, so we cut back on the district Title I expenses to allow more at the building level. Title I, Part A is supporting the required training for the Title I Minnesota Reading Core coaches and Reading Recovery teachers.

- **Title II Professional Development Activities:**

Title II received a \$100,000 cut in allocation for 2017-2018. We are watching what the federal government will do because the Trump administration wants to eliminate Title II. Several congressmen disagree, so it will be interesting to see what happens. Title II supports professional development for the nonpublic schools and our district. The main district focus is supporting the two RtI Specialists, .75 of an FTE teacher for Class Size Reduction, and the facilitator and supplies for the August 23, 2017 District Data Retreat