

Teacher Advisory Q&A November 16, 2017

Learning Focused is used in Pitt County but it is up to each school how it is implemented. Can LF be changed to allow non-core teachers to turn in traditional lesson plans?

Elizabeth City Pasquotank County Schools has committed to a district wide three-year implementation process for all teachers. The principals and at least 6 teachers from each school voted to implement Learning Focused. We will continue to work with all teachers during grade level/content meetings. The LF lesson plan has been modified for connect teachers to allow for standards to direct the instruction, and activities vary for grade level appropriateness. - Joanne Sanders

It seems like there is a shortage of subs. Is this being addressed at the district level?

In the month of September there were 913 substitute teacher jobs entered into Smartfind, 90% (821) of those jobs were filled. In the month of October there were 996 substitute teacher jobs entered into Smartfind, 88% (876) of those jobs were filled. According to our data, on average, 89% of our substitute teacher jobs are being filled. Currently, we have 173 active, registered substitutes. 17 substitutes were trained in October, which will be a total of 190 active substitutes once they have submitted all relevant paperwork to Human Resources. To address the 10%-12% of unfilled substitute jobs, we are now offering substitute teacher training classes on a monthly basis. Soon we the district will implement a new substitute training application called APP Garden which will offer Virtual Substitute Teacher training modules-- the training will be easily accessible-- anytime, anyplace. Upon completing the modules, substitutes will be employed with ECPPS. As a suggestion, although it is not always possible, staff are encouraged to give more advance notice when calling out of work. This would give substitutes the opportunity to view absences online as well as receive the calls from the Absence Management System. - Steve Lassiter

Will K-2 receive new reading materials like the new materials for 3-5?

If funds become available, we will look at K-2 materials. At this time, we are working to get 3-5 materials in place. - Joanne Sanders

Why do CTE teachers no longer have to follow Learning Focused Model?

CTE does implement the Learning Focused model and framework. The CTE teachers use the state approved lesson plans developed for their individual courses and instead of re-writing the lesson plan, they identify the key components and add any missing pieces. - Joanne Sanders