

**Middle Level Principals Meeting
 Tuesday, October 16, 2012**

Précis

Updates

- SED Update [September](#) [October](#)
 - Special note: **Speaking and listening will no longer be included in the new versions of the 3-8 ELA assessments** because the way it had been done previously was not aligned to the Standards. Guidance and sample rubrics for speaking, listening, presenting, and viewing will eventually be distributed (but not soon) because this is still important. The exclusion of this from the assessments doesn't mean that these skills are unimportant. Rather, they are very important. The inauthentic nature of standardized testing makes it problematic to assess.
- Roundtable
 - DASA has changed processes in schools, especially when the word "bully" comes into play. Parents seem to be calling a little more, too. Some schools have had the school attorney present to students with good results. Keeping track of everything is important.
 - There is a program in Onondaga County Courts that is a diversion program for students who commit certain cybercrimes.
 - ESM is starting to do some humanities classes

Meeting Topics

- **Common Core implementation (so far)**
 - SED's [examples](#) of optional curriculum maps
 - [K-2 ELA](#) (vendor: Core Knowledge)
 - [3-5 ELA](#) (vendor: Expeditionary Learning)
 - [P-5 mathematics](#) (vendor: Common Core)
 - Math pre/post [list](#) from SED (it is extremely important to develop a bridge plan for 3-8 math that will ensure all necessary pre-April topics are addressed)
 - PARCC [Update](#) (which includes some sample items they are circulating)
- **APPR implementation**
 - SLO Lessons Learned
 - There doesn't have to be a pretest – this persists as a misconception'
 - Do school wide meetings before meeting with teachers individually
 - Consider having special education teachers set their SLOs to grade measures
 - Beginning of the Year meetings are actually good for a number of reasons, including the fact that they set a focus on student achievement right from the beginning
- **Enterprise America**
 - [Update](#)
 - They do plan on starting visits this spring
 - Looking for early adopters – let Jeff know if you want more information from Enterprise America

continued

Future meetings (and locations)

December 12, 2012

Distance Learning Center

At this meeting we will bring copies of the forms we are using to document behavior issues, bullying episodes, and other issues to share with each other.

February 7, 2013

Distance Learning Center

March 19, 2013

Distance Learning Center

May 23, 2013

Distance Learning Center