



# Walworth Jt. School District #1

## Instructional Redesign and Staffing for 2018-2019

### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **Why is an Instructional Redesign necessary?**

The District's instructional redesign was prompted by two factors: educational trends emphasizing science, technology, math, and literacy and a significant budget deficit in Fund 10 due to enrollment and funding mechanisms from state and federal sources.

#### **In planning for the Instructional Redesign what were priorities?**

The redesign had to:

- Align to the District's Mission, Beliefs, Values, and Expectations
- Align with the District's Educational Priorities
- Align Staffing with Enrollment in both homerooms and content areas
- Increase Tiered Learning System Support
- Increase Early Childhood Support
- Increase Autonomy for Curriculum and Professional Development
- Balance Fund 10 Budget

#### **What are the instructional changes?**

The instructional changes include having Science and Social Studies organized as a department instead of a grade level team, much like how PE is organized and taught. All other instruction will be delivered in the same manner as it is now: JK-2nd grade will have core content subjects taught by a homeroom teacher with looping of grades; 3rd-8th grade will continue to have a homeroom section and core content areas will continue to be taught by specialist teachers; students in grades 3-8 will continue to move from homerooms for language arts, math, science and social studies.

#### **Will students receive less instructional time in subject areas?**

No, instructional minutes will not be reduced.

#### **Are any of the Specials or Encore classes like Music, Art, and Physical Education cut?**

No, the Instructional Redesign does not reduce any of our current Encore offerings. Educating the Whole Child has been and will continue to be an important value for Walworth Jt. School District #1.

#### **Will there still be a Guidance Program?**

Yes, there are no changes to our Guidance Program.

#### **How will the reduction impact class sizes?**

Class sizes at Walworth will continue to be low, however some will be larger than recent history. We are currently projecting that most classes will be around 20 students.



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#### **What about TLC? Will that still be around?**

Yes, the school will continue to provide robust tiered learning opportunities throughout the day for students. In fact, the redesign will provide for additional teachers to be available to assist students with their tiered learning needs whether that would be for relearning or practicing of essential skills in language arts and math or working on personalize and enrichment projects such as those completed in the Tiered Learning Space.

#### **How will the Instructional Redesign increase fiscal responsibility and balance Fund 10?**

The Instructional Redesign calls for staffing that better reflects enrollment numbers. The staffing alignment will reduce a number of teaching positions, reduce additional support, and reassign additional support.

In the past several years the District has taken other steps to reduce spending in Fund 10 including changes and reduction of employee benefits, reduction of stipends, and addition of supervision responsibilities.

These reductions and changes will assist in balancing our Fund 10 which is our Operating budget.

#### **Will any of the Athletic or Extracurricular opportunities for students be reduced?**

No, the Instructional Redesign does not reduce any Athletic or Extracurricular opportunities for students. The change will be that after school athletic and extracurricular opportunities will be funded from Fund 80 and not Fund 10 and will be open to all students that reside in our District, not only those who attend Walworth School.

#### **When will the community know what teachers will be cut?**

The Board of Education will announce the reductions in staff at the December 18, 2017 Board of Education meeting.

#### **How can I find out more information on the Instructional Redesign?**

Residents and Families of Walworth Jt. School District #1 are encouraged to contact: Dr. Mary Ann Kahl for more information either by email: [MaryAnn.Kahl@walworth.k12.wi.us](mailto:MaryAnn.Kahl@walworth.k12.wi.us) or by phone (262) 275-6896. Residents and families are also encouraged to attend one of the upcoming listening sessions held in the multipurpose room of Walworth School on Tuesday, December 5th at 3:30 pm and Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30 pm.

#### **What will happen at the planned listening sessions?**

Walworth Jt. School District #1 Administration will share a short presentation on the Instructional Redesign and there will be time for questions from attendees.