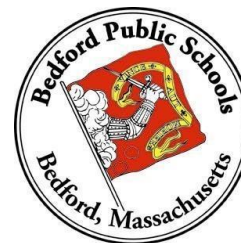


# BEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**To:** Members of the Bedford School Committee  
**From:** Cliff Chuang, Superintendent  
Tricia Clifford, Ed. D., Assistant Superintendent  
**Date:** January 18, 2024  
**Subject:** District Literacy Update to the SC

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This update provides information on the District Administrative Team (DAT), the District Literacy Leadership Team (DLLT), and the Science of Reading (SOR) course for both administrators and teachers.

## **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM**

The District Administrative Team (DAT) is mainly responsible for collaboratively planning and communicating with The Hill for Literacy. The DAT membership is listed below. The DAT has had several meetings already, and has the upcoming meetings scheduled.

## **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM MEMBERSHIP**

Tricia Clifford, Ed.D, Assistant Superintendent  
Andrea Salipante, ELA Curriculum Coordinator K-5  
Beth Benoit, Davis School Principal  
Rob Ackerman, Lane School Principal  
Marianne Vines, Director of Special Education

## **DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM MEETING SCHEDULE**

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|---------------|----------|----------------|
| • January 22  | via zoom | 1:00-2:00 p.m. |
| • February 26 | via zoom | 1:00-2:00 p.m. |
| • March 25    | via zoom | 1:00-2:00 p.m. |
| • April 22    | via zoom | 1:00-2:00 p.m. |
| • May 29      | via zoom | 2:00-3:00 p.m. |
| • June 12     | via zoom | 2:00-3:00 p.m. |

## **DISTRICT LITERACY LEADERSHIP TEAM**

The District Literacy Leadership Team (DLLT) will be meeting for the first time on January 25th. The Hill for Literacy will be working with this group over the next several months to conduct a core program review, where the DLLT will have the opportunity to engage in a process to select a new K-5 Literacy Program.<sup>1</sup> The membership of the DLLT and the meeting schedule is outlined below.

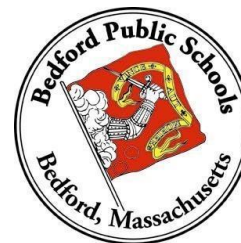
## **DISTRICT LITERACY LEADERSHIP TEAM MEMBERS**

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| • Tricia Clifford  | Assistant Superintendent       |
| • Andrea Salipante | K-5 ELA Curriculum Coordinator |
| • Rob Ackerman     | Principal - Lane               |
| • Beth Benoit      | Principal - Davis              |
| • Marianne Vines   | Director of Special Education  |
| • Carrie Powers    | Director ELL, K-12             |
| • Akil Mondesir    | METCO Director/ DEI            |

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<sup>1</sup> Though this will vary depending on the program selected and many other factors, we have received information indicating that the “refresh” timeline for “one-time” materials is along the lines of 10 years, and can also be done in pieces.

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• Lynn Armstrong	Literacy Specialist
• Jamie Love	Gr. 5 Teacher
• Brittany Stanley	Gr. 5 Teacher
• Kristen Enneguess	Kindergarten Teacher
• Stacey Williams	Instructional Coach
• Johanna Mangan	SPED Teacher
• Kaitlin Curran	Gr. 4 Teacher
• Jane Del Gobbo	SPED PA
• Kirstie Foley	SPED Teacher
• Courtney Roy	Gr. 1 Teacher
• Danielle Hickox	Gr. 5 Teacher
• Ann Hamel-Webster	Literacy Specialist
• Kristen Tracy	Director of Student Achievement & Literacy, 6-12
• Julie Hunt	Gr. 5 Teacher
• Deb Griffin	Gr. 2 Teacher
• Emma Heslop	Gr. 1 Teacher
• Loriann O'Brien	Classroom Teacher
• Jocelyn Mason	Literacy Specialist
• Jaclyn Bentinck-Smith	Instructional Coach
• Coreen Garrett	Parent - Lane
• Jamin Bercaw	Parent - Lane
• Jessica Jannace	Parent - Davis
• Elizabeth Marcum	Parent - Davis

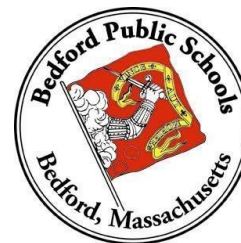
## **DISTRICT LITERACY LEADERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE**

• January 25	Lane	3:30-5:30
• February 15	Lane	3:30-5:30
• February 29	Lane	3:30-5:30
• March 21	Davis	3:30-5:30
• April 11	Davis	3:30-5:30
• May 9	Davis	3:30-5:30
• May 14	Davis	3:30-4:30
• May 16	Davis	3:30-4:30
• May 21	Davis	3:30-4:30
• May 23	Davis	3:30-5:30

## **SCIENCE OF READING ADMINISTRATOR AND TEACHER COURSE**

The Science of Reading (SOR) is a course that both administrators and teachers are taking this year. The two courses are tailored to those two groups. The administrators course addresses specific considerations for leading literacy, and the teachers course is specific to classroom instruction. The administrators course is synchronous, while the teachers course is asynchronous. The administrators have already completed two modules, and the teachers will have their first module on February 7th.

Administrators taking the administrators course include the members of the DAT, both elementary assistant principals, both elementary special education program administrators, and the EL director. The administrative training schedule is outlined below. The teachers taking the teachers SOR course include all 49 K-5 classroom teachers, all 24 K-5 special education teachers, the 7 elementary literacy



specialists, 7 elementary EL teachers, the two elementary instructional coaches, and 4 speech counselors. The teaching training schedule is also outlined below. We are also exploring ways to provide some training to interested teaching/educational assistants.

## **SOR ADMIN. MODULE SCHEDULE**

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|---------------|--------------|---|
| ● December 20 | 2:00-4:30pm  | SOR Module 1: The Brain and Reading                               |
| ● January 3   | 2:00-4:30pm  | SOR Module 2: Oral Language and The Brain and Reading Assessments |
| ● January 31  | 2:00-4:30pm  | SOR Module 3: Features of Effective Instruction                   |
| ● February 28 | 2:00-4:30pm  | SOR Module 4: Phonemic Awareness                                  |
| ● March 15    | 9:00-12noon  | SOR Module 5: Word Blending                                       |
|               | 12:00-2:30pm | SOR Module 6: Role of Automaticity                                |
| ● March 20    | 2:00-4:30pm  | SOR Module 7: Text Reading  |
| ● March 27    | 2:00-4:30pm  | SOR Module 8: Growing Vocabulary                                  |
| ● May 8       | 2:00-4:30pm  | SOR Module 9: Building Comprehension                              |
| ● June 5      | 2:00-4:30pm  | SOR Module 10: Pulling it All Together                            |

## **SCIENCE OF READING (SOR) ELEMENTARY TEACHER MODULE SCHEDULE**

- **DAVIS TEACHERS**
  - February 7 SOR Module 1
  - March 6 SOR Module 2
  - March 15 SOR Modules 3-5
  - April 3 SOR Module 6
  - May 15 SOR Module 7
  - Summer Day SOR Modules 8-10
- **LANE TEACHERS**
  - February 7 SOR Module 1
  - March 6 SOR Module 2
  - March 15 SOR Modules 3-5
  - April 24 SOR Module 6
  - May 29 SOR Module 7
  - Summer Day SOR Modules 8-10

As this work continues throughout the winter and spring, we will provide updates to the school committee. Thank you to all of the administrators and teachers who are currently participating in this important work.