



NWESD Program Updates | December 2020

General Updates

- Hanover Report, [Best Practices in Returning to Learning](#) There are several connections to questions that we have been discussing throughout the region. This document may serve as a supportive framework for further conversation, so please let us know if there are particular ideas that resonate with you and/or your team.
- [NWESD Region Grading Process for Fall/Winter](#) Thank you for adding information to this document.

Computer Science

- **Computer Science TEALS Application now open for 2021-2022:**
[Technology Education and Literacy in Schools](#) (TEALS) is a Microsoft Philanthropies program that connects existing classroom teachers with industry professionals to create a sustainable CS program at your school. The industry professionals provide the content to the teacher and the students, while the classroom teacher guides the lesson planning and takes on the role of lead learner. This unique professional development model empowers teachers to learn computer science from an expert in the field and eventually teach courses on their own. The TEALS Program is currently accepting partner school applications for the 2021-22 school year and you can access the application at [Microsoft.com/TEALS](https://microsoft.com/TEALS). To learn more, you can review the [TEALS Program Brochure](#), sign up for a [school info session](#) to get your questions answered, or talk directly with our regional TEALS team member Rachel Huang (Rachel.Huang@microsoft.com).
- For more information regarding our computer science program please contact Amy Colburn at acolburn@nwesd.org.

English Language Arts

- Smarter Balance Smarter Annotated Response Tool for Writing <https://smart.smarterbalanced.org/>
- K-8 Family Guides for Literacy <https://seekcommonground.org/family-guides>
- Achieve the Core asynchronous workshop: [Disrupting the Canon: Moving Towards Anti-Racist Teaching with Text Selection and Preparation](#)
- For more information regarding ELA programming please contact Kim Kellogg at kkellogg@nwesd.org or Anita Garcia-Holzemer at agarcia@nwesd.org.

Inclusionary Practices

- **Only 4 school team spots remain!** The AEDS Inclusionary Practices Project includes mini grants, professional learning, and implementation support for Building Leadership Teams wanting to improve inclusionary practices - [find out more here!](#)
- For those needing flexibility for professional learning, check out our asynchronous Canvas courses including: [The Case for UDL; Equality, Equity and Inclusive Education](#), [Learner Variability and Barriers to Learning](#), [Introduction to Universal Design for Learning](#), [Leading Implementation of Inclusionary Practices](#), [Take ALL four courses asynchronously](#)
- For more information regarding inclusionary practices please contact Cassie Stevens at cstevens@nwesd.org or Anita Garcia-Holzemer at agarcia@nwesd.org.

Instructional Technology

- AESD LMS Solutions: Get to know the “ins and outs” of your selected Learning Management System platform through the [LMS 101 Live](#) 3-part series on December 8, 9, and 10 or at your own pace with the asynchronous course. Participants will:
 - Gain an understanding of how to use their selected LMS.
 - Gather ideas for how to develop, organize, and assign classes, materials, activities, assignments, and quizzes/assessments.
 - Investigate resources and begin planning to use their LMS in classrooms.
 - Develop an understanding of LMS best practices during distance/remote and/or in-person learning.
 - Preview parent/student communication reports and access in your chosen LMS.
- Join us for the LMS Office Hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Go to the [AESD LMS Solutions](#) site and select your LMS platform to find corresponding events and office hour schedules.
- Please reach out to Trinh Pham at tpham@nwesd.org to be added to the email distribution list. For more information regarding education technology please contact Trinh Pham at tpham@nwesd.org or Jennifer Longchamps at jlongchamps@nwesd.org.

School Improvement

- **Building Leaders Connection (BLC)** - 1st and 3rd Friday of every month | 9:00-10:30 AM
The BLC supports leaders connecting with and learning from other principals, school/department/district leaders. BLC will bring leaders together to collaborate over timely topics and share resources. BLC offers a consistent place to find support and information
Connect Here: <https://zoom.us/j/95692583179>
- For more information regarding our School Improvement program please contact Gayle Everly at geverly@nwesd.org or Anita Garcia-Holzember at agarcia@nwesd.org.

Science

- [Climate Justice League](#) @NWESD: [Registration Information](#)
 - A partnership between Washington Green Schools, NWESD, and PSESD. Do you know a High School teacher with a passion for social justice and how climate changes are affecting marginalized and underrepresented people the fastest? We are forming a *small* group of teams (no more than 20 people total) to explore these topics and to share their learning. There is a stipend and a book to accompany the learning and the participation.
 - Teams *do not need to be science alone!* A science teacher teamed with a civics teacher would be awesome! So would a civics teacher and a history teacher! Or a Science teacher with a civics teacher and an art teacher! You get the idea!
- For more information regarding our science programming please contact Brian MacNevin at bmacnevin@nwesd.org or Jennifer Longchamps at jlongchamps@nwesd.org.

Other

- Paraeducator Fundamental Course of Study – online training now available. Paraeducators can [enroll for individual FCS units](#). Or, school districts can purchase access to all 12 FCS units for the 2020-21 school year. Contact Jennifer Longchamps at jlongchamps@nwesd.org for more information.

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