

Pittsville School District's Vision and Mission:

Vision:

Expecting Excellence and Innovation, Honoring Legacy, and Embracing Partnerships

Mission:

Expecting Excellence and Integrity from all, developing Innovative students, strengthened through Partnerships with parents and the community

1. Student and Staff Learning:

- We are all in on Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) for 22-23. We have 75 minutes of collaboration time built into our schedule with the Early Release Wednesdays and we intend to use that time effectively. In order to build more capacity for staff to make the best possible use of this time, we will be doing the following:
 - Attending the PLC Institute in MN with Mrs. Friday in August (Ms. Foate, Mr. Bellanti, and Mr. Denniston are attending from the high school).
 - Participating in professional development with Mr. Jack Baldermann, award-winning principal, on August 23rd (entire district).
 - Attending the PLC Conference series by AWSA throughout the school year (Dr. Watson, Mrs. Downs, and Gina Zickert).
 - Participating in a semester-long book study of *Learning by Doing* by DuFour et al, the seminal work in PLC implementation (all staff are invited).

These opportunities will build staff capacity while we get used to and effective at true collaboration.

- We received our results from Advanced Placement testing in the Spring. AP tests assess student mastery of challenging content in a variety of upper level classes. We offered five AP classes last year. Students could opt to take the test or not if they were a member of the class. A score of a three or above earns a student a college credit in the course at most institutions. Here are our results for students earning a 3 or above:

- *AP Psychology- 75%
- AP Calculus- 33%
- +AP Human Geography- 25% (our only 5 on the AP exam was in this class!)
- #AP Literature- 100%
- AP US History- 50%

*AP Psych will not be offered in 22-23. We will work to bring it back in 23-24 or offer it in RVA.

+AP Human Geography was offered to all freshmen, regardless of preparation or interest. Its low pass rate led us to tactically pause this course. We will offer regular Geography in 22-23 and hopefully bring back AP HG in 23-24.

#We are offering both AP Lit and AP Language in 22-23. Mrs. Chauncey Jones will teach both.

2. Innovation and Recognition:

- Our new Band Director Mr. Tom Wiegert, led the PHS Band in the Pittsville Independence Day Parade. It was a wet day, but spirits were high. Mr. Wiegert hopes to build a high quality marching band for PHS this year!



3. Looking Ahead:

- The improvements to the high school campus are coming along quickly. The summer work crew has most of the building cleaned. We have our history wall mostly completed, a mural ready to install, and new lights in our interior rooms.

We have cleared out a lot of unused furniture, books, etc, and the building is starting to look sharp. Look for pictures in the August report!

- Parent and student communication for next school year is coming soon. We will need to carefully and clearly communicate about food program procedures since many students will be paying for food for the first time in two years, new student orientation on August 24th, changes to grading policy, etc. The two schools will send parent communication out at the same time, via Skylert and on the website, in the first week of August.