

**Middle Level Principals Meeting
Wednesday, May 28, 2014**

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Updates

- SED Update (K-12 Social Studies Framework [slides](#) [one-pager](#))

Meeting Topics

- **Summer School**

- Before report cards are printed, districts will verify how they want final grades to be determined (whether and how to factor in the previous year's work into the final grade for credit purposes)
- Beginning with the 2014, additional support for Students with Disabilities (SWD) will be provided at Regional Summer School. The concept was as a result of work with various stakeholders throughout our region based on the direction from the Superintendents' Instructional Support Services Committee. The data from previous summers indicate that the rate of success for SWDs is lower than for general education students. This pointed to the need to do something different. Also, there were some concerns whether the level of support previously supported was congruent with the support SWDs receive during the regular school year. Students with Disabilities will be enrolled in a course called "Instructional Support" in addition to their classes. This course will provide the following supports:
 - Support for work in courses – vocabulary, formulae, organization, etc.
 - Consultation by the special educators with general education teachers
 - Modifications/Accommodations for assessments, finals, and Regents examinations

This model replaces the previous testing center approach. Because this is an additional course it does limit SWDs to two courses (plus this supports).

- **3-8 Assessment Issues**

- Math refusals were higher than ELA refusals
- Starting to see some science refusals (for the first time ever)

- **Regional Vision for PBL and New Tech Network Schools**

- [Innovation Tech](#) will be up and running in September
- New Tech High School @ Hartnett plans are proceeding for a September 2016 opening.
- [PBL NY](#) is full; wait listing now
- The first cohorts of **PBL 102** have been announced! These courses are designed for two teachers (and, if possible, their teacher librarian) who are co-teaching an integrated PBL course. One section of **PBL 102** will be for [humanities](#) (an ELA and social studies partnership) and another section of **PBL 102** will be for an [ELA/science](#) partnership. The course begins with four days of training and then continues throughout the year with networking, support, and PBL coaching.

- **Planning for Next Year's Meetings**

- We will schedule meetings similar to this year

- Will schedule a PBL primer for principals for a meeting
- Will schedule legal updates from Dave Cirillo for a meeting

- **Roundtable**

Future meetings (and locations)

September 23, 9:00a, Center Conference Room

December 12, 9:00a, Center Conference Room

February 5, 9:00a, Center Conference Room

March 24, 9:00a, Center Conference Room

May 21, 9:00a, Center Conference Room