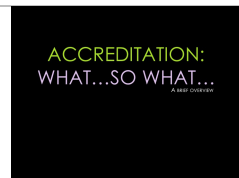


# Accreditation microPD #1

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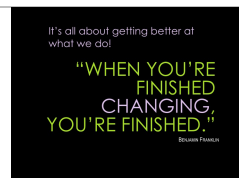
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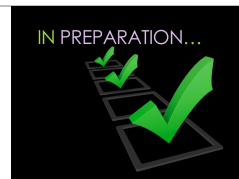
We will be talking briefly about accreditation today. Some of you will remember when the district went through the accreditation process in the fall of 2014. Well, that time has come around again and there are a few things you need to know right now.



So, what is accreditation and why is it important? Accreditation is a status that shows the public that Davis School District has met and maintains a high level of standards set by an accrediting agency, in our case, Advance Education (AdvancED, pronounced advance ed). It is an important process that guarantees our students are receiving a quality education.



Accreditation is similar to what we do with Evaluate Davis. When we talk about instruction, we look at data, we make observations, we discuss strategies, and we reflect on how well we are doing. Accreditation is the same thing but on a larger scale. An accreditation team will look at our data, they will spend time in classrooms observing, and they will give us things to think about and improve upon as well as things to celebrate!



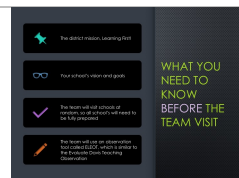
We are always preparing for anyone to visit our schools, and over the next 12 months we will be focusing in on those things we do well and those we need to work on. As a school, we will be looking at student learning, teacher and staff professional learning, observations, the school improvement plan goal achievement, and many other data. We will analyze and reflect, then build action plans to improve.



This is a team effort. We will be asking many of you to work on various aspects of the accreditation process over the course of the next twelve months and we are all responsible for creating a productive learning environment for our students, and a place we are proud to call "our school."



The school will be involved in many activities we already do on a regular basis. We will be evaluating the impact of leadership, instruction and learning, and resources; surveying a sample of the staff and Community Council; gathering evidence of continuous improvement; analyzing Evaluate Davis survey and observation data; analyzing climate survey data; and assessing other information related to instructional improvement.



As we work together over the next year, we will be periodically reminding you of the district mission, Learning First! as well as our school's vision and goals. We will also be teaching you some of the important accreditation terminology we'll need to learn and use regularly and later this year, we will introduce the AdvancED observation instrument, which is similar to our own teaching observation.



The AdvancED team will be made up of 15-20 non-district education professionals. They will visit a random sampling of schools in our district in October 2019.



We are excited to have the opportunity to possibly showcase our school to an outside group of educators and welcome the chance to reflect on our current practices and plan for changes we will continue to make. Thank you for joining us on this learning journey!