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LaGrange, GA., February 10, 2023 – Every week until the end of the 2022-2023 school year, The Troup County School System is highlighting a Professional Learning Community from a different school.

The goal of the Professional Learning Communities is to meet regularly and discuss standards-based approaches, common assessments, student work, student-level data, interventions, and instructional improvement strategies.

This week's highlight is **Hillcrest Elementary School, written by Christy Keeth, Principal of HCES.**

Our 3rd-5th grade Professional Learning Community team met on Tuesday, January 3rd, to work on a plan for the second half of the school year. This team includes our 3rd-grade teachers- Brooke Cockrell, Julie Conner, and Erin Neighbors. 4th-grade teachers- Kanada McGill and Casi Napier, 5th Grade Teachers- Donna Shepard and Alicia Bilbo, EIP teacher- Evans Eiler; Exceptional Education teachers- Mallory Reynolds and Britney Santos, Gifted Teacher- Sherri Everett and Intervention Specialist- Jana Jones. Our grade-level teams meet regularly when we have formative, summative, or iReady data to discuss.

Our focus during this meeting was our mid-year iReady diagnostic results. We worked through our students to identify areas of growth from the beginning of the year. We also identified areas of weakness to ensure we were meeting the needs of our students. Using our iReady mid-year diagnostic data and assessment data, adjustments are made to student groups based on their strengths and weaknesses during differentiation time to provide additional support and enrichment. Our goal is to ensure that all students receive what they need to reach mastery of grade-level standards by the end of the school year. We will measure our success by continuing to monitor our iReady progress through classroom and common formative and summative assessments.

Our Hillcrest teachers work diligently to meet each student's academic needs. They come to the meetings prepared to discuss and adjust grouping and instruction to support our goal of continuous school improvement. I am so thankful for the dedication of our faculty and staff.

About Troup County School System

Troup County School System is an accredited educational system with over 12,200 students in grades K-12. TCSS does offer a free Pre-K program at each elementary school. The system is comprised of eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, one college and career academy, and one alternative learning center. Students within the school system are taught a rigorous and relevant curriculum that helps them make college and career choices beyond graduation. The system 2022 graduation rate is 85.9 percent. To learn more about Troup County School System, visit troup.org and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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