

## ***Media Release***

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LaGrange, GA., March 17, 2023 – Every week until the end of the 2022-2023 school year, The Troup County School System highlights a Professional Learning Community from a different school.

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

This PLC highlight is from **Troup County High School, written by Niki Watts, Principal of TCHS.**

#### **Spotlight:**

Dr. Linda Wood, Dr. Jody Sloat, Mrs. Jana Arp, and Mrs. Joni Taylor

Dr. Wood, Dr. Sloat, and Mrs. Arp are American Literature teachers at Troup High. They have utilized our Intervention Specialist, Mrs. Joni Taylor, for targeted support of students based on their analysis of performance data.

#### **What do these teachers do in PLCs?**

This group of educators is in a constant state of collaboration, and they all bring a wealth of content expertise and a genuine desire to see students succeed in their PLC. They spent the summer reviewing the American Literature priority standards and the End of Course test blueprint and gathering effective resources to ensure their instruction was focused and intentional. Their PLC time is spent comparing and analyzing common assessment results, which leads to best practices discussions and the sharing of effective instructional strategies. In addition, they work to determine the specific needs of students in their goal of mastering the standards of their class.

#### **Is it working?**

The most impactful component of their PLC results is the targeted interventions they can implement with the support of Mrs. Joni Taylor, Troup High's Intervention Specialist. Mrs. Taylor is a part of their PLC group and works with the classroom teachers to identify students needing additional support and develop a plan to serve them best. With resources identified by the American Literature teachers and using various research-based strategies, Mrs. Taylor can help work with students in small groups to help them move their academic achievement needle in the right direction. The icing on the cake – this is a group that genuinely enjoys working together! They all get along well, have a good time together, and are all equally committed to the success of our students.

## 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](http://troup.org) and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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