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LaGrange, GA., March 24, 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 **THINC College and Career**, written by **Dr. Jennifer Pike, Principal of THINC**.

The THINC College and Career Academy faculty meet with their Professional Learning Community (PLC) every Monday immediately after student dismissal. Due to the nature of the THINC program, the PLCs that have been formed are different from those most often seen at other schools. In August, five PLC groups were created, each consisting of four to five instructors. Initially, THINC PLC groups met to discuss students who were noted to be at risk for behavior, attendance, and grades. The faculty members were assigned students who they checked on and supported biweekly. Since August, the groups have remained the same, but the focus has progressed into group discussions rooted around adding rigor and relevance to the classrooms. The PLC groups have benefited both students and teachers at THINC Academy. Many of our staff members are new to us this year, and these groups have allowed them to collaborate with others they may not have had much interaction with otherwise.

One of the benefits of having PLC groups that bring instructors of different contents together is that they can collaborate and plan interdisciplinary projects and activities. These projects are great tools that can be used to both engage students and show them how what you learn in one area can easily apply to another. Furthermore, our instructors can share instructional strategies that they find to be the most effective. Next week, THINC instructors will begin discussing how to involve students more in what goes on in the classroom. Shouldn't students be part of the planning process for their learning? We THINC so.

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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