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LaGrange, GA., April 20, 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 **Callaway Elementary, written by Melanie Bastien, Principal of CES.**

Professional Learning Communities at Work - Callaway Elementary School

The fifth-grade team members at Callaway Elementary School, Crystal Childs, April Noles, Christy Washington, Zoe Watson, Jonathan Wilson, and Regina Jones, have worked extremely hard to provide standards-based, challenging, and engaging learning experiences for their students this school year. The work for this learning has been based on the effort these fabulous educators have put into practice through collaborative structures of Professional Learning Communities.

The Work of the PLC

Just before we went home for winter break, the team came together during one of their weekly PLC meetings to examine student data from our second i-Ready diagnostic administration. The team looked at diagnostic, formative, and summative data from each fifth-grade student for reading and mathematics. We determined where students were doing well and where we saw skill deficits. The team did some creative scheduling using the instructional groupings tool in the i-Ready platform and data from other assessments. It developed fluid groups that often changed based on student needs. This included all students receiving a whole-group reading from one teacher and whole-group mathematics instruction from another teacher. Small group reading and math were based on individual student needs. As a result of this work, we saw increases in the percentage of fifth-grade students projected to be proficient and distinguished in reading and math.

This team is to be commended for working together as a true community of learners. They have committed to doing what is best for students and ensuring each of our students has had a great fifth-grade year.

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](https://troup.org), visit troup.org and the Troup County School System Facebook page.

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