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LaGrange, GA., May 18, 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 **LaGrange High School, written by Jamie Bozeman, Principal of LHS.**

PLCs (Professional Learning Communities) are essential components of effective education systems. They provide a platform for educators to share insights, expertise, and best practices, ultimately improving student learning outcomes. Teachers can better understand students' needs through collaboration, design relevant and engaging lessons, and identify effective strategies to enhance student learning. Additionally, PLCs promote accountability, as educators hold each other responsible for student progress.

LaGrange High School's American Literature PLC has taken full advantage of its PLC time this year. Teachers reviewed Winter End of Course data earlier this semester to determine how students performed within each tested domain. Their findings led them to group reflection as they examined lesson plans designed to teach specific content during the Fall semester. They wondered if their lessons accurately identified Standard wording and required students to actively engage with taught content while applying and demonstrating content mastery.

Mrs. Kinley Stanford came to the realization, after reviewing student work, that her students, like Mrs. Hyers, needed to do better. Somehow, they were missing the mark. During their next PLC meeting, teachers reviewed student work samples from each class. Their discovery led them to a moment of creative breakthrough. They soon found themselves engaged with standards each of them had previously taught in a manner like never before. Instead of simply identifying and teaching standards, they asked themselves, what can we do to allow our students to actively engage with the content so that real understanding and learning occur? Each teacher returned to reteach the lesson and found their new results far more accurate and authentic related to content mastery.

When PLCs are done correctly and with fidelity, the work produced can change how teachers see their classes. Student engagement, learning, and thought process can rise to a level not previously obtained. We are thankful to have a group of teachers that are not afraid to roll up their sleeves, get dirty, admit that changes are needed to produce better outcomes, and make it happen.

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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