



# **New Providence School District**

## ***Statement of Impact***

### **Recognizing Excellence in our Staff**

**Candidates:** Jonathan Keaney, Department Head of STEM  
Byron Tracey, Department Head of World Language & Social Studies  
Sandra Andersen, Department Head of Technology & Information Services

**From:** Dr. David Miceli, Superintendent of Schools  
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This evening, we celebrate and recognize three outstanding educators for their passion, creativity, and commitment to improving instruction through our new teacher training program. Jon Keaney, Byron Tracey, and Sandy Andersen have inspired, motivated, and exposed hundreds of new teachers to our expectations over the past 20 years, and therefore, have impacted the educational experience of thousands of New Providence students.

Tonight, we want to take a moment to express our appreciation and gratitude for the impact they have made on our school district.

How often do you hear about new teacher training programs? And if you do, are the new staff praising the presenters for that experience?

Well, here in NP we are very fortunate to have Jon, Byron, and Sandy! Each year, these three individuals work tirelessly to enhance, update and reframe the experience so that our new teachers can be inspired, and see first-hand, what good teaching looks like in New Providence. The experience is not just about the exposure to curriculum, technology, assessment, and instructional strategies, but each day is filled with a myriad of modeling experiences that are rich, relevant and engaging.

Having sat in on many of these sessions, I can speak from my own involvement about the quality and level of professionalism that ensues each year. The genuine engagement of the new teachers demonstrates the value that each of these individuals bring to this experience.

At the completion of the training, I have the opportunity to meet with all of the new teachers, and each year, I inquire about their experience. When given the opportunity to share, the complements are personally articulated such as, "that was

an incredible experience, I learned so much, I feel so much more prepared, even as a veteran teacher- there are so many takeaways, it's like a great college course.”

As we can all imagine, if our new teachers come away from this experience feeling inspired and confident, our students will only benefit from the comprehensive environment that will be created. As I pondered this sentiment, I can't quite put a value on the significance of this training, and therefore, felt compelled to honor and recognize our three colleagues this evening.

Jon, Byron and Sandy, on behalf of the Board of Education and administration, we recognize you as New Providence Impact Teachers, and can't thank you enough for all that you have done for the students of New Providence.