## HIGHLAND LAKES PLC NEWS

## Highlights from the HLS Renaissance Team

This month's PLC Focus for the HLS Renaissance Team included an article review on the important role that academic rigor plays in enhancing learning experiences to foster student's mastery of complex subjects and ideas. Teachers reviewed the article and shared ideas and lessons with each other, and discussed how add rigor to existing lessons. Academic Rigor is...

Challenging Work Depth of Knowledge Motivational Complex Thinking Applying Learning to New situations Quality

## What is Academic Rigor?

Academic rigor describes scaffolded learning experiences that are increasingly academically, intellectually, and personally challenging. Rigorous learning experiences help students acquire knowledge and master concepts that are complex, ambiguous, or contentious, and they help students gain skills that can be applied in a variety of educational, career, and civic context throughout their lives (EdGlossary, 2014)