

# Education Committee



**January 25, 2024**



# Tonight's Agenda

- Council Rock Education Foundation (CREF)
- Planned Course Guide for Science
- STEEL Standards Update
- Proposed District Calendar 2025-26
- Full Day Kindergarten Discussion



# Council Rock Education Foundation (CREF)

- Background
- Ways that CREF Supports Council Rock
- Grants
- Community Support



# Questions / Comments





# Planned Course Guide for Science

## Example of Planned Course Document- Science

- Curriculum Review Process- Chapter 4 Guidelines
- Access on website and in buildings
- Provide opportunity to learn more about courses
  - Links to Standards
  - Course description
  - Measurable Objectives
  - Instructional Strategies
  - Forms of Assessment
  - Estimate of Instructional Time
  - Resources



# STEEL Standards Update

Pennsylvania adopted new standards: STEELS

Science | Technology & Engineering | Environmental Literacy & Sustainability



Life Science Physical Science Earth & Space Science Environmental Literacy & Sustainability Technology & Engineering



# STEEL Standards Update

Provides the framework for student centered learning & making connections

2023-24

- Rewrite frameworks
- Ensure vertical alignment
- Provide professional development opportunities

2024-25

- Begin implementation
- Rewrite assessments

2025-26

- Full implementation of STEELS
- New state assessments





# STEEL Standards Update

## Innovation STEMS from Science & Interdisciplinary Connections



Science classrooms (K-12) parallel what scientists & engineers are doing.

Science & Engineering Practices (SEPs) are the behaviors that students engage in every day, just like scientists, to acquire the skills that can be applied in all areas of STEM.

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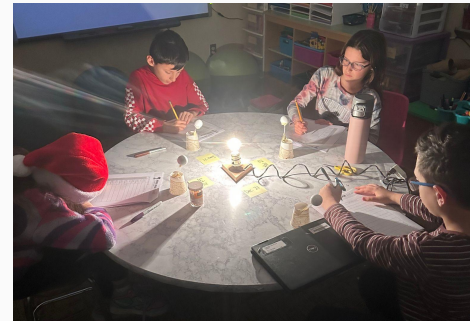
# PA Assessment Changes- Spring of 2026

## State Assessments

- 4th grade science PSSA moves to 5th grade
- 8th grade science PSSA will remain in 8th grade
- Biology Keystone will stay aligned with the course
- PSSAs & Biology Keystone will assess on STEELS in 2025-26

## How are we preparing?

- Updating our curriculum
- Providing teachers with high quality instructional materials and resources for students
- Professional development





# Questions / Comments





# Proposed District Calendar 2025-26

## Considerations:

- Labor Day
- Community Feedback - 5 day Spring Break
- Flexible Instructional Days
- Set graduation date at March Board meeting?
- Act 56 of 2023 180 days/900 hours/990 hours
- Recommend additional professional development for mandated trainings



# Required Trainings

## **Navigate 360**

Alice Training – 60 minutes

Alice Recertification – need to take annually after initial Alice training has been completed. – 30 – 60 minutes

## **Vector**

PA Act 126 – Part 1: Child Abuse and Mandatory Reporting – 60 minutes

PA Act 126 – Part 2: Educator Discipline Act, Sexual Misconduct and Maintaining Professional Boundaries – 125 minutes.

School Board Policy 806 – Child Abuse – 15 minutes

Discrimination Awareness in the Workplace – 22 minutes

Sexual Harassment: Staff-to-Staff – 37 minutes

## **Act 55**

School safety and security topics - 3 hours annually



# District Initiatives

- Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS)
- Reading Horizon & Wonders Programs
- Required 20 hours for paraprofessionals
- LINK It! (Online Data Management Platform)



# Questions / Comments





# Full Day Kindergarten

Factors to take into account:

- Staffing Implications
- Space requirements
- Cost
- Additional variables for consideration
- Next steps?



# Questions / Comments







# Upcoming Education Committee Meeting

## **February 22, 2024**

- Ukrainian Refugee Grant
- Guidance Plan: Act 339

# Thank You

