

Newletter from the ES

Council for Teaching & Learning



December 2024

Dear Spectacular Teachers,

Your CTL reps are working to address your concerns and answer your questions. We heard from the HIAT team lead that is working with the CKLA office to streamline the assessments and is working on the AT tools- more to come TBD- stay tuned!

We also looked into the science curriculum and wondered how it works with the new CKLA given that it includes information from some of the science units. Currently, the word is that there may be some overlap and CKLA will complement our NGSS-aligned Science curriculum.

The bulk of our December CTL meeting was spent learning from Jennifer Granados, an Instructional Specialist from the Division of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

Blueprint Information

- MSDE (Maryland State Department of Education) and the Accountability Implementation Board created the Blueprint.
- What is the Blueprint?
 - It is a state law for all 24 LEAs (Local Educational Agencies).
 - There are 5 pillars- all 5 are needed to make it work.
 - i. Early Childhood are tasked with:
 - Creating & supporting Judy Centers (provide wrap around center that provide super to students and families from birth to age 5)
 - Expanding full day Pre-k
 - Improving Kindergarten
 - ii. High quality teachers and diverse leaders are working toward:
 - Increasing teacher wages
 - Improving teacher working conditions
 - Recruiting new teachers ([Teacher Academy of Maryland](#))
 - Increasing the number of National Board Certified teachers
 - iii. College & Career Readiness are working toward:
 - Ensuring all students are college and career ready by 10th grade

- Back mapping the goals to ensure that students are on track to graduate
- Growing Career Technical Education (CTE) Programs
- iv. Advocating for more resources to support:
 - Emergent multilingual learners
 - Community schools
 - Mental health services
- v. Governance and accountability responsibilities:
 - Expert Review Team (ERT): will visit all schools by 2026
 - 9 school were selected to undergo the review in 23-24
 - 19 elementary schools were selected for review in 24-25

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- How does your work connect to the Blueprint?
 - i. [Implementation plan](#)
- Additional information: [MCPS Blueprint video](#)

Reminders

If you have questions about or need more information about the Blueprint, do not hesitate to reach out to us.

If you ever have any questions, concerns, or topics you'd like us to discuss at our meetings, please add them to [this document](#). We will do our best to answer them in the document, in our meetings, and in our monthly letters.

Additional information & Resources

- [HIAT Quick Guide](#)
- [uPAR Overview from the Vendor](#)
- [Accommodations - Classroom vs. Testing](#)
- [Research supporting the use of text-to-speech](#)
- [Clarksburg's success with using text to speech for all students](#)
- [MCPS AT Support Portal](#)
- IT links: [Canva](#), [KAMI](#), and [AI](#)

Sincerely,

Your Devoted CTL representatives