



Newark Board of Education

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Instruction & Program Committee Report

Location	Date	Time
Virtual	May 13, 2025	5:00 PM
Board Members		
Kanileah Anderson	David I. Daughety	
District Liaison & Superintendent Representative		
Sylvia Esteves		
Other District Staff		
Yolonda Severe	Dr. Paula Perrone	
Anzella Nelms	Christina Ramirez	
Carolyn Granato	Andre Hollis	
Julianne Bello		
Guests		
Agenda Topics		

Item: **Welcome and Introductions**

Lead(s): Kanileah Anderson

Priority/Strategy:

- Priority 1: Unified and Aligned Systems
- Priority 3: Strength-Based and Responsive Culture

Comments: Instruction and Program Committee Chair Anderson convened the meeting at 5:06 PM. Welcomes and introductions took place between the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Esteves, Committee Chair Anderson, and Board Member Daughety.

Item: **I&P Committee Protocols**

Lead(s): Assistant
Superintendent Esteves

Priority/Strategy:

- Priority 1: Unified and Aligned Systems
- Priority 3: Strength-Based and Responsive Culture

Comments: Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Esteves, reviewed the Instruction and Program Committee meeting protocols. Listed below for documentation in minutes are the protocols:

- The committee minutes reflect the priorities and strategies of the District's historic 10-year strategic plan, *The Next Decade: 2020-30*, and are always identified on the agenda as such.
- Committee meetings are a space to ask questions that you might not be able to say at public meetings or with the public.
- Comments and opinions expressed in committee meetings must be kept confidential. Opinions and recommendations regarding proposed or recommended items are subject to

the deliberative process privilege, which requires confidentiality. Also, personally identifiable information must not be disclosed.

- The topics discussed in this committee should be limited to those that are related to the committee.
- The minutes will be sent out on Fridays for your review and will be posted on the website when approved.

Following the protocols, Assistant Superintendent Esteves introduced the other District Staff members in the meeting. The Deputy Superintendent brought greetings and welcomed Board Member Daughety to the committee.

Item: I&P Committee Agenda Topics	
Lead(s): Assistant Superintendent Esteves	Priority/Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Unified and Aligned Systems• Priority 2: A Rigorous and Relevant Framework for Curriculum and Instruction• Priority 4: Continuous Learning for All

Comments: Assistant Superintendent shared the Instruction and Program committee goals and the committee norms. Immediately following, she shared a succinct overview of the responsibilities of the Office of Teaching and Learning and agenda topics that are typically covered in Instruction and Program Committee meetings which include:

- Curriculum Development Overview
- Assessment and Evaluation
- Professional Development
- Resolutions
- Events Overview

Item: Office of Extended Learning Time Presentation	
Lead(s): Assistant Superintendent Esteves and Director of Extended Learning Time, Julianne Bello	Priority/Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 1: Unified and Aligned Systems• Priority 2: A Rigorous and Relevant Framework for Curriculum and Instruction• Priority 3: Strength-Based and Responsive Culture• Priority 4: Continuous Learning for All• Priority 5: Integrated System of Supports• Priority 6: Strong Reciprocal Partnerships

Comments: At 5:24 PM, Assistant Superintendent Esteves introduced Director Julianne Bello, who facilitated a presentation on the initiatives in the Department of Extended Learning Time. The presentation provided a comprehensive overview of the Extended Learning Time program, highlighting the following key areas:

- Nutrition Program
- Academic Tutoring Program
- Summer Programs
 - National Summer Learning Association Award 2024
 - District Summer Programs
 - Sports Camps
 - Summer Quest!
- Excel Program
 - Instruction and Enrichment
 - Monitoring of Student Progress
 - Impact

- Professional Development
- Spotlight on Partnerships
- Next Phase of the work: Summer 2025

A complete PowerPoint presentation, which includes all the points related to instruction and programming presented and reviewed by Director Julianne Bello of Extended Learning Time has been uploaded for the Board Members' review.

At 5:54 PM, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Esteves opened the floor for questions regarding the Presentation on Extended Learning Time. Questions were asked and addressed during this time.

Item: Office of Adult Education Presentation	
Lead(s): Director of Adult Education, Andre Hollis	Priority/Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1: Unified and Aligned Systems • Priority 2: A Rigorous and Relevant Framework for Curriculum and Instruction • Priority 3: Strength-Based and Responsive Culture • Priority 5: Integrated System of Supports • Priority 6: Strong Reciprocal Partnerships

Comments: At 6:06 PM, Assistant Superintendent Esteves introduced Director Andre Hollis, who facilitated a presentation of program offerings and the initiatives in the Department of Adult Education. The presentation provided a comprehensive overview of the Adult Education program, highlighting the following key areas:

- Overview of Adult Education
 - Newark at a Glance
 - Adult education programs
 - Adult education students and staff
- Programming and Instructional Resources
 - Professional Learning
 - Teacher Resources
 - General Education Development
- Summer School Programming
 - Dates, times and locations

A complete PowerPoint presentation, which includes all the points related to instruction and programming presented and reviewed by Director Andre Hollis of Adult Education has been uploaded for the Board Members' review.

At 6:28 PM, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Esteves opened the floor for questions regarding the Presentation on Adult Education. Questions were asked and addressed during this time.

Item: Office of Alternative Education Presentation	
Lead(s): Carolyn Granato, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education	Priority/Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 1: Unified and Aligned Systems • Priority 2: A Rigorous and Relevant Framework for Curriculum and Instruction • Priority 3: Strength-Based and Responsive Culture • Priority 5: Integrated System of Supports • Priority 6: Strong Reciprocal Partnerships

Comments: At 6:06 PM, Assistant Superintendent Esteves introduced Assistant Superintendent Carolyn Granato, who facilitated a presentation on the initiatives in the Department of Alternative Education. The presentation provided a comprehensive overview of the Alternative Education program, highlighting the following key areas:

- Mission and Vision
- District Alignment
- NPS Assigned Schools
- Pathways Reimagined
- Services Provided
- Program Deliverables
- Support & Partners

A complete PowerPoint presentation, which includes all the points related to instruction and programming presented and reviewed by Assistant Superintendent Granato has been uploaded for the Board Members' review.

At 6:44 PM, Assistant Superintendent Granato opened the floor for questions regarding the Presentation on Alternative Education. Questions were asked and addressed during this time.

Item: Review of Resolutions	
Lead(s): Assistant Superintendent Esteves	Priority/Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priority 2: A Rigorous and Relevant Framework for Curriculum and Instruction • Priority 3: Strength-Based and Responsive Culture

Comments: At 6:56 PM, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Esteves, thoroughly summarized the resolutions to allow a clear understanding of all resolutions and purpose for inclusion at the meeting. There were 17 resolutions that were uploaded on the Electronic School Board (ESB).

19.1 Instruction & Program

19.2 Approval of College Forensic Science (BARD172) Curriculum

19.3 Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Leaders of the 21st Century and the Newark Board of Education

19.4 Memorandum of Understanding between FOCUS and Newark Board of Education – Amended

19.5 Authorization of District Field Trips

19.6 Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding between Reading Partners and the Newark Board of Education

19.7 NJIT Math Success Initiative- Continuation of Services

19.8 Approval of Visual Art High School Advanced Placement Drawing curriculum by the Newark Board of Education

19.9 Approval of Visual Art High School Advanced Placement 2D Art and Design curriculum by the Newark Board of Education

19.10 Approval of Visual Art High School Advanced Placement 3D Art and Design curriculum by the Newark Board of Education

19.11 Approval of Advanced Placement Music Theory curriculum by the Newark Board of Education

19.12 Approval of Visual Art High School Advanced Placement Art History by the Newark Board of Education

19.13 Approval of a Research and Data Sharing Agreement between Crocus, LLC and the Newark Board of Education

19.14 Approval of a Research and Data Sharing Agreement between Elizabeth Rodriguez, Doctoral Student - Saint Peter's University and the Newark Board of Education
19.15 Approval of a Research and Data Sharing Agreement between Dr. J. J. Cutuli, PhD, Nemours Children's Health and the Newark Board of Education
19.16 MOU Center for PreCollege Programs Rutgers University Newark
19.17 Approval of a Research and Data Sharing Agreement between After-School All Stars and the Newark Board of Education

The committee agreed to move all items forward for the full Board's approval.

Item: T&L Events	
Lead(s): Assistant Superintendent Esteves	Priority/Strategy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority 2: A Rigorous and Relevant Framework for Curriculum and Instruction• Priority 3: Strength-Based and Responsive Culture• Priority 6: Strong Reciprocal Partnerships

Comments: At 7:15 PM, Assistant Superintendent Esteves provided an overview of the culminating Teaching and Learning events that are upcoming.

The meeting was adjourned at: 7:19 PM.