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EXPERIENCE

2018 - Present SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSCEOLA COUNTY – KISSIMMEE, FL
Founding Principal; NeoCity Academy
Enrollment: 500
FRL: 43%

2015 – 2018 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSCEOLA COUNTY – KISSIMMEE, FL
Principal; Poinciana High School
Enrollment: 1900
FRL: 90%

Under my leadership Poinciana High School entered the coaching cycle with AVID Center for AVID National Demonstration School status.

Created a system for tracking at-risk students for graduation that increased our graduation rate from 81% to 93%.

Increased Advanced Placement pass rate by 33% in three years; increased Advanced Placement enrollment by 150% in three years.

Currently serving as a member of the AVID Principals' Collaborative for the State of Florida.

2013 – 2015 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSCEOLA COUNTY – KISSIMMEE, FL
Assistant Principal of Instruction; Poinciana High School
Enrollment: 1600
FRL: 76%

Provided leadership and supervision in the areas of instructional leadership, staff development, staff evaluation, and data analysis to the Science, Social Studies, College & Career Counseling, and School Counseling departments.

Under my leadership Poinciana High School's at-risk graduation rate increased 9%, US History EOC scores increased 7%

Responsible for the master schedule for 1600 students and 92 instructional staff. Coordinated the school's Summer Bridge Program to ensure rising ninth graders had the basic skills needed to achieve academic success. Wrote the instructional design for the Supplemental Academic Intervention (SAI) and Extended Learning Opportunities (ELO) programs under Title I.

Used data from attendance, behaviors, and academics to determine the most at-risk students in the school. Data was used to target interventions through the Response to Intervention processes for these students.

Developed and supervised the writing of curriculum for the school's Advisory Program, focusing on organization, time management, study skills, and college readiness for all students.

Developed a system using At-Risk Points to forecast graduation rate and target interventions for our most at-risk students for on-time high school graduation.

Developed a system for the development of Checkpoint Common Assessments in Chemistry, Biology, and US History, which allowed for instructional shifts based on student performance assessment data.

2012 – 2013

FULTON COUNTY SCHOOLS – ATLANTA, GA

Assistant Principal; Creekside High School

Enrollment: 1400

FRL: 78%

Provided leadership and supervision in the areas of instructional leadership, staff development, staff evaluation, and data analysis to the Science, English, and Social Studies departments.

Under my leadership, 11th Economics End of Course (EOC) scores increased 22%, ELA EOC scores increased 8%, Geometry EOC scores increased 4%, and Physical Science EOC scores increased 3%. Students demonstrating college readiness in ELA increased by 8%. Credit earned by students in Advanced Placement courses increased by 31%. These improvements reflect the performance of the minority subgroups, as Creekside High School is 98% African-American.

Responsible for the master schedule and designed a schedule that allowed for common planning in End of Course content areas. Coordinated the school's Summer Bridge Program to ensure that rising ninth graders had the basic skills needed to achieve academic success. Wrote a pilot program to use iPads 1:1 in eight classrooms; led \$250,000 grant approval and use of Title I funds to drive technology integration into these classrooms.

Supervised the graduation coach position to lead the school to a 5% increase in on-time graduation and 4% increase in average daily attendance.

2004 – 2012

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OSCEOLA COUNTY – KISSIMMEE, FL

Dean of Students; Celebration High School

Testing Coordinator; Celebration High School

AVID Coordinator; Celebration High School

Social Studies Teacher; Celebration High School

Enrollment: 2000

FRL: 63%

Dean of Students; Celebration High School

Provided direct administrative assistance to three assistant principals in the areas of instructional leadership, staff development, data analysis, and discipline.

Testing Coordinator; Celebration High School

Provided coordination for all state assessments for student population of 2000; also coordinated Advanced Placement assessments for over 800 students. Provided staff development for use of assessment data to drive classroom instruction.

AVID Coordinator; Celebration High School

Provided coordination of school's Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) Program. The program is focused on closing the achievement gap for students of underserved populations and providing them with academic supports with the program goal of 100% acceptance into a 4-year college or university.

Social Studies Teacher; Celebration High School

Provided direct instruction to ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students using creative, innovative, and research-based teaching strategies and methodologies.

EDUCATION

December 2010

Master of Education

Educational Leadership

Stetson University; Deland, Florida

Thesis: Grading & Assessment Reform – 50 Point Minimum Grading System

May 2007

Master of Arts in Education

Curriculum & Instruction

University of Phoenix; Phoenix, Arizona

August 2003

Bachelor of Arts

History

Westfield State University; Westfield, Massachusetts

Minor: Middle & Secondary Education

CERTIFICATION

Florida Department of Education

Professional Educator License

Educational Leadership – All Levels

Social Studies – Grades 6-12

Massachusetts Department of Education

Professional Certification

Assistant Principal & Principal

History – Grade 5-12

NOTABLE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

BRIAN DASSLER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Florida Department of Education; Tallahassee, Florida

PREPARING NEW PRINCIPALS PROGRAM

School District of Osceola County; Kissimmee, Florida

NEW LEADERS FOR NEW SCHOOLS - FINALIST

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools; Charlotte, North Carolina

AVID SUMMER INSTITUTE 2014, 2012, 2010

AVID Center; Orlando, Florida

MAKING PLCs WORK FOR YOU

Robert Marzano; Orlando, Florida

PRESENTATIONS

2017

FUTURE OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

Keynote Address; Orlando, Florida

Breaking Down Barriers to High Impact Instruction

WASATCH BACK SCHOOL DISTRICT

Keynote Address; Park City, Utah

Leading for Change: Building a Culture of No Excuses

GRANT WOOD AREA EDUCATION AGENCY SUPERINTENDENTS ACADEMY

Keynote Address; Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Breaking Down Barriers to High Impact Instruction

2016

FLORIDA ASSOCIATION FOR MEDIA IN EDUCATION

Workshop Presenter; Orlando, Florida

Engagement – Assessment – Creation

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF LANGUAGE ARTS SUPERVISORS

Keynote Address; Orlando, Florida

Breaking Down Barriers to High Impact Instruction

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

FLDOE DR. BRIAN DASSLER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY; Fellow

AVID PRINCIPALS' COLLABORATIVE; Member

FUTURE OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY BOARD; Member

ASCD; Member

NAASP & FASA; Member

HONORS

2018 State of Florida Innovative Principal of the Year

Florida Council for Instructional Technology Leaders

Served on University of Central Florida Faculty Search Committee (2019)

Professor of Urban Education

REFERENCES

Dr. Scott Muri
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Spring Branch School District; Houston, Texas
404-763-4578

Dr. Laura Rhinehart
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School District of Osceola Cty, Kissimmee, Florida
321-633-1000

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Fulton County Public Schools; Atlanta, Georgia
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School District of Osceola Cty; Kissimmee, Florida
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School District of Osceola Cty, Kissimmee, Florida
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