



**GOOD NEWS UPDATE**

**August 17, 2016**

---

## Teaching and Learning

---

Littleton Elementary School District is off to a great start with implementation of the Gradual Release of Responsibility Instructional Model. Our Student Achievement Coaches, *Melissa Strand*, *Susan Candelaria*, *Katherine Larm*, *Brittany Jimenez*, *Jennifer Brees*, *Gina Lee-Forney*, *Lindsay Westberg*, *Misti Obregon*, *Samantha Armstrong*, *Iliana De La Rosa* and District TOSAs *Sandy Miller* and *Sideqa Padawer* have been providing professional development on the model and will continue with the first deep dive into Focus Instruction. Thank you to the SACS and TOSAs for ensuring Littleton ESD staff have the training and support they need to implement the model.

Littleton ESD has transitioned to the Illuminate Assessment platform. This change brought a new pre-assessment experience for our students and staff. Administration of the online pre-assessment in grades third through eighth provided students a first look at the format of the assessment as well as the technology tools they need to master. By continuing to administer multiple online assessments students will have multiple opportunities to engage with the technology. Thank you to the Deans on each campus, *Morgan Fulks*, *Tony Balsama*, *Rebecca Lopez*, *Eric Nelson*, *Stefani Bender* and *Marieka Michaud* for embracing this change and helping students and teachers have a successful testing session!

---

## Exceptional Student Services

---

The Exceptional Student Services TOSAs *Juleah Ferreira*, *Dawn Robinson* and *Jason McIntosh* have spent about 45 hours in classrooms modeling for teachers and supporting instruction.

The Exceptional Student Services department is supporting classified and certified staff by offering to pay for staff to attend a Saturday professional development on working with students with social-cognitive deficits.

---

## Transportation

---

The bus drivers would like to thank all administrators for their patience and help these first weeks of school dealing with the pickup and drop off times at all school sites. Drop off and pickup times have become quicker, and the routes are running more smoothly and efficient. Several of the older students on the routes have stepped up and assisted drivers with seating. Many of our parents and guardians have been understanding and worked with Transportation Supervisor *Thelma Whitbeck*, Transportation Office Support Specialist Sr. *Vickie McKeeman* and drivers regarding bus stop locations, pickup and drop off times for their students.