

Professional Study Day Vote -- April 17th

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Dear Staff:

First I'd like to sincerely thank all of you who participated in our PSD day trainings this year. As stated at the beginning of the year, our goal was to enhance student learning and reduce environmental barriers to achievement by broadening access to our curriculum and promoting more genuine interpersonal rapport with students.

Now that we have completed our course of study on Equity, I hope you've found the information brought to you on those 4 days helpful and enriching to your program of study. If you have any additional questions or need for resources, don't hesitate to reach out to me; I have plenty. I'm also in the process of gathering necessary info to award inservice points. Please **stop by the teacher workroom on April 17th to sign attendance sheets** for the day(s) that you attended trainings.

NOW it's time to vote to keep our PSD days for next year. (Yes, we have to vote to keep them every year!) Also **on April 17th, voting will take place in the teacher's mail room.** Voting will be open all day, from 7:20 am - 2:50pm. All faculty are encouraged to come vote as we need 66 2/3 percent in favor to retain our PSD days. Faculty who will be on leave or will be absent on voting day, may still vote one day prior to/after April 17th. For more information on the waiver vote process, please refer to our collective bargaining contract: http://www.btuonline.com/pdf/EPContract1617/ARTICLE15_EP.pdf

Finally, I'm in the process of collecting a preliminary list of topics to be covered next year on PSD days should the vote pass. As of now, these topics include: Youth Mental Health, Suicide Prevention, Drug Abuse, Religious Freedom, Inclusive practices for ESE students, and Educating LGBTQ and Intersectional students. If you have any additional suggestions for consideration, feel free to send them to me in a separate email.

Remember, **VOTING ON APRIL 17TH!!!!** Also **sign-in sheets for this year's PSD days.** Mark your calendar.

Thanks for your support.  

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