From: Darren Johnson
To: PATTERSON Jennifer * ODE
Subject: Re: Plans
Date: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 8:53:03 AM

Thank you for catching back up and providing this good advice. Always appreciate your approach to this issue.

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On Wed, Feb 15, 2023 at 9:42 AM PATTERSON Jennifer * ODE <Jennifer.Patterson@ode.oregon.gov> wrote:

> Hello Darren,
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> I'm looping back via email as I know we weren't able to connect on Friday. It is a busy time I know for us both.
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> First, thank you for reaching out and sharing your most recent thinking around how to bring additional capacity into leading for federal programs within Nyssa. I appreciate how complex the role of superintendent can be and affirm your commitment to ensuring that Title IC receive high quality attention and oversight.
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> We are continuing to look into all options in terms of what are the best next steps for supporting the consortium; as our monitoring process continues, we will likely gain further insight around how to best ensure strong Title IC programming in all three districts.
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> While I cannot advise on local staffing decisions, it may be prudent to share this with the superintendents in the consortium given the important role you play in leading the consortium. Of course this is your call entirely.

Thank you again for reaching out with relevant information.

I hope you have a good week- Jennifer

From: Darren Johnson <djohnson@nyssasd.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 9, 2023 5:24 PM
To: PATTERSON Jennifer * ODE <Jennifer.Patterson@ode.oregon.gov>
Subject: Re: Plans

Yes, I do have a free schedule all morning from 8-noon Mountain time. Afternoon is all tied up. Hope that works for you.

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On Thu, Feb 9, 2023 at 6:17 PM PATTERSON Jennifer * ODE <Jennifer.Patterson@ode.oregon.gov> wrote:

> Hello Darren,
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> Thanks so much for reaching out around this. Do you have anytime to connect on tomorrow? Let me know what times may be best.
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> Thanks, Jennifer
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> **From:** Darren Johnson <djohnson@nyssasd.org>
> **Sent:** Thursday, February 9, 2023 5:05 PM

To: PATTERSON Jennifer * ODE <Jennifer.Patterson@ode.oregon.gov>
Subject: Plans

Hello Jennifer,

I am just emailing you because I haven't carried out all my plans yet--want to get your thoughts first. I haven't even let my school board know yet, so while I'm not opposed to others at ODE knowing, I don't want it getting out yet.

It is obvious that we need to make some changes here at the district, particularly in how we handle federal programs. Perhaps a better person than me could carry the weight of regular Supt duties AND federal programs, but it is just too much for me to do it correctly.

So I am going to reassign our admin team to different positions in the district, with one of them being a newly created position as the federal programs director. This will be one of our experienced principals who is very detail-oriented.

That being said, I believe that ODE is currently in the works of reassigning the Title 1C to the ESD. It is my hope that we can keep it here at Nyssa, at least for our own program. Our new person will have the time to dedicate to all federal programs.

Just wanted to let you know,

Darren

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