



## **Grade Configuration Implementation February 2008 Update**

### **School Teams Preparing Readiness Plan for Grade Level Changes**

Schools teams are continuing to work on school readiness plans to assist in the transition to new grade levels in fall 2009, using a framework that addresses academic and extra-curricular programs, student transitions, administration, communications, and school culture and morale. School teams will draft and submit plans by the end of April, with final plans to be approved by November 1.

#### **Middle school essential components shared**

The Middle Schools Committee has developed essential components of successful middle school education. The goal is to blend the best of what schools are currently doing in junior high with essential components for successful middle schools.

Teachers and principals met with the Middle School Committee in January to discuss curriculum and essential components that will best meet the needs of students, professional development opportunities, and ways teachers can get involved in the planning process.

**For in-depth information, visit the PSD website at [www.psdschools.org](http://www.psdschools.org)** under District Committee Updates). New links include: Grade configuration implementation plan, essential components for successful middle schools chart and in-depth information, and site readiness plan overview, process, and templates.