



Grade Configuration Implementation January 2008 Update

Schools developing readiness plans for 2009 grade level change

PSD schools are convening teams to begin work on their school's readiness plan to assist in the transition to new grade levels in fall 2009. The District Grade Configuration Implementation Committee (DGCIC) finalized a readiness plan framework for school teams to use to draft and submit by the end of April, for approval by November 1.

A Middle Schools Committee of principals, teachers and counselors has developed essential components of successful middle school education based on student achievement, student well being, and effective instruction.

The goal is to blend the best of what schools are currently doing in junior high (grades 7-9) with essential components for successful middle schools (grades 6-8). Teachers and principals met with the Middle School Committee in mid-January to discuss curriculum and essential components that will best meet the needs of students.

New PSD website information links include: Grade Configuration Implementation Plan, Essential Components for Successful Middle Schools, and the detailed January 2008 update.

Information: www.psdschools.org under District Committee Updates, Grade Configuration Implementation, e-mail info@psdschools.org or call 490-3427.