Welcome to the start of the 2019-20 school year!

As a department we are excited about the year ahead and look forward to partnerships across our 32 Title I Schools. Thank you to all who joined us for the Title I Principal Meeting on July 16, 2019 to launch the year.

Late in July, the Colorado Department of Education granted Jeffco “Substantial Approval” for the Consolidated Grant Application that is written annually to fund Title I schools and other programs across the District. Much of our department’s summer schedule is tied to the application. We are currently responding to CDE’s additional comments. We always breathe a sigh of relief when the application is submitted and we look forward to final approval.

As the year unfolds, Title I will collaborate with the following departments to advocate for schools: New Teacher Induction, Enroll Jeffco, Assessment, READ Act, Pathways, Student Engagement Office, Preschool, Instructional Coaching, Translation Liaisons, and Technology. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

NEW FACES OF TITLE I

Cara Taft - Slater Elementary
Cara is thrilled to become the principal at Slater Elementary. She is looking forward to building strong relationships with the Slater community, staff and, of course, students. Cara is excited to re-join the Lakewood Articulation area. Cara has been an Assistant Principal at Bradford K-8 for the past five years. Prior to Bradford, Cara was an SSN teacher at Eiber Elementary for nine years. She is returning to her “roots” in Lakewood.

Cara has extensive experience in Special Education and, more specifically, Severe Needs. After leaving Eiber’s SSN program, Cara assumed the AP role at Bradford and her leadership was instrumental in the vision to create a K-8 school. Her diversity in roles and schools provides a unique lens as she leads Slater.

Cara grew up in Steamboat Springs and continues to love being outdoors. She spent much of her time off this summer with her two-year old son and husband. All three love to be together and fish on their boat in Grand Lake.

Welcome, Cara!

Andy Schrant—Molholm Elementary
Andy has strong beliefs about equity and wants to do his part to ensure adequate and sufficient equity for underserved students in Jeffco and specifically for Molholm.

Andy has spent several years as a Principal and as a Title I Principal. He stated, “I have been doing this work for a long time and the longer I do it, the less I know so don’t be too hard on yourself.”

Andy also has a great sense of humor and when asked about a fun fact about himself his response was that he once held the European Women’s Longjump record or I was a DPD police officer years and years ago.

Welcome, Andy!

Michael Zweifel—Vivian Elementary
Michael is excited to continue the amazing work of RELAY, Data Driven Instruction and Culture & Climate. She is a strong instructional leader who collaborates with teachers to ensure students have academic success. Michael is thrilled to continue to uphold the ideals of Vivian’s Distinguished School Award.

Michael is eager to collaborate with other Title I principals. She recognizes the strength of the Title I principal community and is excited to partner across schools to learn and grow. Michael has been the Assistant Principal at Shelton for the past two years. Prior to Shelton she was the Dean of Students, Instructional Coach and 6th grade teacher at Pleasant View Elementary.

Michael and her family spent much of the summer camping. Their favorite camping spot is located in North Park.

Welcome, Michael!
Renae Schreiner - Sobesky Academy

Renae is thrilled to be part of Sobesky Academy and feels great anticipation for the year ahead. She is excited to build strong relationships with students, staff and community.

Renae assumes the principal position with a passion for supporting students with a variety of needs. As the former Assistant Principal at Deer Creek Middle School, Renae is excited to learn and grow professionally in this new role. She is an ‘out-of-the-box’ thinker and welcomes all the learning ahead!

Renae enjoys scrapbooking in her free time, but laughs that “free time” is kind of an anomaly in the world of school leadership.

Welcome, Renae!

JoAnn Euler - Everitt MS

JoAnn is really excited about supporting her staff and bringing them together to create a clear path toward authentic and relevant learning for all students.

She has worked as a leader at a Title I school for six years prior to coming to Everitt MS. While no first year principal is truly ready for their role, she believes her experiences at Jefferson prepared her as much as possible. She feels fortunate to have made all of the connections she has made before taking on this really important work. She can’t wait to learn from all of you!!

She was born in a place called the Faroe Islands. She lived there until she was almost 13, with two stints in US school during her primary years. She considers English her second language, although it is definitely her preferred language now. She loves to knit, which is a shout-out to her Faroese roots. She moved between countries many times before coming to Colorado, and this is her favorite place to live!!

Welcome, JoAnn!

Lisa Nicholson - Thomson Elementary

Lisa becomes principal at Thomson after serving as the school’s Assistant Principal for the past three years. So, the change is natural and Lisa looks forward to continuing work to cultivate a positive culture with high expectations for all learners. Lisa is thrilled to serve the Thomson community in a new capacity.

Lisa has a long career in Jeffco’s Title I schools and is dedicated to the collective work. Former positions were at O’Connell Middle and North Arvada Middle before joining the Thomson staff. In every role, Lisa strives to be a champion for equity.

In high school, Lisa earned two credits in Finnish language. If you ever need to know how to count from one to ten or say the days of the week in Finnish, contact Lisa!

Welcome, Lisa!

Audrey Guerrero—Lasley Elementary

Audrey is looking forward to getting to know the Lasley community; students, staff, parents, grandparents - everyone! She believes relationships form the foundation for success. She is excited to begin learning side by side with teachers, students and the greater Jeffco family.

Audrey has worked and partnered with Title I schools for over 20 years. She wholeheartedly believes education holds the power to change family stories and restore agency to marginalized populations.

Audrey admitted that she went scuba diving illegally while in Mexico. Who knew you had to have a license? She did know and she went anyway.

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Jen Kirskey—Connection Learning Center

Jen is looking forward to returning to a Title I school. She was a former Title I principal in JEFFCO before moving to the principalship at Dennison. She thoughtfully replied that she is trying to develop a plan to reach out to every student at CLC so students will be able to transition into a successful phase of their learning.

Jen has spent most of her educational career working in Title I schools. She understands that students are impacted by outside influences and she will be stepping back into a role where she can make a difference.

She loves to sleds! Her plan is to find a hill around CLC so that she and her students can enjoy sledding. She added that she is a former Lakewood Police Officer and she was one of the first responders at Columbine High School. She also loves to golf.

Welcome back, Jen!

Lisa Mahannah—Emory Elementary

Lisa is looking forward to being the principal at Emory because of her deep connections to the Lakewood community and Jefferson County. Prior to becoming a teacher she served as a police agent for the city of Lakewood. During this time she learned so much about the people and community and she feels she is returning to a community she loved serving. Lisa has lived in Jefferson County since buying her first home in Lakewood and now she has the opportunity to give back to a community that helped her become the person she is today.

As a DPS teacher and eventually principal serving in Title I schools her whole career, Lisa understands the need for high academic expectations for all students. The difference 10 years serving as a building leader in southwest Denver and Montbello communities was that academic achievement comes when teachers and leaders first address the whole child with a focus on social-emotional learning. Relationships, relationships, relationships!

One fun fact about her is that she loves to go fishing. Fishing and the outdoors are her release from the ups and downs of life. She is also a huge sports nut and love to talk about all sports and watch all sports. Her son Aedan and she enjoy going to any sporting event they can and have a goal of visiting every MLB baseball park.

Welcome, Lisa!
Community & Family Connections

We are excited to partner and support with all schools for the upcoming 2019-2020 year. This year the Community and Family Connections (CFC) department aims to partner closer with schools, Principals and Teachers to help support students in a transitional housing situation. We look forward to being visible in your school, supporting students’ success and working with students to be career and college ready. Please do not hesitate to reach out for Teacher PD presentations, additional supports for McKinney Vento Students or resources available in Jefferson County.

With enrollment in full swing, please see the cheat sheet for registering McKinney Vento Eligible students. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your liaison or myself.

Please help us in welcoming Yvette Martinez to the CFC Team. For the last five years, Yvette has worked as a Family Engagement Liaison at New America. She understands the barriers families have experienced and is committed to being partners with families to ensure students are successful.

Virginia Lindemann—Westgate Elementary

Virginia is looking forward to continuing the work of building a strong Westgate community. She specifically is looking forward to welcoming kindergartners to the school in the fall and to see kids “grow” their school wide focus of Leader in Me.

She believes it is important for people to see her as an open and passionate person when it comes to kids. Virginia was the Assistant Principal last school year at Westgate.

Virginia has the opportunity to spend some quality time with her father who is a geologist in Iceland! She also loves yoga and swimming.

Welcome to Westgate, Virginia!

Megan Martinez—Deane Elementary

Megan returns to Deane after being the principal at CLC for the past two years. She was previously the Assistant Principal at Deane and is thrilled to return “home.” Megan is excited to continue building and sustaining the positive climate and culture that welcomes all families.

Megan is a relational leader that values listening and cultivating strong working relationships amongst stakeholders. In her role as Deane’s principal, Megan is looking forward to her continued learning and growth.

Megan claims she is the #1 groupie of the band “Guild of Ages.” (Megan’s husband happens to perform with the band.)

Welcome to Deane, Megan!

Guide to Homeless Enrollment

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RISE Newsletter

We are very happy to welcome Elk Creek and Parr to RISE! **THANK YOU** to returning RISE schools: Allendale, Little, Stevens, Wilmore Davis, Peak, and Westgate. We look forward to another great year of building authentic family partnerships!

Last year we surveyed RISE families about RISE to better understand how RISE meetings contribute to student school success. Here is what we learned:

- Families are receiving meaningful and actionable information about their student.
- Data continues to be important to families as a way to understand what their child is learning and how to help at home.
- RISE fosters authentic partnerships between home and school.

**RISE is the only family data literacy model in Jeffco and families continue to attend meetings to learn about school and how to help their child at home.**

For information, contact Susie Kirvin at 303-982-0835 or email at susan.kirvin@jeffco.k12.co.us.

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**Family School Partnership**

*Let’s break new ground together to build meaningful, equitable partnerships with families that support student success!*

**School Portfolios and Time Trackers**

2019-2020 Family Engagement School Portfolios are now available!
To find: search ‘shared with me’ in google - your school name portfolio
- Archive FE events, programs, and practices monthly
- ESSA Equity Documents
- FE Staff Presentations/Learning

2019-2020 FEL Time-Trackers are now available!
To find: search ‘shared with me’ in google - 19-20 your school name Time Tracker

**Welcome to the team!**

We’d like to welcome new Family Engagement Liaisons at the following schools:
- Maria Maloch - Emory Elementary
- Andrea (Andy) Dettke - Wilmore-Davis Elementary
- Cheryl Roach - Vivian Elementary

**CDE Promising Partnership Practices**

We are anxiously awaiting the announcement from CDE to find out which Jeffco Title I schools Promising Partnership Practices will appear in the 2019 state publication.
As usual, we had many strong contenders!
Read more about it here: https://sites.google.com/jeffcoschools.us/family-engagement-liaison-network/home/promising-practices