

# Lebanon Special School District





## **Lebanon Special School District's Implementation Journey**

#### • 2019-2020: Initial Adoption of HQIM Resources

- Adopted Amplify ELA curriculum for grades Kindergarten 2nd grade & 6th-8th grade(grade levels, adopted materials)
- Adopted Great Minds, Wit & Wisdom ELA for grades 3-5
- o Fall of 2019 was the initial Roll-out:
- O Began Literacy Implementation Network in **2020-2021** (selected a vendor, met the network, selected a grade-band focus)
- Reference that elementary joined this work two years after the initial partnership (sustainability)
- Experience with TDOE and TNTP for Early Literacy Implementation allowed us to determine a focus for the LIN experience.

#### • 2021-2022: Began partnership with NIET

- Time for teachers and administrators to engage in intellectual preparation (Unit Prep)
- O Administrators also had time to experience learning walks using the TN IPG and consider what their support was essential to strong implementation.
- O This year focused on creating a shared vision.
- Worked with middle schools to establish a vision and goals for implementation using a strengths-based needs assessment.

#### • 2022-2023: Creating Sustainability with 3rd-5th Partnership

- Key to adding additional grade levels was the initial focus on school leader development.
- O School leaders experienced new learning first and considered how implementation tools could impact teacher practice and student learning.
- Integrity vs. Fidelity
- Emphasis of instruction that is aligned to grade-level content (Academic Standards)



# **Lebanon Special School District Overview**

- LSSD is a public-school system that serves more than 4,200 students in grades Pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade in Lebanon, Tennessee (Wilson County).
- It is served by over 700 dedicated men and women who are "Committed to a Community of Excellence" for all of our students.
- Our district includes five elementary schools (Byars Dowdy, Castle Heights, Coles Ferry, Jones Brummett, and Sam Houston) and two middle schools (Walter J. Baird and Winfree Bryant).
- Currently we are in Phase 2 of the HQIM Implementation Framework.
- District and School leaders led the unit preparation and lesson protocol.
- Expectations are established at both the district and school level to support teachers.
- Teachers use and edit the unit plans and lesson plans.
- Currently we are working on teachers creating access points to assure every student can actively engage in materials and content.
- District and School Leaders conduct classroom walkthroughs using the IPG and giving feedback to teachers, and moving toward teachers using that feedback to improve their lesson delivery.
- Student work analysis is a next step.



## **Tomorrow's School Visits**

### **Byars-Dowdy Elementary School:**

#### Overview:

- 502 Students, Pre-K-5th Grade
- 58% Economically Disadvantaged

#### **Instructional Leadership:**

- How do leaders support their teachers at each building?
  - Leaders focus on individual grade levels
  - Leaders emphasize integration of standards to build knowledge

#### **Teacher Support:**

 Collaboration, intellectual preparation with district peers, etc.

#### **Bring our ELA Vision to Life:**

- Strengthen alignment with Core Action 2.B
- Create access points using the materials and academic standards to support individual student needs

### **Jones Brummett Elementary School:**

#### Overview:

- 622 Students, Pre-K-5th Grade
- 45% Economically Disadvantaged

#### **Instructional Leadership:**

- New school leaders allowed teachers to own their preparation
- Leaders use teachers' preparation strengths to build and refine norms for collaboration

#### **Teacher Support:**

• Collaboration, intellectual preparation with district peers, etc.

#### **Bring our ELA Vision to Life:**

- Strengthen alignment with Core Action 2.B
- Teachers take ownership of intellectual preparation to better support diverse learners