# Coaching and Mentoring to Support Teacher Growth and Retention

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## Pair-Share

- What are the current realities of your programs?
  - Length of new staff program
  - Components of your current program

"Pair" - Sit in groups of three or four with those near you.

Share- Share the current realities of the mentorship program in your district.

Our District 207 Communities:

**Des Plaines** 

Glenview

Harwood Heights

Maine Township - Unincorporated

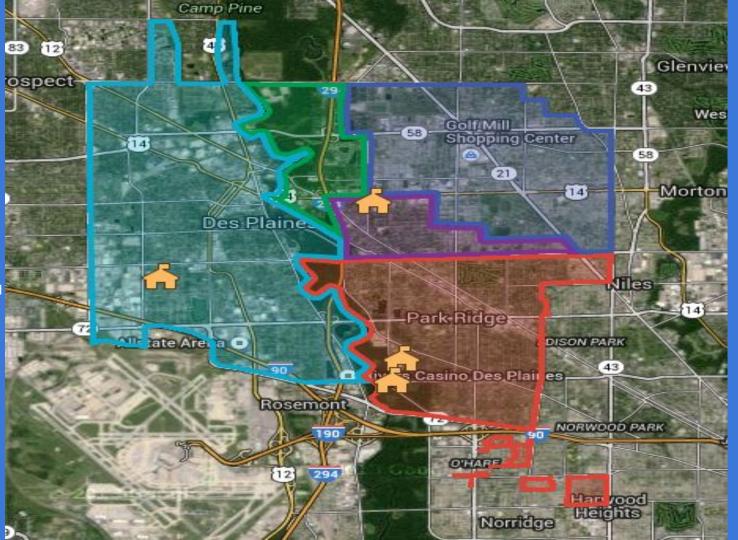
**Morton Grove** 

Niles

Norridge

Park Ridge

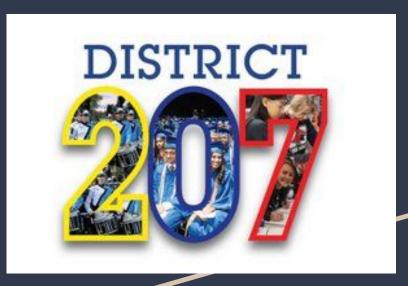
Rosemont



## Non-Tenure Cohort Academy - Years 1-4

#### Workshops and Training **District Orientation** Each year focuses on one strand of professional learning. 1 full day of district orientation with district leaders (yr 1) Year 1: Assessment Literacy Introduction to Maine 207 Vision for Learning Year 2: Cooperative Learning and 5 Focus Areas (vr 1) Year 3: Academic Literacy NTCA program topic sessions Year 4: Differentiated Instruction. Social-Emotional Learning and Culturally Responsive Teaching **Instructional Coaching** Building Orientation (yr 1 only) 1 full day of building orientation with building 1:1 coaching with a building instructional coach leaders Mentoring Framework for Professional Teaching Regular meetings and checklists for discussion Goal-setting items Formal evaluation/feedback Classroom observations Collection of artifacts/portfolio Mentorina vs. Coachina

## Year 1



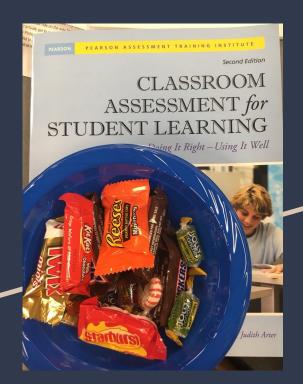
Orientation

Mentoring

**Assessment Literacy** 

**Instructional Coaching** 

## Year 1 -Assessment Literacy



2 Day Workshop

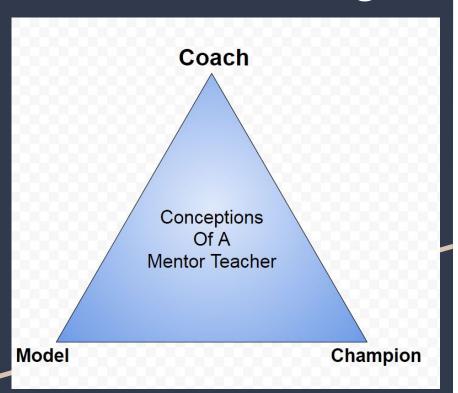
Monthly Morning Meeting (1 hour, virtual)

Sessions were structured to model tools and strategies

Provided work time during the session to support implementation.

Share out sessions each month and at the end of the year.

## Year 1- Mentoring



Mentor assigned to all first year certified staff

Mentor check-lists

Classroom observations/feedback

Mentor/Mentee Sessions

**Training for Mentors** 

## Mentor checklists



#### Purpose:

- To help guide mentor/mentee discussions
- Serve as reminders for mentors about topics they should discuss with their mentees
- Stress all mentor/mentee conversations are confidential and are not part of evaluation

Frequency: Weekly to start the year, then once a month after that

Sample Checklists

## Classroom Observations/ Feedback



#### Purpose:

- Mentors observe their mentees multiple times throughout the year in order to provide feedback on a variety of topics in a non-evaluative way
- Mentees can also observe their mentors in the classroom
- Feedback and observations are NOT shared with department chairs, coaches, or any other administrations

#### Frequency:

- Can occur as often as mentor/mentee would like
- Two formal observations based on goals created during weekly checklists/sessions
  - Observation # 1 <u>Classroom environment</u>
  - Observation #2 <u>Assessment literacy</u>

## Mentor Seminars-Training for Mentors



#### Purpose:

- To provide support to mentors throughout their year as a mentor
- To provide a space to discuss achievements and challenges
- To provide mentors with training on how to hold mentor/mentee discussions on topics throughout the year
- To keep mentors informed on what their mentors are learning in the NTCA sessions and District Provided PD

#### Frequency:

- Once a month
- AM sessions for 1 hour

#### **Topics Covered:**

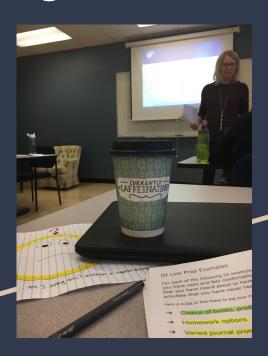
- September <u>Questioning and Feedback Strategies</u>
- October <u>Assessment Literacy Review</u>
- November Coaching Plan
- December Individual Check-ins
- January Mid-year Review
- February Goal Setting
- March Individual Check-ins
- April Reflection

## Voices from the Field - Mentoring



- Assigned mentor
  - A "go-to" nonjudgmental person for questions
  - Weekly check-in meeting
  - Observations with mentor and feedback form
- Goal setting for the following school year
  - Mentor helps us look closely at our evaluation scores on the Danielson rubric and make a goal based on our areas of need

## Year 1 - NTCA Program Sessions



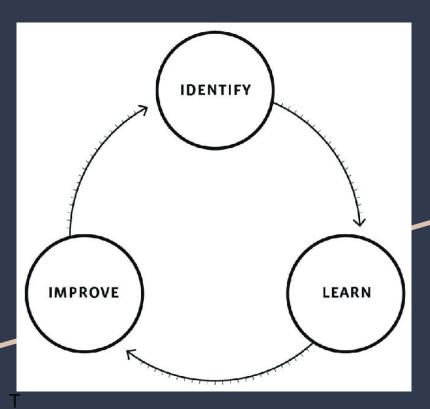
#### NTCA Program Sessions

- Intro to the District in August
- School Safety
- Adult SEL/Coaching
- School Law
- Adult SEL/Goal Setting

#### Year-End Celebration

- Reflection and share out on Assessment Literacy
- Reflection and Q and A with year 4 staff

## Year 1- Instructional Coaching



#### Identify:

- Teacher gets a clear picture of current reality
- Helps identify a goal

#### Learn:

- Coach shares a checklist of strategies
- Modify practices
- Model (if needed)

#### Improve:

- Teacher implements practice & data is gathered
- Monitor progress
- Adapt as needed until goal is met



## Year 1

## Overview of Dates

### Introduction to Maine Township Framework of Professional Practice- August 26, 7:30-8:20 am

#### **Assessment Literacy for Teachers:**

Sept 29 7:30-8:20 am

Oct 27 7:30-8:20 am

Nov 17 7:30-8:20 am

Jan 21 Full Day (request a sub)

Jan 24 - Full Day (request a sub)

Feb 23 7:30-8:20 am

March 30 7:30-8:20 am

April 27 7:30-8:20 am

#### **Assessment Literacy for Student Services -**

Asynchronous Self-Paced Training- Complete by end of Semester 1

Jan 26 7:30-8:20 am

## NTCA Program Sessions (after school, 3:45-5:30 pm)

- Fall Session School Safety Sept 9
   (3:30-5:15 at each individual building)
- Fall Mentor/mentee session Nov 17, East Room 230
- Winter Session School Law Date TBD, Virtual
- Spring mentor/mentee session March 10, South
- Year End Share Out and Celebration April 27, West

## NTCA Program: Years 2-4

Year	Topic	NTCA
2	Cooperative Learning - 3 full days, 1 monthly morning meeting	Special-Ed for non-Sped Staff Year-End Reflection
3	Academic Literacy- 3 full days, 1 monthly morning meeting	Special-Ed for non-Sped Staff Year-End Reflection
4	Introduction to Equity and SEL - 3 days Differentiated Instruction- 2 days	Year End Reflection

Instructional Coaching remains in place during years 2-4 and beyond. Our model is an "all in" coaching model.

## Voices from the Field - Liza & Lauren



## Differentiation Considerations



Experienced vs.
 Brand New

Student Services vs.
 Instructional Staff

Special Education

## **Break Out Discussion**

- How does your district support year 1 staff?
- What ideas do you have in common with what you have heard so far?
- What ideas did you hear that you might want to bring back to your district for discussion?

# QandA

## Links to Handouts and Resources

2021-22 NTCA program Overview

Mentor check-lists

Mentor Training (Chicago Coaching Center)

Maine Township District 207 Adult Learning Website