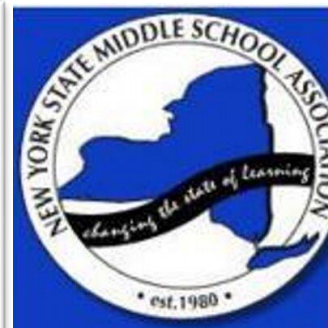


BALLSTON SPA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Building Leadership Team

2016-17



MEET THE TEAM

- **Mary Barrette, LOTE Teacher**
- **Angela Johanning, Math Teacher**
- **Michelle Brandt, Math Teacher**
- **Valerie Valla, Science Teacher**
- **Jason Belknap, Art Teacher**
- **Kim Pusatere, Social Studies Teacher**
- **Alison Paley, ELA ITL 6-8**
- **Jennifer Callender, Math Teacher**
- **Michelle Palmer, Counselor**
- **Sarah Albrycht, LOTE Teacher**
- **Kathy Cline, SPED Teacher**
- **Erin Pezzulo, School RN**

- **Pam Motler, Principal**
- **Kim Bolster, Assistant Principal**
- **Andrew Muller, Assistant Principal**
- **Ayumi Kasai, Parent**
- **Stacey Gouvitsas, LOTE Teacher**
- **Gaylen Wichrowski, Social Worker**
- **Christine Jones, Social Worker**
- **Hilary Northrop, Science Teacher**
- **Catherine Casella, Health Teacher**
- **Stacey Gerwitz, Librarian**
- **Erika Hover, Speech Pathologist**
- **Chris Perrone, Social Studies Teacher**



SCHOOLS TO WATCH DOMAINS

Academic Excellence
Developmental Responsiveness
Organizational Structure
Social Equity



TARGETED WORK 2016-2017

1. EdLeader21 Critical Thinking Initiative: autumn rollout of resources and PD throughout the year
2. Suspension Solutions Year Two
3. NYS Green Ribbon School Designation: Initial Work
4. Complete Schools to Watch re-designation application process



SUB-COMMITTEES

- Safety
- Green Ribbon Schools
- Critical Thinking
- Restorative Practices



EDLEADER21: CRITICAL THINKING



Three Pronged
Approach to
Professional
Development

Teacher
Background
Knowledge

Education and
PD surrounding
the EdLeader21
Rubric

Implementation
of the
indicators of
the rubric



SUSPENSION SOLUTIONS: YEAR TWO

- Restorative Practices
- Mediation Training and Incorporation
- Mindfulness Pilot Expansion



RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

- **Building-Wide Book Study:**

- *The Little Book of Restorative Practice for Schools*
- Building-wide PD Sessions Oct 24th, Nov 28th and Dec 19th

- **Skidmore College Restorative Practices Panel:**

- 8 area schools have formed a Restorative Practices Consortium
- Muller and Bolster are on this panel to develop common practice
- Tuesday monthly meetings
- Building faculty share-out and PD



MEDIATION TRAINING AND INCORPORATION

- Initial Training:

- ❖ 20 members of our faculty were trained in facilitating mediation sessions this past summer

- Next Steps:

- ❖ Work with Mediation Matters (Saratoga) on creating uniform process and paperwork
- ❖ One additional day of training this winter and needs assessment



MINDFULNESS PILOT EXPANSION

2015-16

- One 6th grade science class, 25 students: 10 minute mindfulness lesson once per week- plus 3 minute core breathing exercises each morning.

2016-17

- 6th Grade, 294 students and select upper level classes
- Student and teacher surveys midyear to evaluate the program



GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS PROGRAM

- The U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools (ED-GRS) program recognizes schools taking a comprehensive approach to greening their school. A comprehensive approach incorporates environmental learning with improving environmental and health impacts.



GREEN RIBBON SCHOOLS PROGRAM



Three Pillars

- **Reduced Environmental Impact and Costs**
- **Improved Health and Wellness**
- **Effective Environmental and Sustainability Education**





SCHOOLS TO WATCH RE-DESIGNATION APPLICATION PROCESS/TIMELINE

- 1. Received Application from NYSED: September 2016**
- 2. School Self-Rating Rubric: Dec/Jan 2016**
- 3. Compilation of Data: spring 2017**
- 4. Submission Deadline: July 22**
- 5. Site Review: fall 2017**

