

Supporting Learner Empowerment

It's hard to believe that the first two months of the 2022 - 2023 school year are already in the rearview mirror! While the last few years have often been marked by feelings of uncertainty, anxiety, and loss, they have also resulted in many successes that must be recognized and celebrated. Despite the many challenges we face, our community of learners continues to come together to create learning environments that ensure continued growth and progress while supporting the physiological and psychological health of our students and staff. For this, we owe a great deal of gratitude to our students, families, teachers, staff, and administrators for their positivity, flexibility, patience, and grit during these trying times.

One of the main focus areas for our learning community has been on the development of a growth mindset, a belief that allows us to unlock our ability to learn and grow especially during challenging times. Because of this growth mindset, we have been able to confront challenges with grace and resilience.

While we have all experienced a great deal of change, our district mission remains the same and we continue to focus on providing a well-rounded education through engaged student learning, quality teaching, strong leadership, rigorous coursework, and community service opportunities for the betterment of the students and community. The district mission is further supported through learning opportunities and flexible assessments which promote and incorporate creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication, content, and curiosity. Each and every year we work to ensure that our mission is a living part of our schools and classrooms.

In order to measure student growth, progress, and understanding, the district is continuing to focus on the development of learner-empowered assessment practices including formative assessment, summative assessment, goal setting, and feedback. Assessment practices designed to inform instruction and incorporate self-reflection, goal setting, and progress monitoring are being developed and integrated into all classrooms throughout the district. As a result, students are empowered to take an active role in demonstrating their learning, celebrating areas of strength, identifying opportunities for growth, establishing an action plan to ensure continuous improvement, and monitoring progress. In the East Troy Community School District, rigorous standards, engaging instructional strategies, student-empowered assessment practices, and authentic experiences come together to maximize student potential and ensure college and career readiness for all.

We are excited for the future and look forward to working together for the continued advancement of our learning community.

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