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Dear ELA Teachers,

Welcome to the newest version of the 2014-15 BCPS ELA Curriculum Planning Guide. There have been some changes to the guide. Please take a moment to look over these changes. Please note that this is a “living” document and will most likely change as we make our way through it this year. Your suggestions, concerns, and ideas are always welcome and the document will be adjusted accordingly as we progress through the year.

Curriculum Planning Guide:

- Unit goal—*each unit has a focus goal.*
- Essential questions—*these are the guiding questions for each unit-the expectation is that students should be able to answer these questions at the end of each unit.*
- Unit focus—*reading and writing genres are embedded; the district has chosen to identify certain genres that will remain a focus at each grade level.*
- Time Frame—*when it should be taught.*
- CCSS—*the guide is aligned to the common core.*
- Skills—*these are the CCSS skills that students need to know and be able to do.*
- Assessment—*building common assessments, district and state assessments. A formative assessment guides classroom instruction and is a diagnostic tool for students. A summative assessment gives a cumulative picture.*
- Suggested Resources—*the focus is on the content that is taught based on the CCSS’s rather than the resource that is used. This allows the teacher flexibility to teach the content using materials that best meets the needs of the students. Supplemental resources can be used to teach the units.*
- MAISA Units—*a suggested resource that is comprehensive in addressing the common core in reading and writing.*

If you have suggestions, concerns or ideas please email Joan Anderson, andersonj@bcschools.net. These suggestions can be added to future Planning Guides. We hope you have a wonderful 2013-2014 school year!

Middle School Curriculum Teams