

## **Middle School Common Schedule Work Group**

*Main points from meeting held Mon., Nov. 26, 2012*

- The school board voted at their Wed., Nov. 14 meeting to approve a middle school common schedule.
- We reviewed our task: to identify a schedule that will provide the optimal learning environment for all middle school students while eliminating inequities for students and teachers and addressing the district's operational and fiscal constraints.
- We worked on phase one of the task: to identify the common schedule framework, which includes establishing four elements:
  - Number of periods
  - Minutes per period
  - Advisory (how often and how long)
  - Teacher collaboration (how often and how long)
- We determined that a six period day of approximately 54-55 minutes best fits our established givens and criteria.
- We differentiated between teacher collaboration time within the school day (e.g., common prep) and teacher collaboration time outside the school day (e.g., early release).
- We determined that teacher collaboration time within the school day will vary from school to school and that teacher collaboration time outside of the school day needs to be common across all middle schools.
- We will discuss advisory and possible models for teacher collaboration time outside the school day at our next meeting.