



South Washington County Schools

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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Members of the School Board

FROM: Keith Jacobus, Superintendent

DATE: November 30, 2017

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Update on the District Management Group’s study: Expanding and Strengthening Best-Practice Supports for Struggling Students

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Strategic Plan goals to close the achievement gaps

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Information

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: December 7, 2017

REPORT

We have contracted with the District Management Group, an educational consulting company to undertake an analysis of the quality and successfulness of the academic services we provide to all our students

We commissioned the study to get an objective view on our current practices as it relates to our achievement data. Through the analysis of our data, it was evident we were struggling to effectively implement research based best-practices in helping our most challenged learners, particularly in the area of special education. As a result of the analysis of our instructional practices, a team of district leaders, principals and special education supervisors has worked to prioritize the recommendations and develop action plans to address the areas we believe need to be enhanced to help our students succeed at sustainable higher levels. The District Management Group study provides us with important information to guide our planning, but ultimately the responsibility is ours to develop a plan that works for the students, staff, families and communities of South Washington County.

Representatives from the District Management Group will be here to share the initial findings of the study, the current action plan we have implemented and to gather input from the board regarding our plan and future goals.