Kenai Peninsula Borough School District's Implementation of its Teacher Evaluation System

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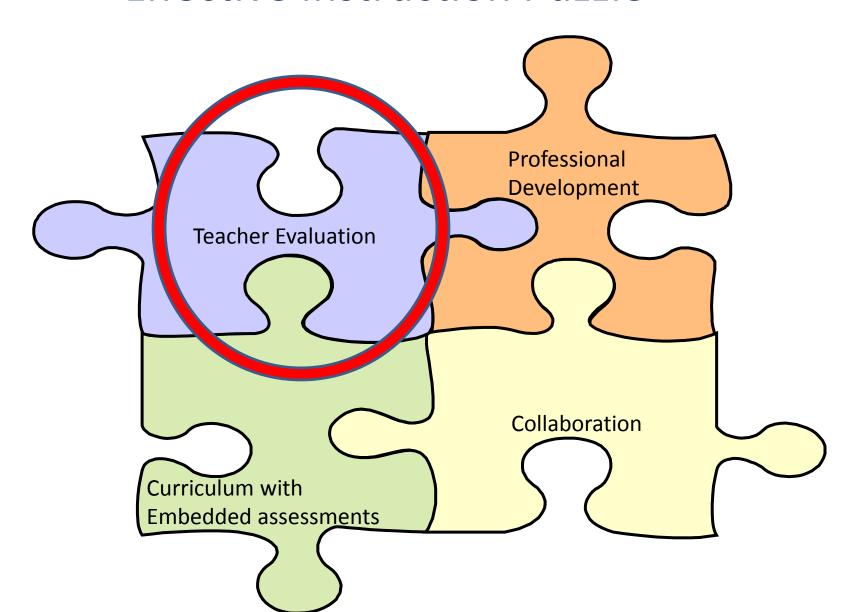


Four Keys To A Highly Reliable School District

- Sustaining a commitment to a dual bottom line
- Centralized procedural control and standardization
- Flexibility with situational improvisation
- Combining opposite operating modes



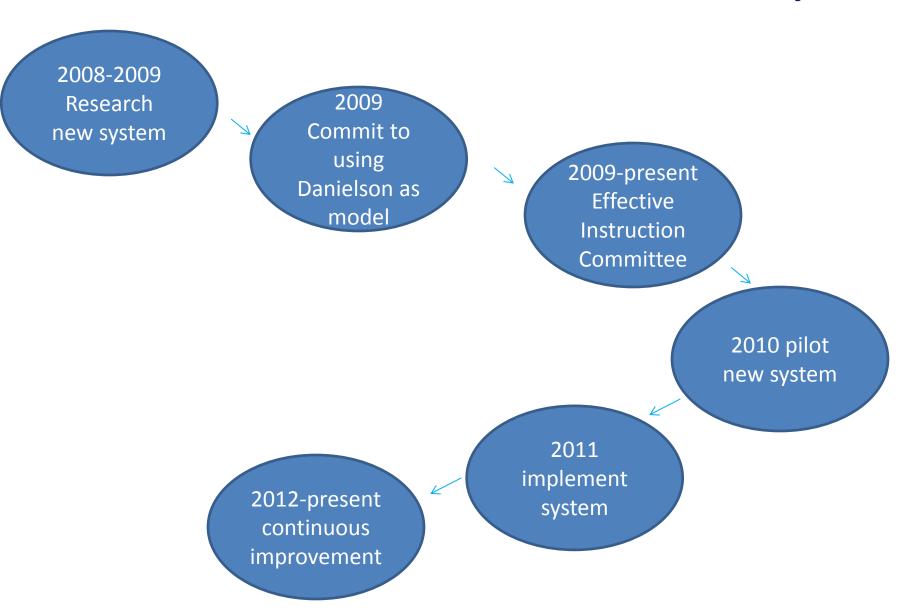
Teacher Evaluation, One Piece of the Effective Instruction Puzzle



Our Teacher Evaluation System Provides Focus

- Evaluation process helping to drive <u>intentional</u> instruction
- Commitment to training our principals
 - interrater reliability (Teachscape)
- Unrelenting focus on 3c
- Evaluation process helps focus our collaborative work
- Evaluation process driving professional development and providing feedback on our curriculum/assessment

KPBSD's Evaluation Journey



Getting Started

- KPEA and KPBSD a partnership
- Committee work
 - 4 teachers including KPEA president
 - 3 principals
 - 2 District Office
 - Board member
- Information for Improvement
 - Semi-annual surveys
 - Administrator feedback
 - Site Councils
 - Board work sessions
- Upcoming changes
 - More Board and community involvement

Early Steps & Next Steps

Calibration

- Dedicated time at all administrator meetings
 - Video
 - Real evaluations evidence
- Utilize quality processes
- Vocabulary
- Focus on engagement
- Decide what should be in narrative
- Next steps
 - Use our own teachers in videos (Teachscape focus and Berc)
 - Peer walkthroughs structured
 - Electronic observation gathering (Rediker's electronic observation tool)

The Framework for Teaching Evaluation Tool

- 4 Domains
- 22 Components
- 76 Elements
- Rubric descriptions for each level of performance (LoP)
- Critical attributes for each (LoP)
- Possible examples for each (LoP)

Refinement

- Danielson model- is too much when taken as a whole
 - Fitting our needs and priorities
 - Condensing components and elements
 - Different for tenured and non-tenured
 - What makes sense for us....

Process to follow for success

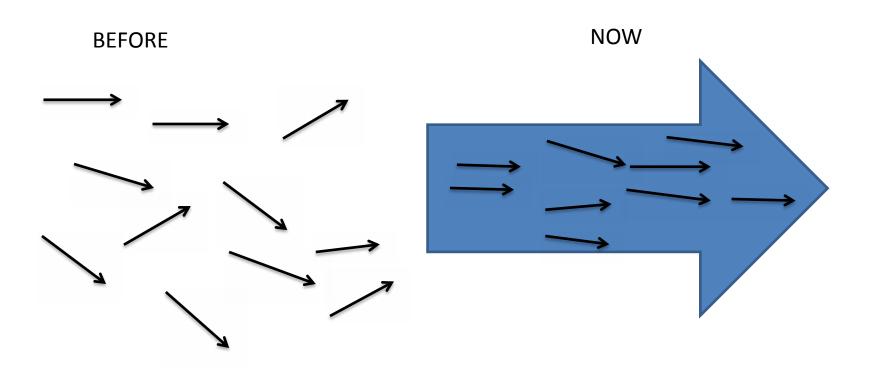
- Need
 - KPEA Buy in
 - Teacher and administrator training
 - Modules, key leaders at the schools
- Committee
 - Planning
 - On Going
 - Leaders become co-facilitators and presenters
- Meetings
 - Board of Education

Implementation

- Teacher Evaluation for Continuous Growth
- Two distinct tools
 - Kenai Model (Framework)
 - Five year phase in
 - Continue to refine

Teacher Enrichment Pathway

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Challenges of our new evaluation system

- How to fairly apply the regulations
- Not a one size fits all endeavor (KPBSD has six forms)
- Manpower to make it happen- putting new system in place is a big lift (took us 3 years)
- Training of principals is on-going
- New evaluation process is much more time intensive than was the old
 - One formal observation (30 minutes)
 - 2 ten minute informal observations
 - 3 walkthroughs (3 minutes)

The cost of KPBSD's new evaluation system?

- Initial investment (Danielson trainer, committee work) used stimulus funds (\$60,000)
- On-going committee work (approx \$2,000/year)
- Materials (\$15,000)
- Teachscape started using this in FY14 (\$20,000/year)

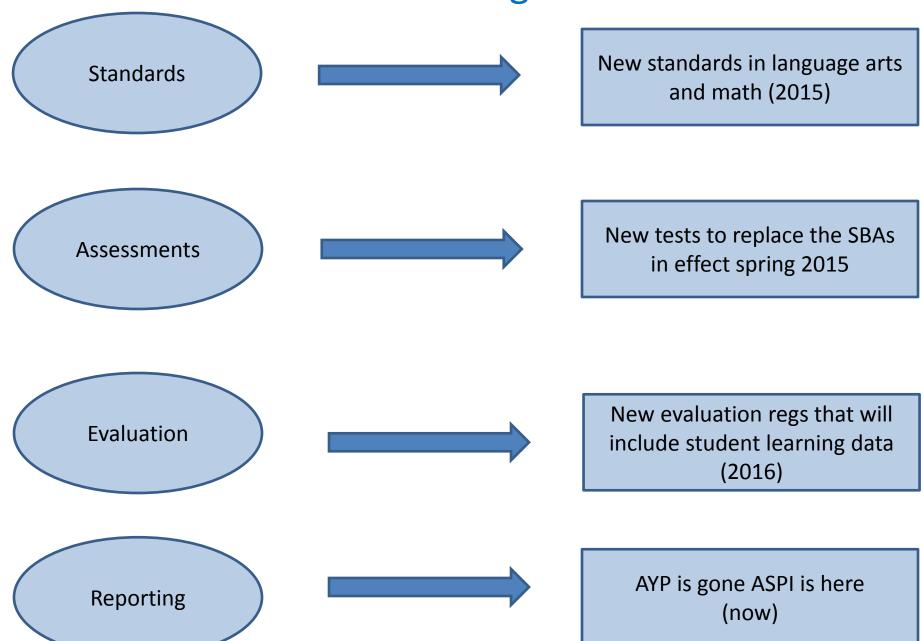
Why our new system is better

- Research based-helping to improve instruction
 - rich conversations about instruction

 Good ownership by staff (close alliance between administration and KPEA)

 On-going training of principals (not the check off at the start of the year)

Recent State Level Changes to Education



KPBSD's Next Steps

Two domains (instruction and student learning)

Peer evaluation process

Key Changes of New Evaluation Regulations

Culturally responsive educator

Exemplary, proficient, basic or unsatisfactory

 Reporting (to state) of percentage of certified staff in each performance level

Student learning data

inter-rater reliability

State Support for Your Evaluation System Development

 State is facilitating the development of a standard set of documents to guide your evaluation system development.

When all else fails, steal borrow from Kenai

Kenai Website

Questions or Comments

