

An Update from the Assistant Superintendent for Learning & Teaching-Chris Kelley
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Dear Reading Public Schools Community,

I have had the great opportunity to spend time in the buildings and am starting to get a true sense of the good work that is going on. In addition, I'm looking forward to hearing your ideas about how I can best support students, teachers, and school communities. I am lucky enough to work with Heather Leonard, our new K-6 STEM Coordinator, and Allison Straker, our new K-6 Humanities Coordinator.

Our Office of Learning and Teaching has been hard at work getting to know more about the RPS curriculum structures. Towards that end, we have been drafting **Curriculum Guides**, specifically in the areas of *Reading, Writing, and Math from K-5*. The purpose of these documents is to ensure horizontal and vertical alignment of the MA Curriculum Frameworks within each area of our curriculum. Our goal in sharing the guides with the greater Reading community is to provide grounding information about our curriculum practices and an overview of grade-level expectations based on our MA Curriculum Frameworks. Our hope is that we will work collaboratively to meet the needs of all students as they navigate the rigorous demands of the MA Curriculum Frameworks. We are continuing the work on other guides at other grades level and subjects.

You may view our new curriculum guides on our Learning and Teaching webpages found at: <https://www.reading.k12.ma.us/departments/learning-teaching/> and click on Humanities and Stem tabs, and also through the links below. Additionally, you will find an opportunity to provide feedback about the guides through an online survey. We will continue to review feedback from the community and from staff to ensure we are providing effective and consistent communication to help us all work together in the best interest of our students.

In addition, members of our Learning and Teaching team will be available for Office Hours on the following schedule:

Date	School	Time
Wednesday, October 10	Birch Meadow	7:45-8:45am
Wednesday, October 10	Eaton	12:15-1:15pm
Thursday, October 11	Wood End	7:45-8:45am
Thursday, October 11	Killam	2:15-3:15pm
Monday, October 15	Barrows	7:45-8:45am

In addition, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has issued the following documents that provide information about the State Standards:

**Please click [HERE](#) for a link to the curriculum guides
(Then go to Humanities and STEM pages)**

Please click [HERE](#) to provide your input/feedback.

Thank you for your shared commitment to supporting all of our learners.