

# Brooke County Schools



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## ***“Build a Better Brooke”***

**Dr. Kathy Kidder-Wilkerson**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians of Brooke County Students:

Brooke County Schools are incorporating Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) in each of our schools for the 2011-12 school year. The instructional schedule for each Brooke County school will reflect a **one-hour delay every Monday** to accommodate PLC time for our teachers (i.e., students will report one hour later than normal every Monday beginning August 29<sup>th</sup>).

PLCs are an extended learning opportunity to promote collaboration among teachers within their school. The primary goal of PLCs is to improve student learning. PLCs that are scheduled weekly will insure that our teachers have adequate opportunities to engage in meaningful conversations about student achievement. During the PLC time, teachers will review data and work with each other on developing best practices for instruction. The teachers will monitor each student's progress and align instruction and assistance to meet each student's needs. In addition to reviewing academic data, teachers may also consider other factors affecting student achievement (e.g., behavior, social/emotional issues, attendance). Every teacher plays an important part and has a responsibility toward the success of their PLC.

Each school will develop a PLC agenda for the school year. The agendas will be shared with the school community and will be available on their website.

I believe that this additional time for collaboration among teachers will greatly benefit all of our students. Should you have any questions, please contact your school's principal.

Sincerely,

*Dr. Kathy Kidder-Wilkerson*

Superintendent