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Competency Based Design Studio

Whitefield, NH: Teachers and administrators of the White Mountains Regional School District attended the Design Studio in Nashua, New Hampshire from July 25 through July 27, hosted by the New Hampshire Learning Initiative. The mission of the New Hampshire Learning Initiative is to accelerate innovation in K-12 education to move schools forward in helping students become competent and confident adults, able to pursue the futures they seek in college, career and beyond.

The competency design studio was intended for educational teams from New Hampshire and around the country who are in either the planning or implementation phases of a competency-based learning model in their school or school district. This conference was designed to assist our district team in developing personalized learning for our students through nationally recognized competency-based learning models.

The WMRSD team had the opportunity to work with competency education specialists, school administrators, and teachers who have experience implementing such a model in a variety of contexts and settings. A variety of sessions, networking opportunities, and team time were available for attendees to develop an implementation strategy.

The team was comprised of: Marion Anastasia, WMRSD Superintendent; Mike Cronin, WES Principal; Sharal Plumley, WES Assistant Principal; Aaron Giragosian and Amanda Garneau, WES teachers; Mike Berry, WMRHS Principal; Kerry Sheehan, WMRHS Assistant Principal; Jeannine LaBounty, Jacob Hess, and Patsy Ainsworth, WMRHS teachers; Todd Lamarque, LES Principal; Lindsey Cote, Dale Bille, and Angie LaVoie, LES teachers.

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