Rock Island-Milan School District, Illinois

Mission statement
To provide all students with a quality education

School Year
2018–19

Challenge
- Student test scores were significantly low, showing no upward trend in growth for years
- District had no access to high-quality curriculum or strategies for effective implementation; no common curricula
- Elementary standards-based grading implemented with no PD support

Solutions
- Rigorous, standards-aligned curricula identified in multiple content areas
- Teacher professional learning for teachers about standards-based grading and high-quality instructional materials
- School/district leader professional learning on standards-based grading; conducting walkthroughs aligned to core curricula; engaging with teachers in feedback

Impact
Math/ELA scores have been on an upward trajectory over the last 4 years

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Three Rock Island-Milan schools are no longer among lowest 5% in the state
In a self-assessment, principals report enhanced understanding of core curriculum and providing feedback. Also, at start of walkthroughs, 70% showed consistent use of core curriculum; after 3 semesters, data increased to more than 90%

District Data
- 6334 students
- 365 teachers
- 13 schools
- > 70% of our students receive free or reduced lunch
- 15% student mobility across district

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