

## **A Joint Announcement Regarding the JCPS Bellarmine Literacy Project for 2018-2019**

Effective the 2018-2019 academic year, the work of the JCPS Bellarmine Literacy Project will be administered entirely by JCPS.

When the JCPS Bellarmine Literacy Project was conceived, the plan was to “develop and coordinate the five-year implementation plan of the BLP including the application, enrollment, and incentive process in targeted JCPS elementary schools.” As Year 4 proceeded, the project’s success was evident in the number of interested schools taking ownership of the process at an unexpected pace.

As a result, JCPS is now equipped to empower teachers to continue building their own capacity, predicated on the robust infrastructure established over the past four years in 73 elementary schools across district. Moving forward, JCPS will expand upon the literacy strategies and techniques to enhance deeper learning in literacy classrooms.

### *Continued Education Options*

For those wishing to continue their literacy education via a Literacy Specialist endorsement, Bellarmine will offer equivalent courses for graduate credit on a tuition basis.

We trust the BLP experience of our dedicated teachers, coaches, and principals will continue to benefit their students and colleagues for years to come.

If you have any questions regarding advancing your literacy credentials through Bellarmine, please do not hesitate to contact Eve at [elee@bellarmine.edu](mailto:elee@bellarmine.edu) or 272-7986.

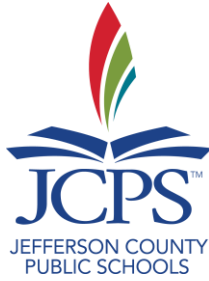
## **Questions and Answers**

Can I still apply my BLP courses toward my Rank I or other program?

- Yes. The credits you earned are still valid graduate credit. Contact Bellarmine’s Office of Graduate Admission for information.

I was planning on finishing my degree by taking BLP classes next semester. What should I do?

- Talk to your advisor to determine an alternative curriculum plan that will satisfy the requirements of your program. Remember that Bellarmine offers the equivalent courses as part of the Literacy Specialist MAED/Rank I program.



I am a principal and planned on enlisting more of my teachers in the BLP this fall. What can I do to help them get the training?

- JCPS is working with established BLP instructors and coaches to optimize literacy skills teaching in various schools across the district. Look for more information from JCPS in the weeks ahead.

When I signed on to the BLP, I committed to spending three years in an affiliated school. Does this still apply?

- This requirement was put forth by the Jefferson County Teachers Association and Jefferson County Board of Education (Article 28, New Section F, 2017-2018); to date, that has not changed.

As always, thanks for all you do for students and schools. Your knowledge, skills, and commitment are appreciated.

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