

We heard you! Here's what you said about PLT v2.015:

	<i>Strongly agree + agree</i>	<i>Strongly disagree + disagree</i>
<i>The presentations I attended were informative and relevant, and I learned things that I can use in my work with students.</i>	85.98% 141 out of 164 who responded	14.02% 23 out of 164 who responded
<i>The exhibits I visited were informative and relevant, and I learned things that I can use in my work with students.</i>	65.21% 105 out of 161 who responded	34.78% 56 out of 161 who responded
<i>As a result of my work on a PLT this year, I learned things that have helped me grow and develop as an educator.</i> <i>Note: 26 selected "does not apply" because they are not on a PLT.</i>	80.88% 110 out of 136 who are on a PLT and responded	19.11% 26 out of 136 who are on a PLT and responded
<i>Overall, the conference was a valuable professional development experience.</i>	78.52% 128 out of 163 who responded	21.47% 35 out of 163 who responded

So what's changed?

Read further to find out!

It is a goal of the Belmont Public Schools to prepare all students for college, career, and lifelong learning.

To address this goal, our district focus areas for the 2015-2016 school year are to:

- Implement district-wide Social Emotional Learning framework
- Develop a short and long term plan to address student performance achievement gaps

Want more information about our district strategic plan? Look here:

<http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/bps/Staff/Professional-Development>

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The PLT Conference

Introducing DISCUSSION FORUMS

- No more exhibits!
- You will share your work in either a formal presentation or a discussion forum.
- Guidelines and protocols for hosting a discussion forum will be provided.
- Discussion forums will allow you to share your work and get feedback in a more formal manner than exhibits.
- If you plan to continue your PLT for a second year, a discussion forum is a good way to share what you have done so far and plan for the next year.
- Like attending presentations, you will be able to sign up for discussion forums that interest you.

Starting a PLT

PLTs can now address Professional Practice goals!

- In the past, PLTs have only been tied to a student learning goal.
- Your PLT can now address something that supports your own learning.
- PLTs on professional practice goals lend themselves nicely to discussion forums.
- Want to make it a two-year PLT? Your first year can be spent learning about something (*Professional Practice Goal*) and the second spent applying with students (*Student Learning Goal*).
 - *Goals and PLT Charters will still be written annually to include year 1 learning in year 2 work – and to include new colleagues if they want to join the PLT.*
- PLTs should be all about what you want to learn about and what helps kids. Get creative!

Important Dates and Deadlines

There's now more time in the fall to plan your PLT!

- **Oct. 7, 2015** - Teacher-Generated Agenda Meeting.
 - Use this time to meet with colleagues and plan your perfect PLT.
- **Oct. 9, 2015** - Deadline for submitting PLT information (topic and members) to Janice.
- **Nov. 1, 2015** - Deadline for sharing SMART Goals and PLT Charter with your evaluator.
- **Nov. 16, 2015** - Deadline for submitting PLT Charter with signatures to Janice.

New Facilitator?

- The PLT facilitator course is still recommended but no longer required to lead a PLT. (Email Janice to explain your past leadership experience and request an exemption.)
- The course is also open to non-facilitators who are interested in learning how to facilitate groups.