

Building a Plan for  
Professional Learning (PL):  
A Blueprint for Student Success

Vernon Parish  
2016-2017

# Begin With Data

# Identify an External Provider

- Start with a List of Criteria:
  - Deep knowledge of ELA content
  - Deep knowledge of the Louisiana State Standards
  - Deep knowledge of the Louisiana Guidebook 2.0 curriculum
  - Exemplary practice with adult learning

# Build a Master Plan to Support the District Vision

- Teacher Leaders grades 3-5 and 6-12 receive five sessions of PL
- Grade level cohorts 3-12 receive one whole-district session of PL
- Fifth grade cohort receives five sessions of PL
- Science and SS teachers receive two sessions of content area writing PL

# Leadership is Key to Success

- The Principals and Assistant Principals received a half-day overview of the plan for PL 2016-2017 in early fall
- A walk-through tool was developed to align with the district vision
- Principals and Assistant Principals are encouraged to attend PL
- Central office leaders visit schools and classrooms regularly

# Monitor for Progress

- The external provider and project leader walk classrooms three times across the year for needs assessment
- The external provider and central office leaders meet frequently to discuss progress
- The external provider sends a post visit summary after each visit with recommended next steps
- Principals meet with supervisors regularly to discuss progress