Sun Associates Service Profile

Digital Learning Program Review - Maple Run USD Saint Albans, VT

During the winter of the 2018/2019 school year, Sun Associates (www.sun-associates.com) engaged with the Maple Run Unified School District in Saint Albans, VT to conduct a digital learning program review focusing on three areas of exploration:

- Student equity of experience across the USD's 4 schools
- Identification of promising and replicable teaching practices in digital learning
- Identification of any programmatic deficiencies and development of recommendations for remediation



Maple Run's need for this study was driven by its recent consolidation under VT Act 46 and an interest in exploring the degree to which the digital learning practices in the now consolidated schools were equitable and efficient. The USD's interest in this study was not rooted in an assumption that something was wrong, but rather reflected a desire to fine tune existing efforts and find promising practices to elevate and emphasize in its on-going strategic planning work.

A Sun Associates digital learning program review offers districts the opportunity to receive an independent, impartial, audit of existing programs and practices for planning, budgeting, and strategic positioning of curriculum and pedagogy initiatives. The program review results help participating districts ensure that <u>all</u> students benefit from a 21st century learning environment.

Over the course of 3 months, Sun Associates conducted detailed data collection in the district. Data collection consisted of classroom observations in all 4 Maple Run schools, teacher/student/parent focus groups, comprehensive online surveys, and numerous teacher and administrator interviews. Data was aggregated and analyzed against national standards for student and teacher digital learning practice. At the end of the 3-month project, the district received a detailed 60-page report with the study's findings and recommendations. Sun Associates staff spent a day reviewing the report with district leadership in anticipation of further work incorporating the recommendations as actions in the district's strategic plan.



Sun Associates has worked with many districts across the country just like Maple Run to discover, highlight, and help maximize the benefit that digital learning tools and strategies bring to student-centered learning. Let us know if we can help you.

