

#### Madison Middle School

A Journey Begins...

# Reasons for Change

**Big Picture: Data & Legislation** 

- Why does Johnny have an 'A' in Language Arts, but can't seem to meet the benchmarks?
- Or, how did Johnny Exceed the benchmark when he has an 'F' in my class?
- What do our grades tell us about what a student can knows or can do?
- HB2220 force our hand

#### District

- Some individuals and groups around the district have been discussing the concept and how to implement it.
- Groups discussing what PBTL looks like, labels, definitions, etc.
- Not a district wide initiative.

## Individually

Individuals given permission to stray from the norm...

- Some of us began trying out proficiency in our classrooms.
- Turning Points we all had moments when we realized PBT was a needed and necessary part of good teaching practices. – Individuals became passionate about the work!

### School Wide

How did we move school wide?

- Leadership. We control the agenda!
- Permission to fail. Blood sweat and tears.
- Tipping the room!
- Start with grading. Agree on a grading scale.
- Helped teachers develop learning targets for their curriculum.

### **Next Steps**

- Calibrate grading so proficient for me has a similar meaning for your class. Develop a cohesive understanding of what proficiency is.
- Develop a common language around proficiency.
- More fully develop procedures and routines for multiple opportunities and ways to show proficiency.
- Create a system that lets kids move at their own pace.

#### Needs...

# Time!!!

- Time to develop learning targets more fully.
- Time to develop Rubrics.
- Time to develop Assessments.
- Time to develop procedures.
- Time to...

We have a dream...
It's not a shared dream... yet!