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**Watertown Unified School District
Curriculum Committee Meeting Summary
Tuesday, October 13, 2009
Educational Service Center**

Board Members Present: Jennifer Hepp, Mark Holland, Dennis Rambo, Kate Lapin

Continuous Improvement Cycle Discussion

The committee reviewed a self-assessment continuum that explores the areas of student achievement, collecting and analyzing data, and professional learning in the district schools. The continuum was used recently to gauge staff perceptions of current performance in these areas at the middle school. The results will be used to guide future discussions and decisions around instruction, assessment, and professional learning needs. It represents part of the newly adopted district goal of using data to improve practice.

Assessment Update

A list of frequently asked questions about the state's newly proposed balanced assessment program was distributed and discussed by the committee. The current state assessment system is comprised mainly of the Wisconsin Knowledge and Concepts Exam that is scheduled to be administered later this month in Watertown. Proposed changes to the assessment system include computer adaptive testing that could be administered multiple times throughout a school year producing data that would be used immediately to inform instruction. The proposed changes would not take effect until the 2011-12 school year at the earliest and remain in the early planning stages at this time. A copy of the frequently asked questions is available on the Curriculum and Instruction website.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, November 10, 2009
8:00 a.m. in Conference Room 2
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