

2023-2024 Administrator APPR Handbook

Buffalo Public Schools Office of Shared Accountability



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2023-2024 APPR Timeline

August 2023

August 21 – TIP Portal to Open

September 2023

• September 8 – Observe portal to open for Informal Feedback

October 2023

- September 29 TIPs must be finalized by 4 PM
- October 1 Observe portal to open for 3012d and non-3012d
- October 25 SLO portal to open for teachers
- October 26 Observation Checkpoint

November 2023

November 23 – Observation Checkpoint

December 2023

December 21 – Observation Checkpoint

January 2024

- January 5 SLO due date for teachers by 4 PM
- January 12 Administrator SLO approval due by 4 PM
- January 25 Observation Checkpoint
- January 26 Temporary non-3012d first observation due by 4 PM

February 2024

February 15 – Observation Checkpoint

March 2024

March 28 – Observation Checkpoint

April 2024

- March 28 Second semester SLOs will be open for teachers
- April 25 Observation Checkpoint

May 2024

- April 29 May 17 Weekly Observation Checkpoints will be conducted
- May 17 3012d observations entered in to eDoctrina by 4 PM

June 2024

- May 31 New SLO due date for teachers by 4 PM
- May 31 Last day to conduct non-3012d observations
- June 7 non-3012d observations entered in to eDoctrina by 4 PM
- June 7 Administrator SLO approval due by 4 PM
- June 27 Teacher Assistant/Aides must be entered in to eDoctrina by 4 PM

July 2024

• July 12 – BCSA evaluations must be entered in eDoctrina by 4 PM

3012d vs. Non-3012d

Non-3012d teachers:

- All temporary teachers
- Pre-K teachers
- Librarians
- School Counselors
- Psychologists
- Social Workers
- SST Chairs
- Speech teachers
- Instructional Coaches (who teach 40% or less of the day)
- Data Coaches (who teach 40% or less of the day)
- Instructional Technology Coaches (who teacher 40% or less of the day)
- Adult Ed. or Continuing Ed.
- Program Coordinators
- Alternative Education teachers
- Literacy Specialists
- OT/PT
- · Teachers of the Visually and Hearing Impaired

3012d teachers:

- K-6 Common Branch Teachers
- 7-12 Teachers
- Special Area Teachers
- LOTE Teachers
- ENL Teachers
- AIS Teachers (ELA and Math)
- Reading Teachers
- Building Math Teachers
- All Replacement Teachers

3012d Observations

Announced Observations

- The observation must be held no sooner than three school days after the pre-conference.
- The duration of the observation is one complete lesson unless otherwise agreed upon by the teacher and administrator,
- The post conference must be held no later than seven school days after the observation.
 Teacher absence will not negatively impact the Lead Evaluator's ability to meet with the teacher.
- The teacher and administrator have the right to request an additional announced observation. The additional announced observation will not replace the original but will be averaged with the original. The request must be made by April 1st if the original announced was conducted before April 1st. Otherwise, the request must be made within 10 days of the post conference.
- May not be held during the month of September, the last three weeks of June or the day before or after a holiday*.

Unannounced Observations

- The duration of the observation is one complete lesson unless otherwise agreed upon by the teacher and administrator.
- The post conference must be held no later than seven school days after the observation.
 Teacher absence will not negatively impact the Lead Evaluator's ability to meet with the teacher.
- The teacher must be notified of the month that their observation will occur.
- The teacher has the right to a one-time postponement of his/her unannounced observation. The teacher must indicate that he/she would like to use his/her postponement before the lesson commences. If the postponement is used the administrator may not conduct the unannounced observation for five days but must do so within thirty days.
- May not be held during the month of September, the last three weeks of June or the day before or after a holiday*.

^{*}Definition of Holiday: The day of Halloween only, the days before and after Thanksgiving Break, the days before and after Winter Break, The days before and after Mid-Winter Break and the days before and after Spring Break.

Itinerant Teachers:

Evaluations of itinerant teachers are to be conducted by the Department Director or Supervisor.

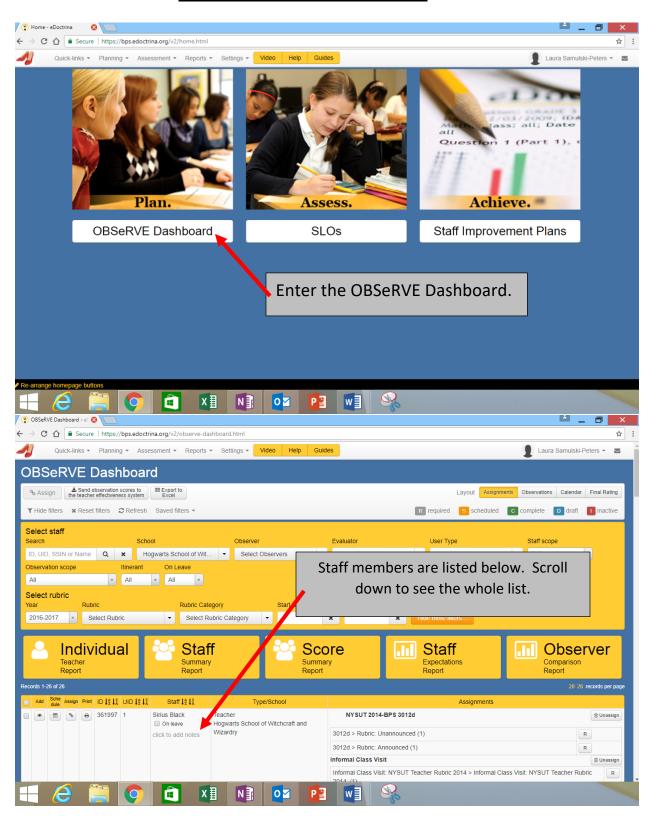
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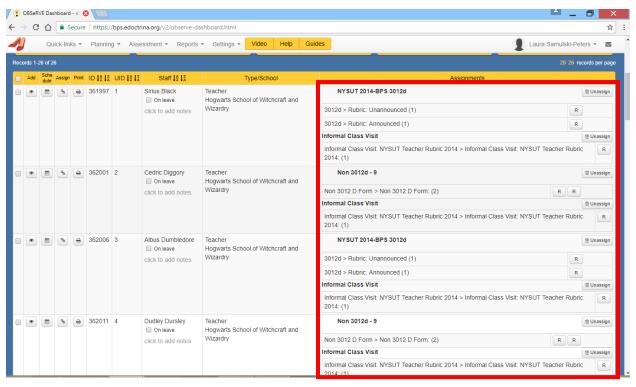
Any teacher who receives an overall rating of Ineffective the previous year will require an observation to be conducted by an Independent Evaluator. If the teacher is not itinerant, the Independent Evaluation will be conducted by the Department Director or Supervisor. If the teacher is itinerant, the Independent Evaluation will be conducted by a member of the Office of Shared Accountability. The independent Evaluation must follow the guidelines for announced observations.

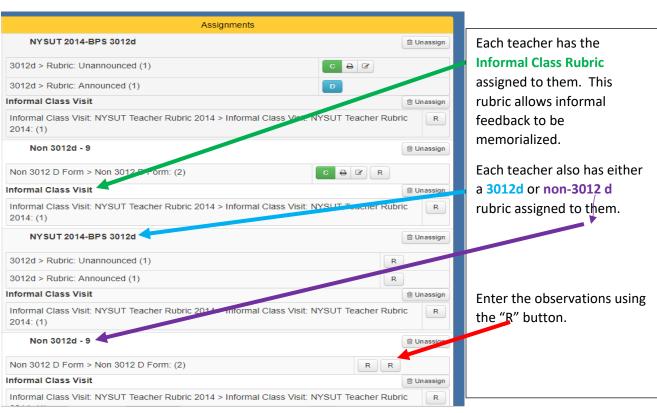
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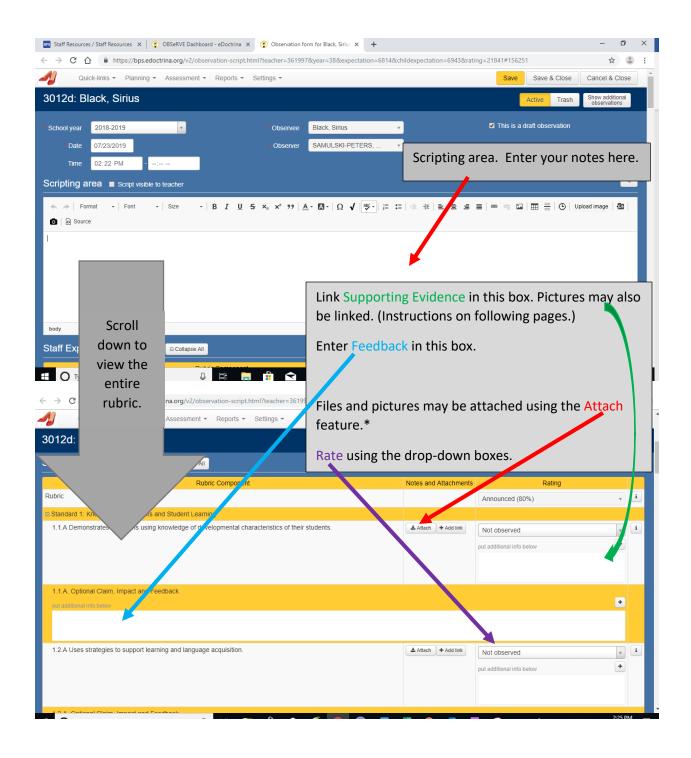
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1.1A	Demonstrates and plans using knowledge of developmental characteristics of their students	
1.2A	Uses strategies to support learning and language acquisitions.	
II.2.B	Incorporates individual and collaborative critical thinking and problem solving.	
II.5.A	Designs instruction using current levels of student understanding	
II.6.A	Organizes time	
III.1.B	Engages students	
III.2.A	Provides directions and procedures	
III.2.B	Uses questioning techniques to engage students.	
III.2.C	Responds to students	
III.3.B	Implements challenging learning experiences	
III.6.B	Provides feedback during and after instruction.	
IV.1.A	Interactions with students	
IV.2.A	Promotes student pride in work and accomplishments.	
IV.2.B	Promotes student curiosity and enthusiasm.	
IV.3.B	Manages instructional groups.	
IV.4.C	Establishes classroom safety	
V.5.B	Provides preparation and practice	
VI.4.A	Maintains records	

3012d Observations in eDoctrina



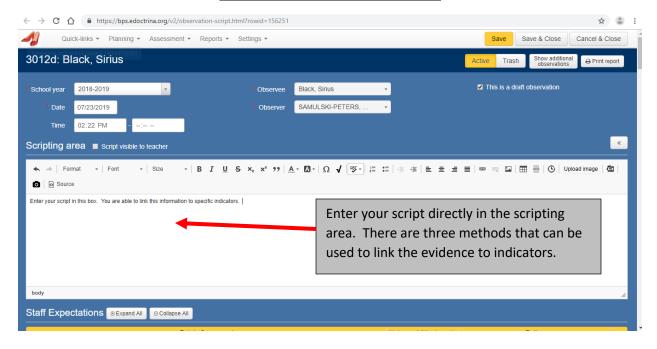




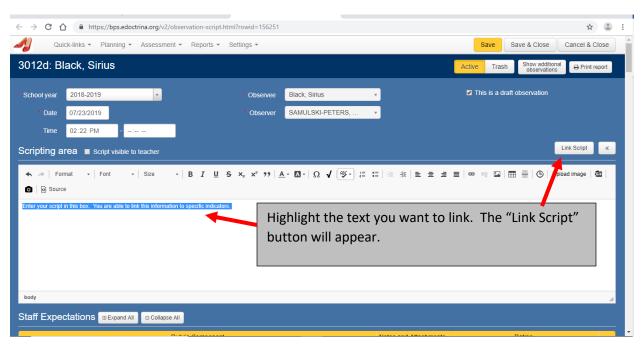


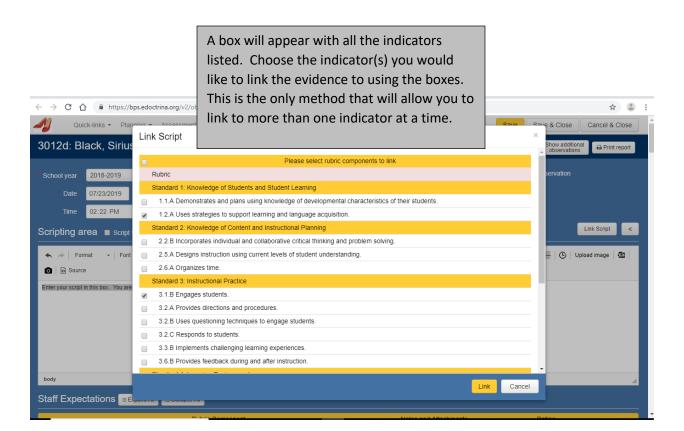
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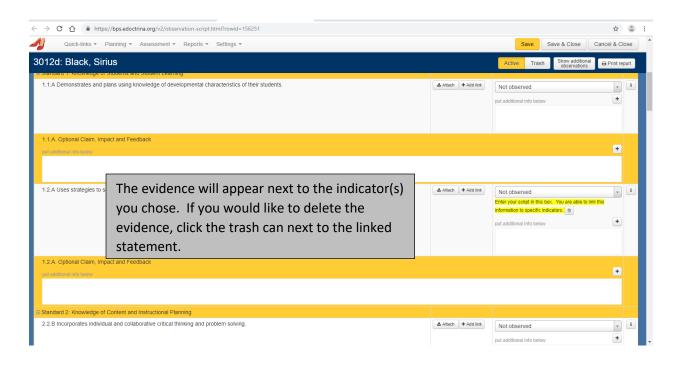
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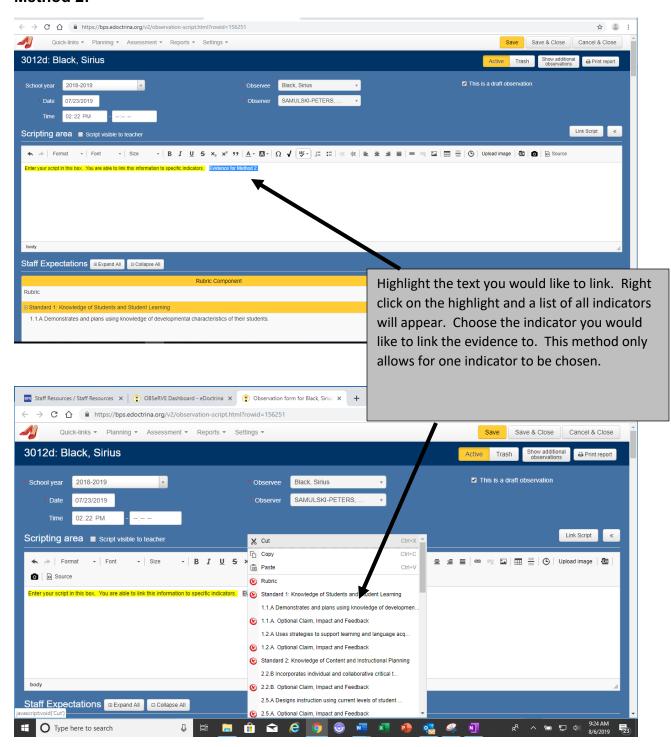
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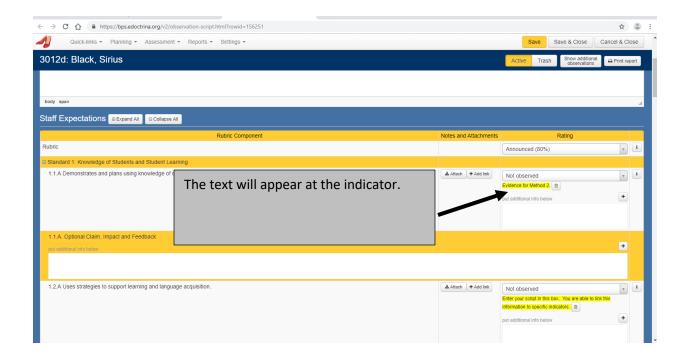




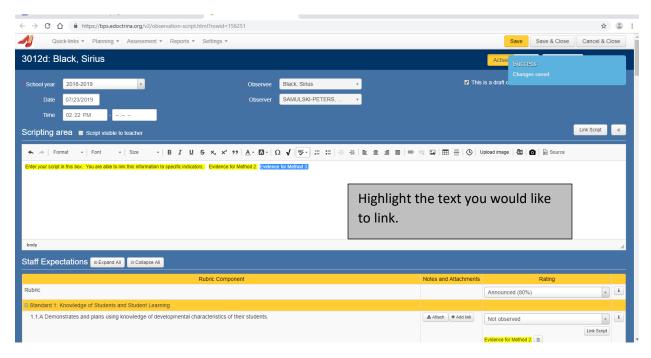


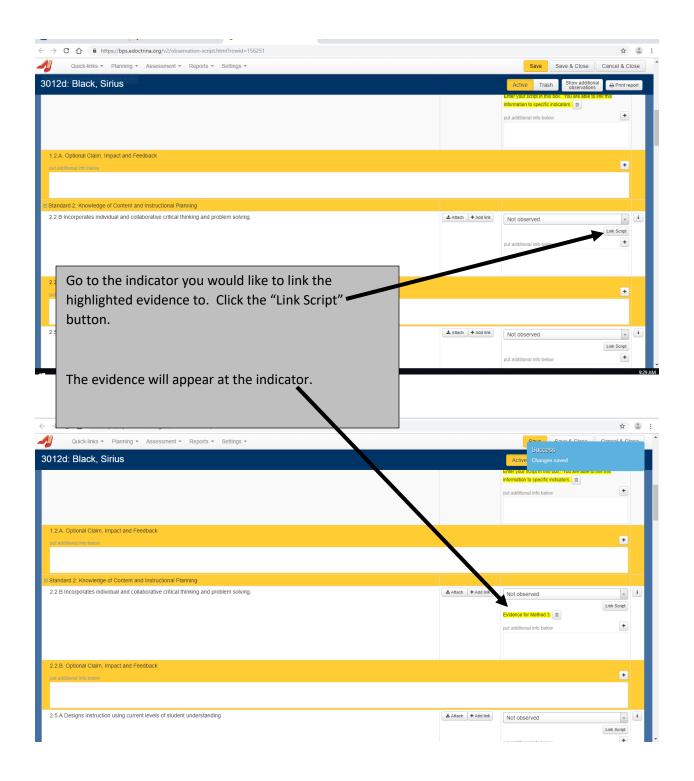
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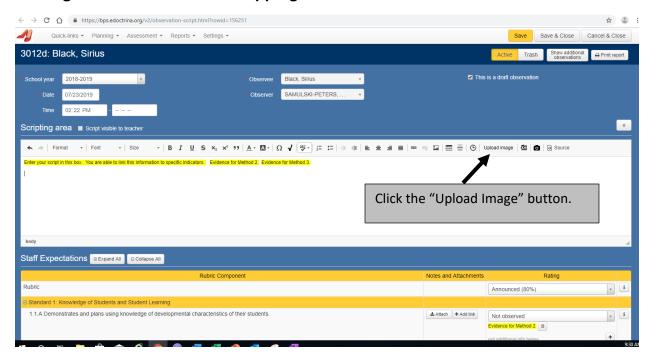


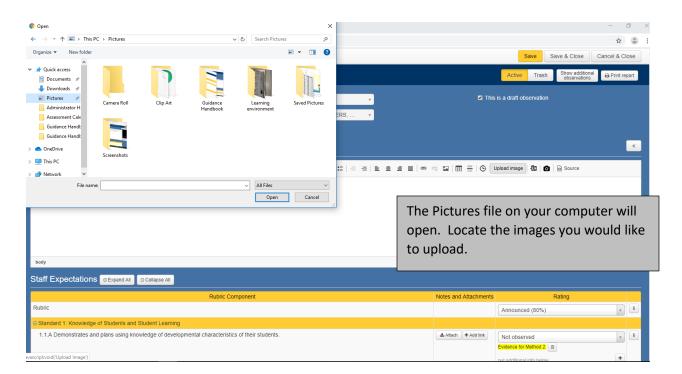
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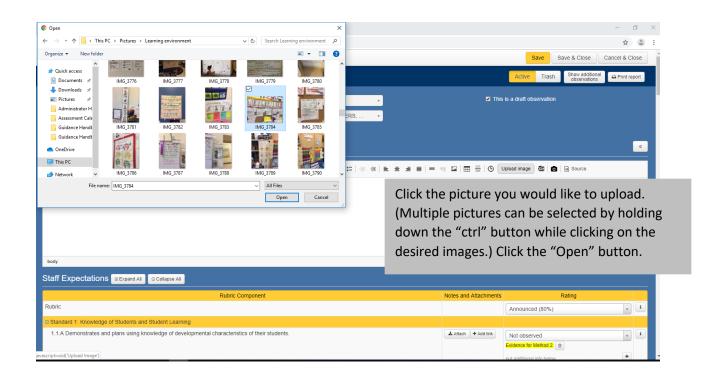


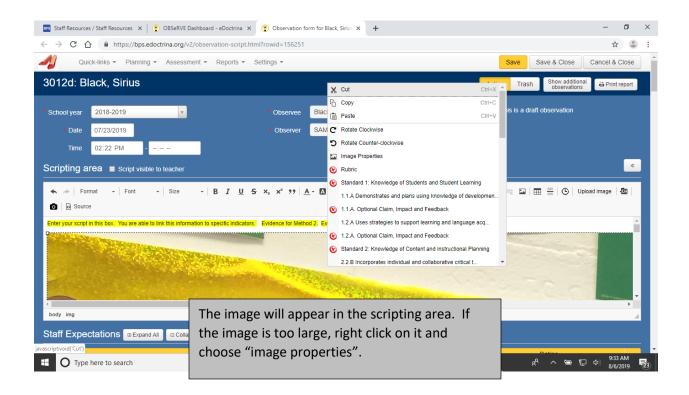


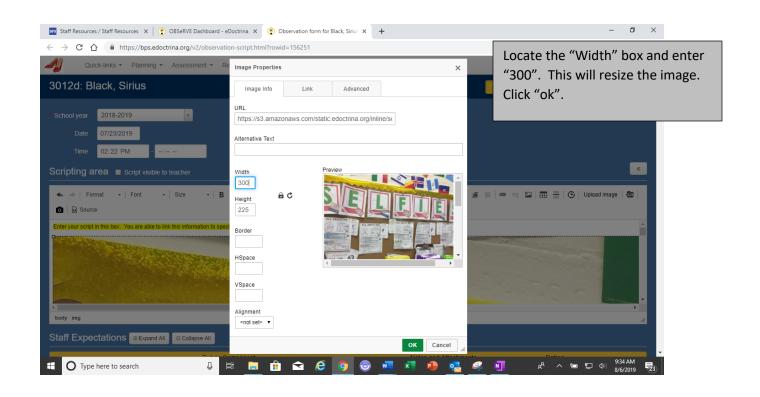
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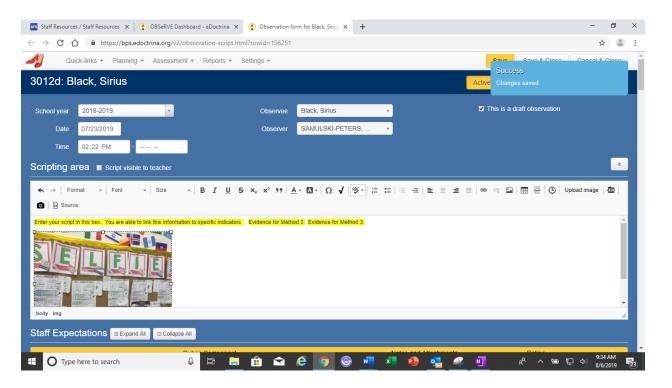


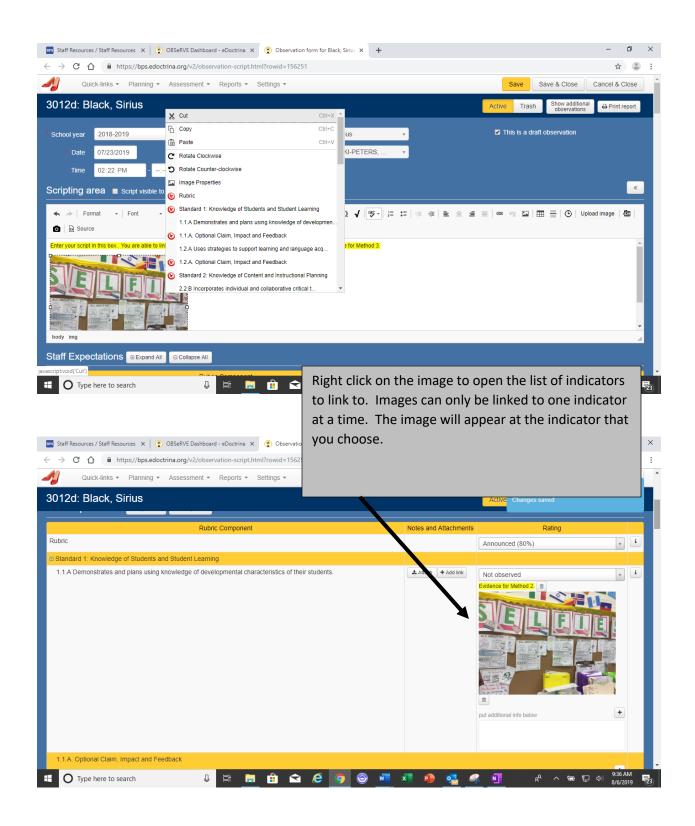




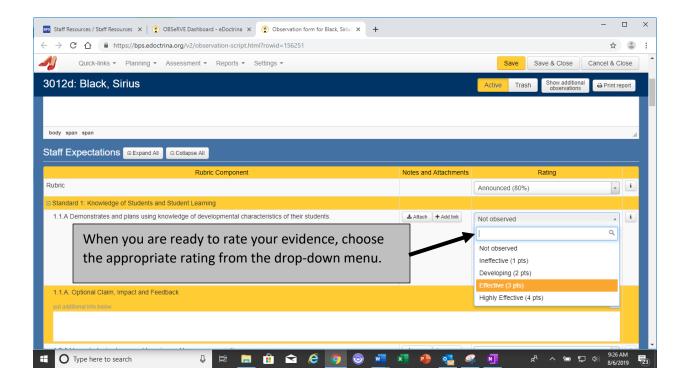


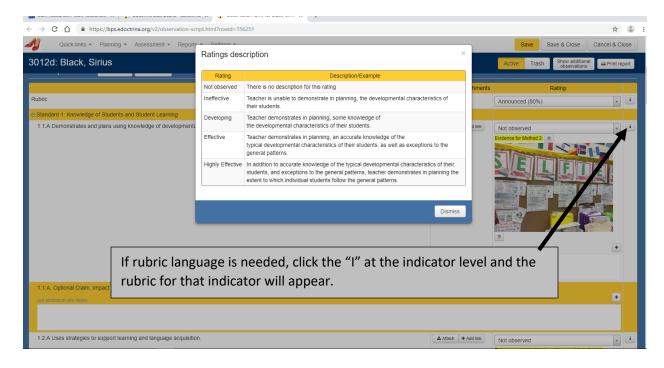




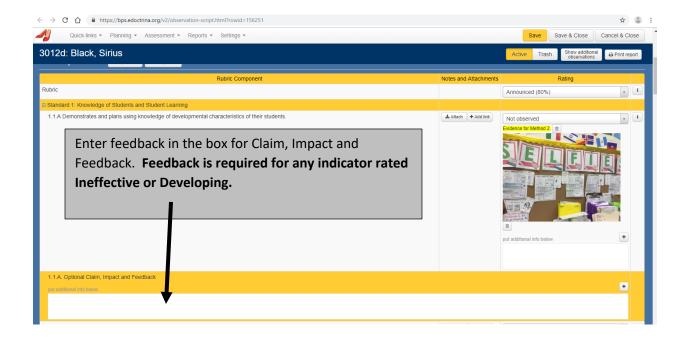


Rating Evidence





Entering Feedback

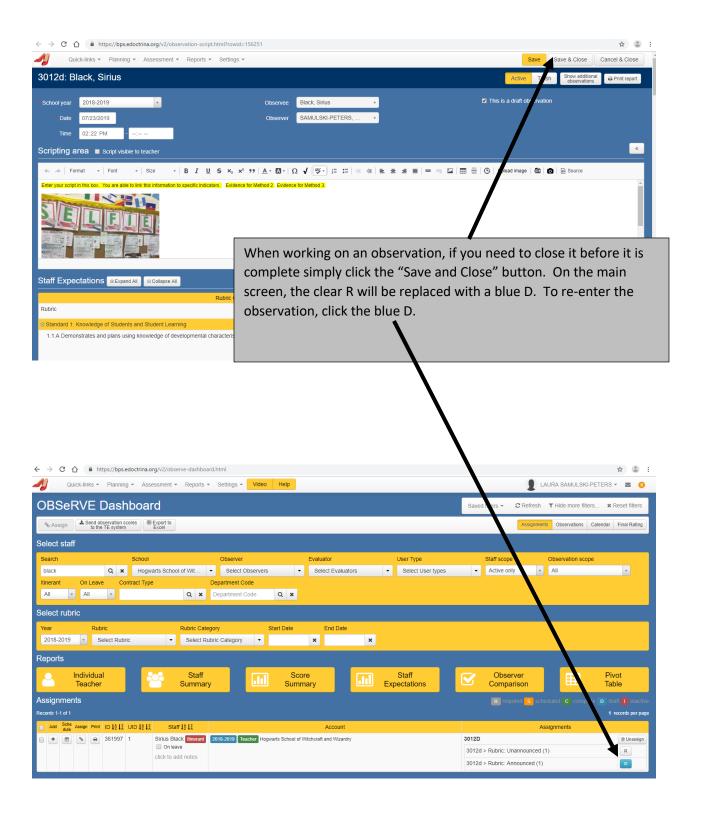


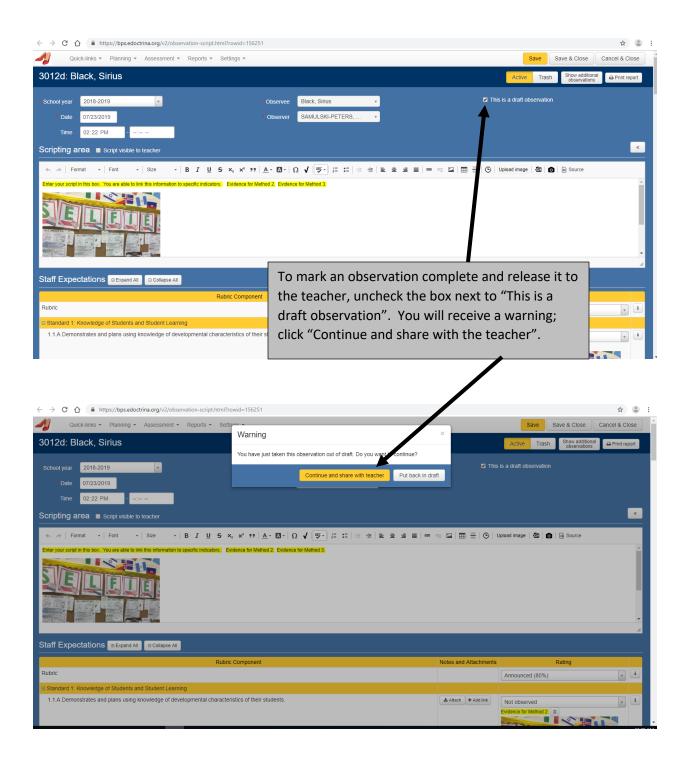
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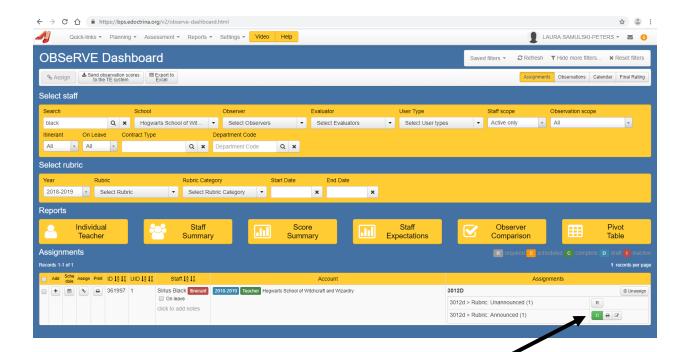
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Marking an Observation Complete

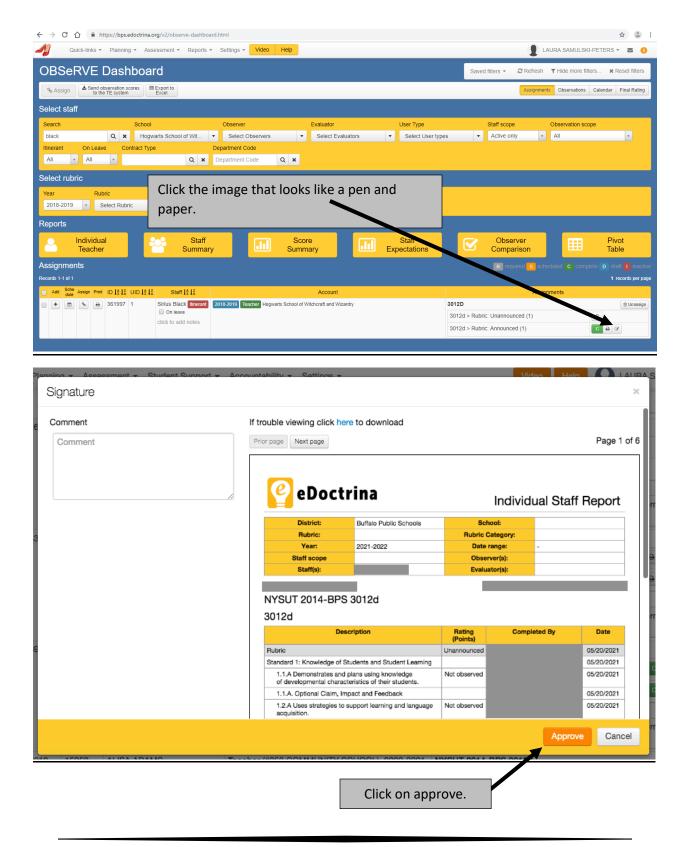


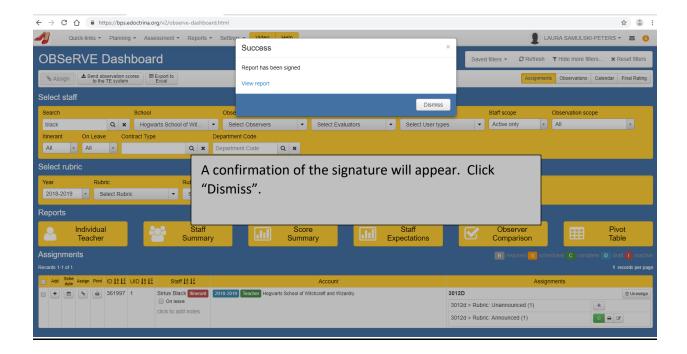




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Electronically Signing an Observation

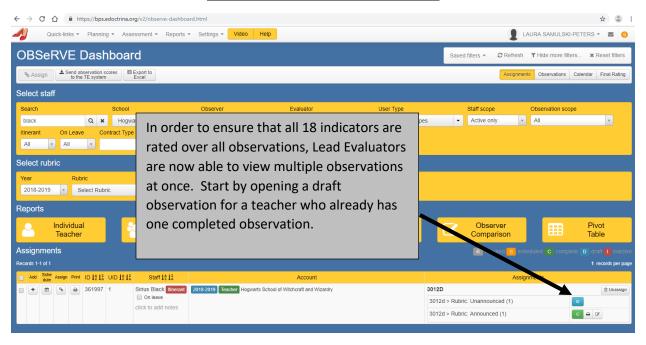


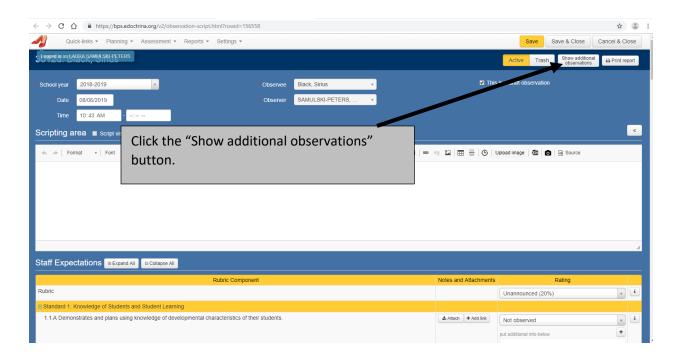


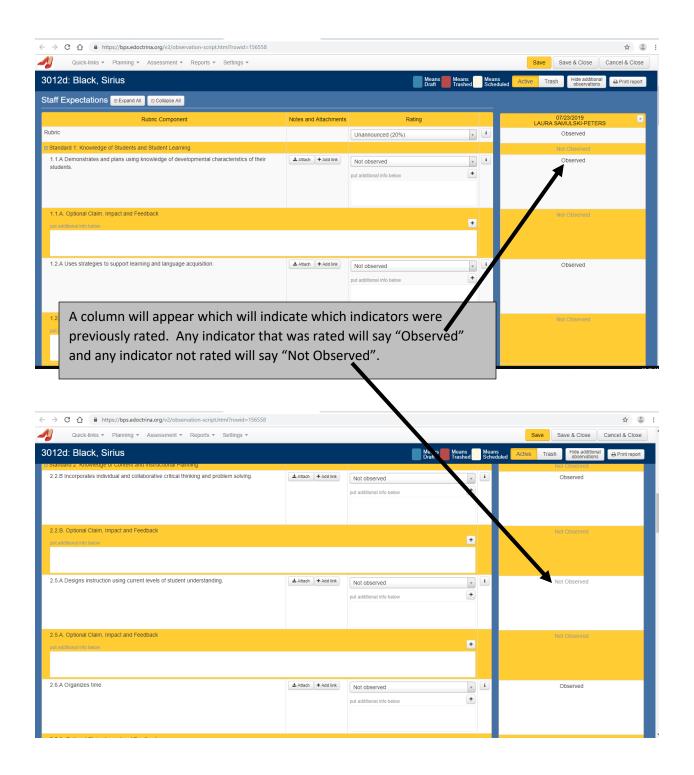
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The Administrator must sign the document first. Teachers are not able to sign until the administrator signature has been completed.

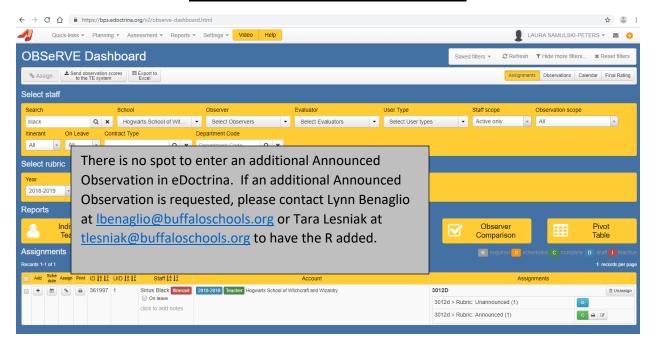
Viewing Multiple Observations







Additional Announced Observations



Non-3012d Observations

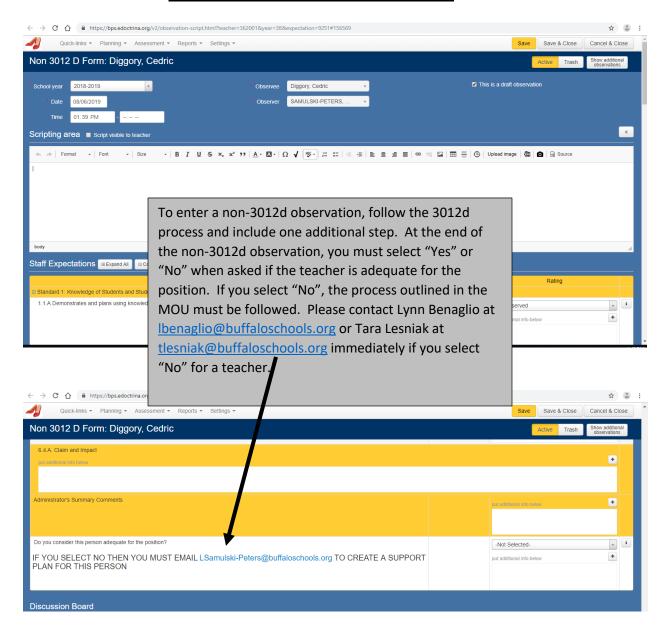
- The date, time and location of the pre-conference must be provided to the teacher in writing.
- The observation must be held no sooner than three school days after the preconference.
- The administrator and teacher must agree on the date and time of the observation.
- The post conference must be held no later than seven school days after the observation.
- May not be held during the month of September, the last three weeks of June or the day before or after a holiday*.
- The administrator must indicate if the teacher is adequate for the position. If the
 administrator checks "No", a Teacher Support Plan (TSP) must be developed.
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 or bave the TSP portal opened.

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Non-3012d Rubric

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III.2.A	Provides directions and procedures	
III.3.B	Implements challenging learning experiences	
IV.1.A	Interactions with students	
IV.4.C	Establishes classroom safety	
V.5.B	Provides preparation and practice	
VI.4.A	Maintains records	

Non-3012d Observations in eDoctrina



Informal Feedback

Lead Evaluators may visit a teacher's classroom at any time informally and record
informal feedback in eDoctrina. These visits will not be counted in the teacher's APPR.
Lead Evaluators may enter informal feedback for any 3012d or non-3012d teacher if
they choose.

Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)

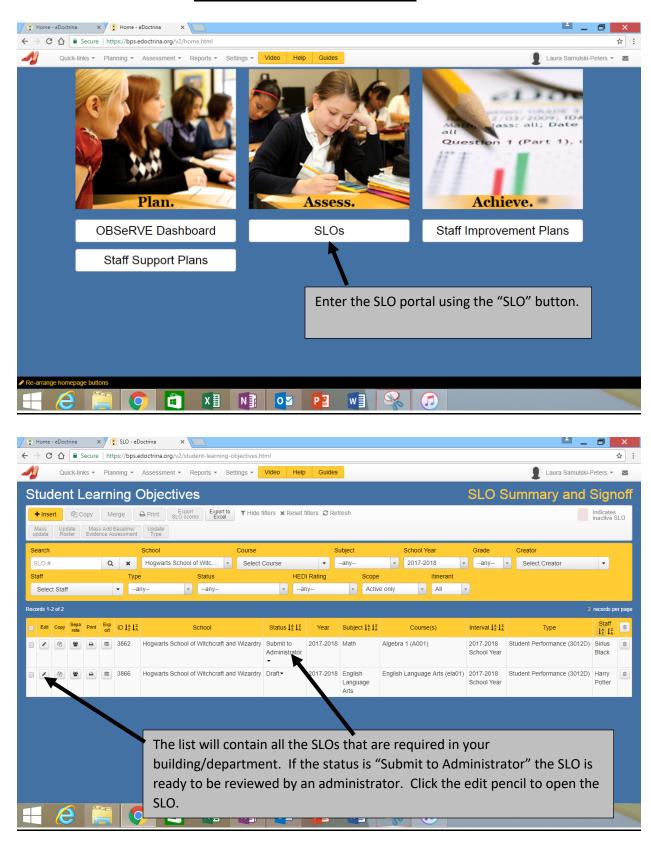
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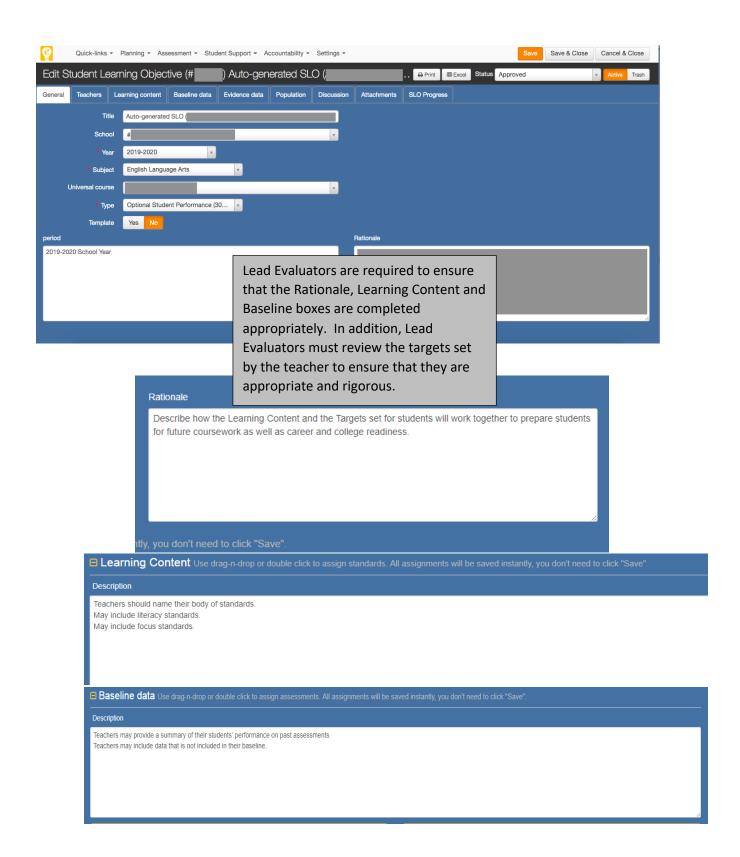
- Grades 3-8 Alternate Education Teachers
- Grade 4 Science Teachers who do not also teach Math or ELA.
- Grade 8 Science Teachers who do not also teacher Math or ELA.
- High School Regent's Teachers who teach Regent's courses to more than 50% of their population.

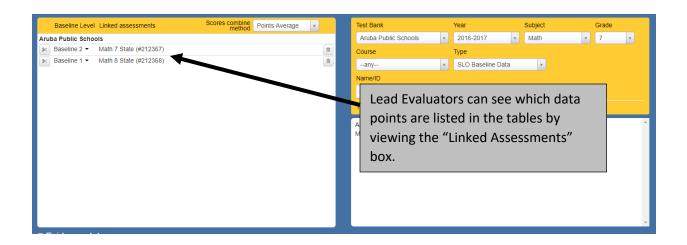
Lead Evaluators will be required to approve targets in the SLOs. Principals have the ability to override targets.

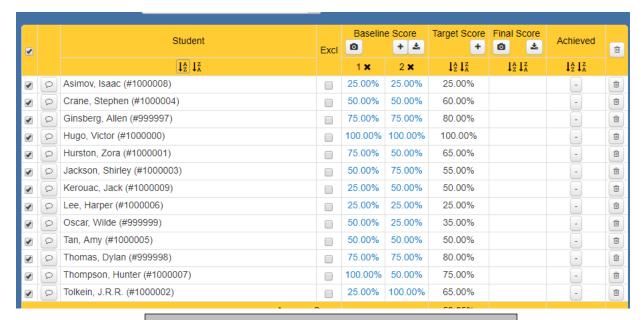
All other teachers will receive a District-wide score and will not be required to enter any information in to eDoctrina.

Reviewing SLOs in eDoctrina

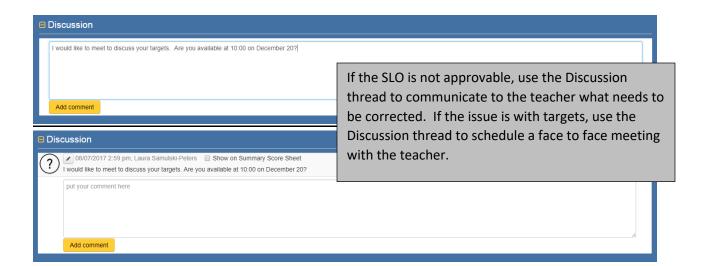


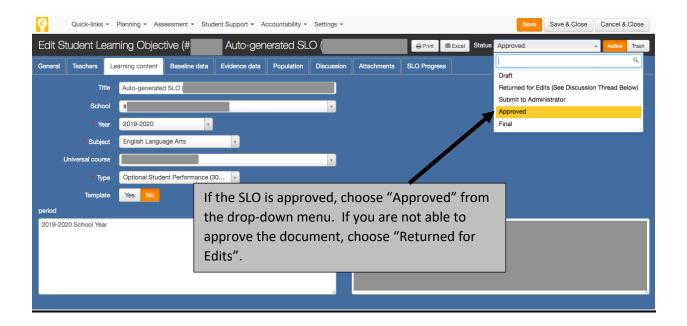




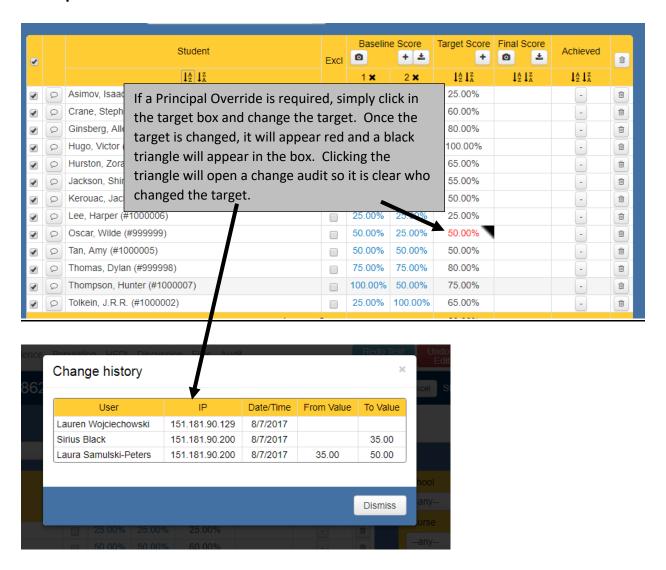


The population box will show all students included in the SLO as well as their data points and the targets that were set by the teacher. All students in the list must have a target. Lead Evaluators must ensure that the targets are appropriate and rigorous.



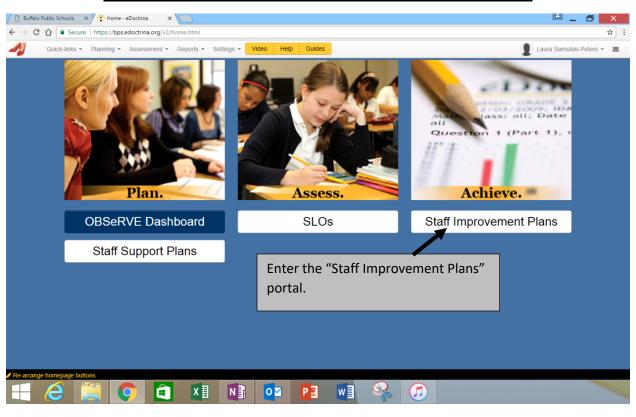


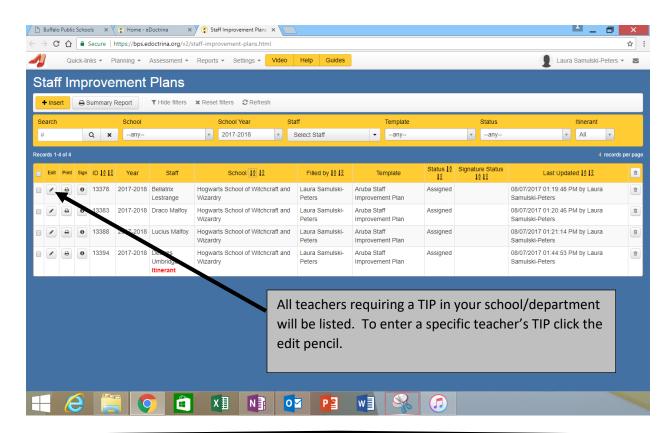
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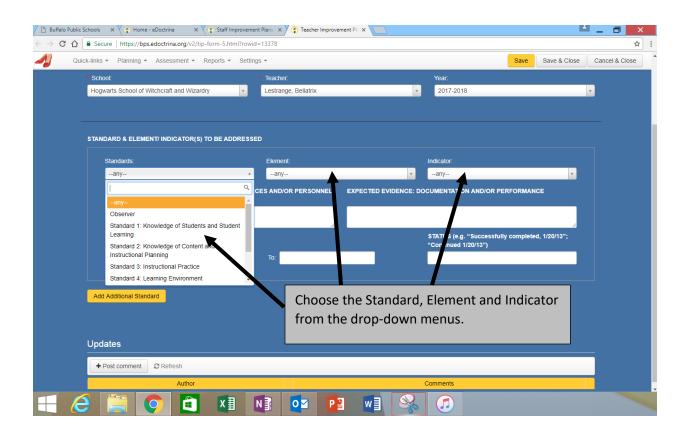


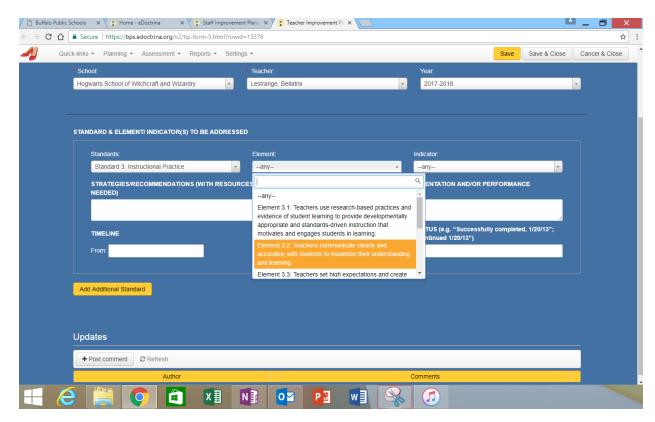
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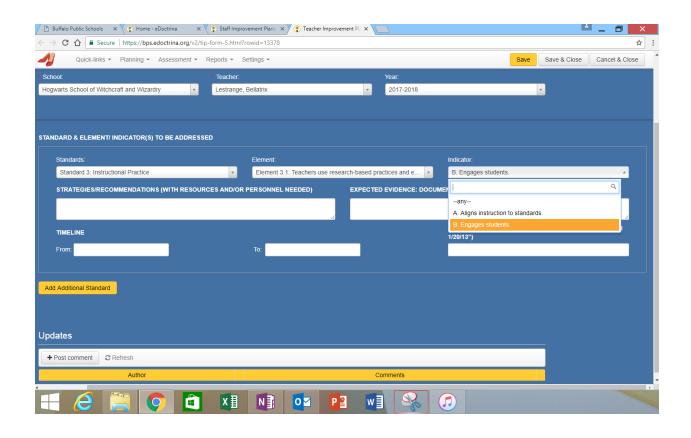
Entering Teacher Improvement Plans (TIPs) in eDoctrina

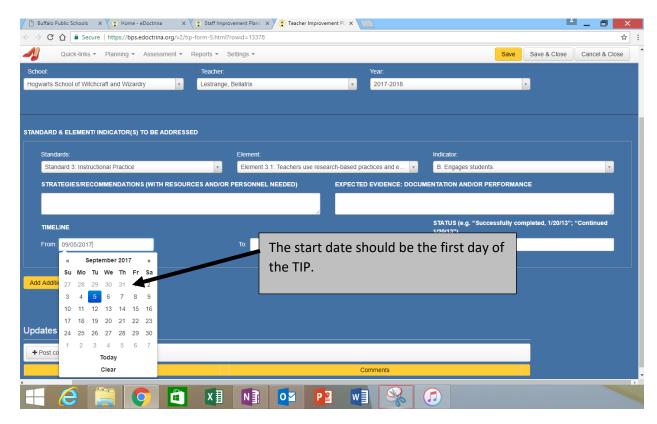


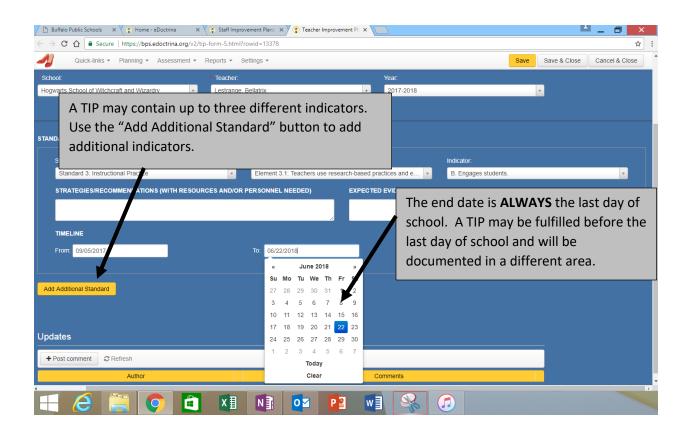


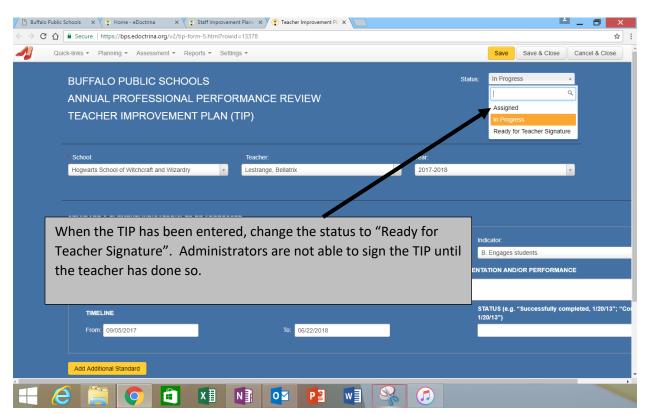


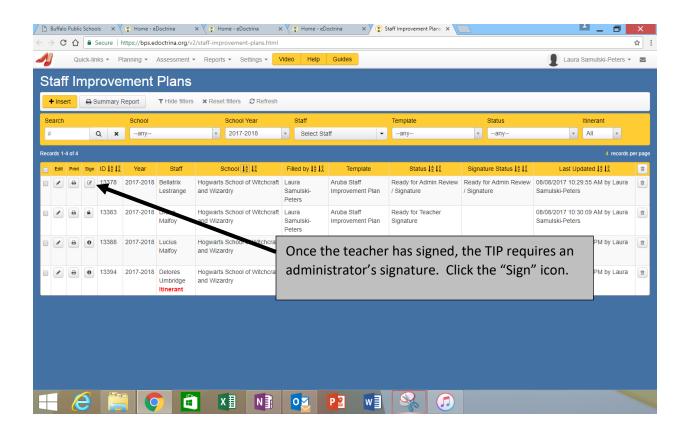


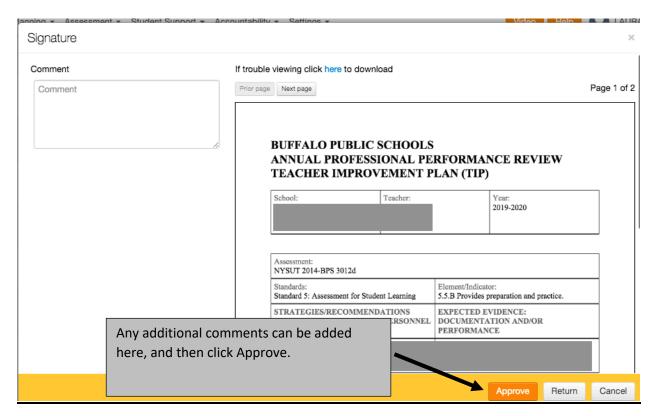




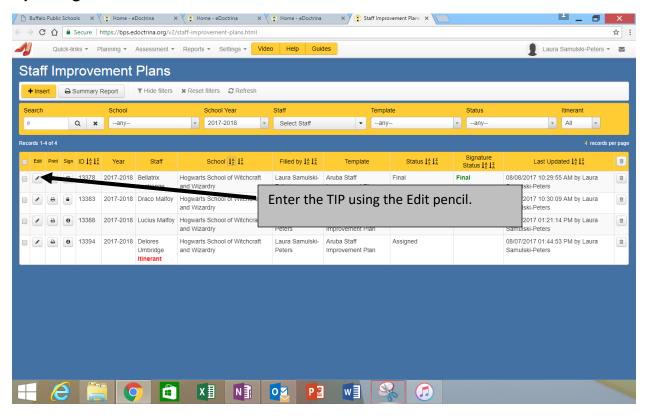


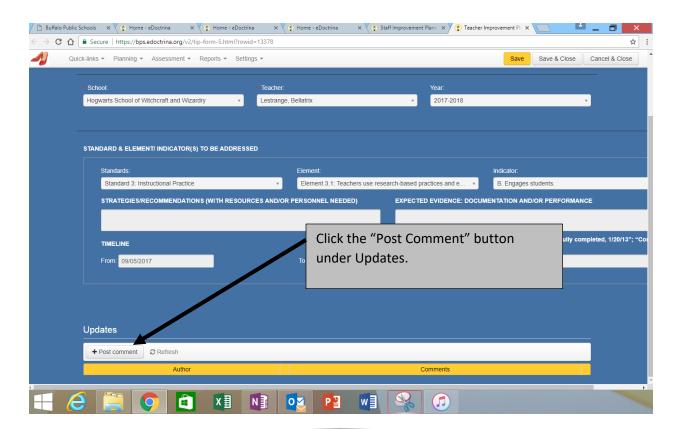


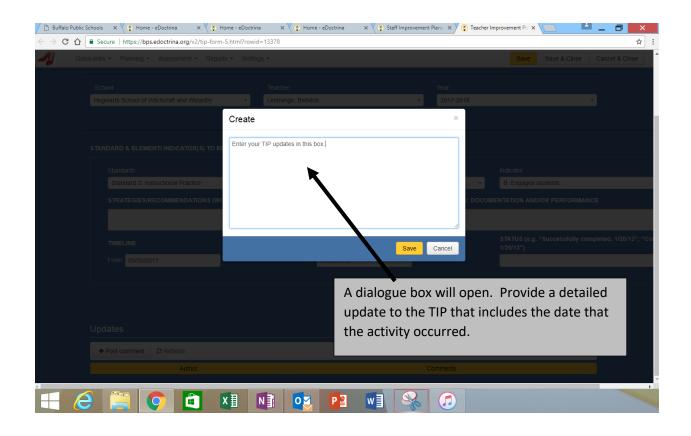


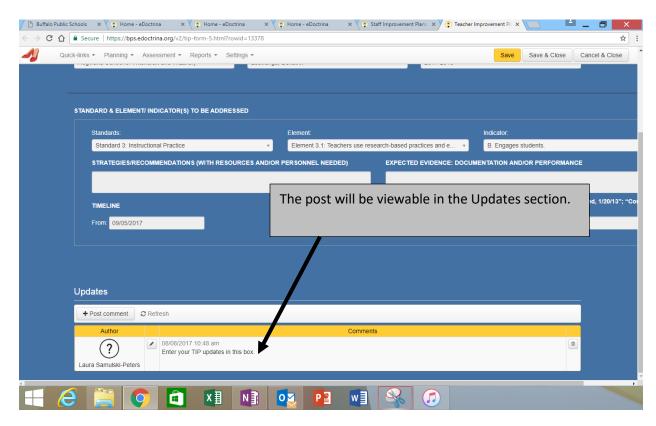


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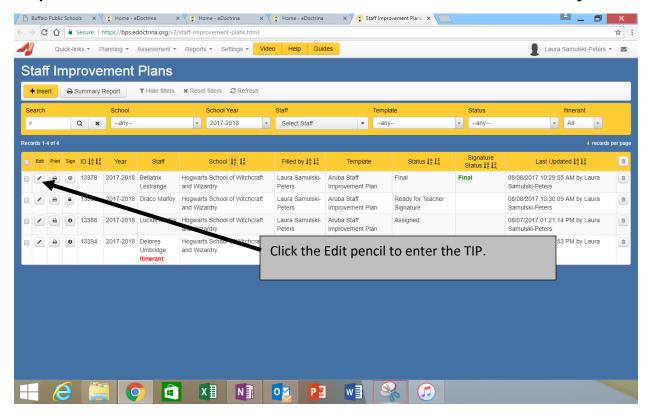


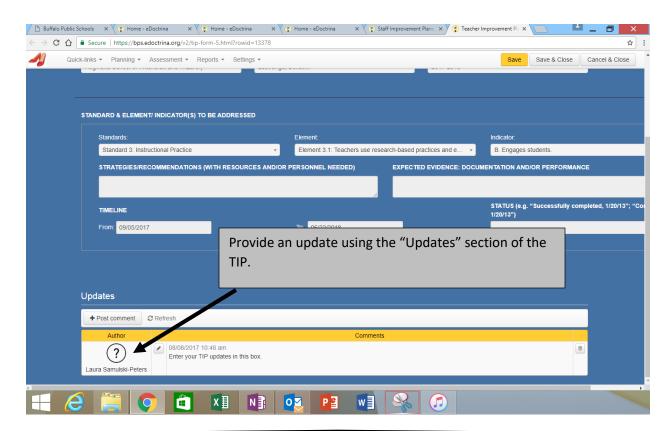


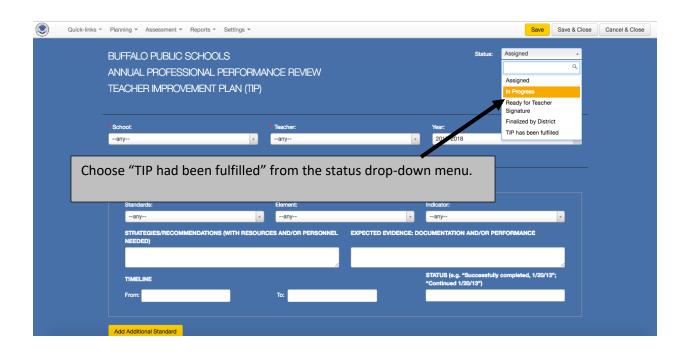




Steps to indicate that a TIP has been fulfilled before the end of the school year:







Teacher Support Plans (TSP) (Non-3012d)

- Any non-3012d teacher who receives a "No" on their observation must be placed on a Teacher Support Plan (TSP).
- The administrator must contact Lynn Benaglio at lbenaglio@buffaloschools.org or Tara Lesniak at tlesniak@buffaloschools.org to open the TSP portal in eDoctrina.
- The administrator must provide the teacher with a written compilation of the indicators that are rated developing or ineffective.
- The administrator and the teacher have two weeks from the date the written compilation is delivered to develop the TSP. Both the teacher and administrator in eDoctrina must electronically sign it at the end of the two weeks.
- The administrator must monitor and document progress for 15 school days.
- At the end of the 15 school days, a new pre-conference, observation and postconference must be conducted in accordance with the Non-3012d observation guidelines.
- If "No" is checked again, a new TSP must be created.

Entering TSPs in eDoctrina

- The TSP portal functions the same as the TIP portal.
- Follow the directions for entering and updating TIPs.

Contact Information

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