each other and the consultants and prepare for the logistics of communicating and planning because it takes centralized leadership to attend to the details. In the case of Lockport Consortium, the high school assumed those responsibilities.

Lastly, accept the slow but deliberate start and enjoy the progress from stage to stage. The curriculum, instruction, achievement and use of technology will accommodate the new learning for the benefit of students.

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**If There Were No Pentagons or Hexagons**

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Let’s pay tribute to two shapes for being alive
The Hexagon with six sides, and the Pentagon with five.

The Hexagon can exist in things inorganic,
Like nuts, bolts, and wrenches used by a mechanic.

The bees that make honey in their combs made of wax,
Make Hexagon cells and use space to the max.

And that’s also why Hexagons make good picnic bench seating,
If you build with this shape, more people are eating.

And in shapes of some crystals we hear the hexagon’s voice,
Build with my unique shape and you’ve made a wise choice.

And now for the Pentagon with all of its strength,
A regular figure with five sides the same length.

If we didn’t have Pentagons, much of life would be bare,
They’re not as round as a circle, but more round than a square.

In natural forms this shape shows its powers,
In arms of the starfish, and the petals of flowers.

Cut the top off an apple and inspect the insides,
In the seeds of this fruit, a Pentagon resides.

So to have blueberry tops, soccer balls, and all flakes of snow,
These two beautiful polygons we just can’t bear to see go.

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