Figure 2.2: Work of Teams in Recurring Learning Cycles

Critical Question One: What do we want all students to know and be able to do?

- Determine the priority standards and create a proficiency map (pacing guide) for the year.
- Unwrap the priority standards.
- Use a calendar to create a unit plan including when teachers will give assessments and when the team will respond to the data and information.

Critical Question Two: How will we know if they learned it?

- Create team common formative assessments to administer in a cycle of ten teaching days or less.
- Determine team scoring agreements and how teachers will administer the assessment.
- Complete a data-analysis protocol to determine trends in student work to create a team-targeted intervention and extension plan.

Critical Question Three: How will we respond when some students do not learn? Critical Question Four: How will we extend the learning for students who are already proficient?

- Create a team response to target trends in the assessment by individual student and specific need.
- Extend the learning for students who demonstrate proficiency by including non-priority or nice-to-know standards or extend the thinking of the current priority standards with specific activities.

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