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To: LPSD School Board Members and Superintendent Kasie Luke

From: Nicole Metzgar & Kate Cornell

Re: April Curriculum Report

Professional Development

2024-2025 PD Scope and Sequence: We are working together on a 2024-2025 PD Scope and Sequence to make sure there is a good plan in place before summer dismissal.

Curriculum

Outschool for Families: We are hoping to soon have an informational zoom to show parents how to use Outschool for student summer learning. An informational packet will also be sent home to families.

Monthly Collaboration with Principals: In March we discussed AI. We also discussed the idea to create a “highest priority” informational guide to help school Principals and Head Teachers navigate everything in the beginning of the school year. A survey was sent out to school leaders to collect feedback. Do LPSD School Board Members have perspective to share regarding what is the highest priority for LPSD school leaders at the start of the school year?

AI in LPSD: Teachers initiated discussion about how LPSD can support student appropriate use of AI. Thank you JW Newton, Marli Manning, Kate Cornell, and Superintendent Luke for the energy and ideas around this topic. Collaboration on an AI acceptable use policy to be added to the 2024-2025 Student Handbook is in progress. Teacher PD training and the creation of a curriculum unit to teach LPSD students about AI was also discussed. Link to a draft of the AI Acceptable Use Policy is here: [Link](#)

ANE Local Language Classes: We are working with ANE to look into a way to offer .50 HS credit to HS students who participated and successfully completed virtual ANE language courses this spring. ANE teachers have requested help from onsite teachers to calculate student attendance to these sessions. LPSD values and wants to recognize the learning being taught by our locally trained language teachers and the efforts from students to increase their fluency in traditional local languages.

SBS Booklet & Wiki Updates: There is a list of updates that need to be made to the SBS booklet. The wiki is temporarily not working, but when it comes back, there are Technology and Science Standards updates to be made.

New Technology Standards: Standards have been shared with LPSD Registrar and are ready to be uploaded into Powerschool for next school year for students to start learning. Link to updated Technology Standards here: [Link](#)

Distance Classes (Kate): First of all, congratulations to Mrs. Nikolaus on the birth of her baby boy, Casen! Marli will be taking maternity leave for the foreseeable future, but will return in the fall for next year's classes. Her students are wrapping up their end of level exams for reading and writing, and putting together their portfolios or end level prompts. Mr. Meneskie will be teaching levels 6-9 and level 12 next year which will allow students to take an online consumer math course. We will no longer offer level 10 (Geometry) as an online course due to low student enrollment. Again, thank you to the distance teachers and on-site teachers for their participation in the program and for allowing me to lead it these past few years.

Advanced Online Classes: We had conversations about ways to increase student access to advanced online language courses. Proficiency in Reading and Writing level 8 is recommended as an appropriate prerequisite for high school students to take advanced online language courses. This would also allow reading and writing on-level 9th graders the opportunity to apply for financial aid or course reimbursement for college or advanced language courses as freshmen. Link to updated LPSD Advanced Online Course Option is here: [LINK](#).

CTE for HS Credit: 39 CTE HS credits have been awarded to 41 high school students from 11 LPSD sites—including Lake View Home School. Curriculum helps determine which credit type the courses align with.

Experiencing Out: 12 Experiencing Out HS credits have been awarded to 7 high school students from 3 LPSD sites—including Lake View Home School. Curriculum oversees the awarding of credit amount and credit type for these experiences.

Leveling Transfer Students: Since the last board report, 4 students have transferred into LPSD schools; LPSD has had 38 total students transfer in this school year. Curriculum helps with initial placement of these students in levels.

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