

# Pleasantdale School District 107

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To: Pleasantdale School District 107 Board of Education

From: Dr. Dave Palzet

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Re: Revised Summer Work Hours

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At the May 20, 2015 Board of Education meeting, the Board was presented with a summer work hours proposal. This proposal contained a myriad of projects that were recommended for approval from the Curriculum Council. The total cost of the proposed work was \$77,805.60 and represented 1,907 hours of work. As presented to the Board, this proposal was not accepted.

Recognizing the importance of summer work in helping to prepare for the upcoming school year, I have worked with the administration to revise the original summer work plan. The attached proposal represents a 44% reduction in the original plan's cost. The cost of the revised plan is \$43,737.60 and represents 1,072 hours of work.

The administration reviewed the original list and prioritized the projects by the following criteria:

- Projects that involve new curriculum or programs
- Projects that will be rolled out at the beginning of the school year
- Projects that include teachers who would have difficulty assembling as a group during the school year

Additionally, the administration notified teachers that hours for each project will be reduced by 20% in an effort to contain costs. For projects that were not approved, notification was sent to the teacher(s) and a plan is being developed to complete these projects during the school year. The administration is confident that all of these important projects will be completed during the summer or during the 2015-16 school year. We look forward to reporting the progress and status of this work in the fall of school year 2015-16.

As you can see, this revised list better balances the need to complete important summer work with the Board's priority to be fiscally responsible. Moving forward, the administration will work to improve the process regarding summer work and communication leading up to Board approval.

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*Ensure that each student is a passionate learner empowered with the Academic and social skills to responsibly choose and excel in life pursuits.*