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Agenda Item: Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction

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Purpose: Informational

Distance Learning Update

Distance learning is well underway K-12. Our goals across the district are to stay connected with families and support them in whatever way possible, as well as to continue serving students in their academics. At the high school and middle school, students are engaged in virtual learning opportunities. This is their primary mode of connection with students. At our elementary schools, we continue to develop grade level bi-monthly packets. This is supplemented with digital resources that are constantly updated on each school's website. Elementary teachers were also recently given the go ahead to meet with small groups of students through Google Hangouts with parent permission. This has gotten a great response from teachers and families.

Summer Plans for Preparing Students for the Fall

At this time the Teaching & Learning Department is partnering with our Special Education Department to develop and design additional supports for students before entering into the upcoming school year. Depending on the governor's stay at home orders, our hope is to promote these offerings for the months of July and August. Possible offerings will include Summer School, August Academy, ESY (Extended School Year), Summer Bridge, and Saturday Academy (to be offered during the fall).

As a district we recognize that our most vulnerable students will be most impacted by the closure of school during our 2020 spring term. Our focus will be on these populations of students, while also considering what is best for all students in making sure they are ready for the next grade level.

Connecting Teaching and Learning through Technology

During our board presentation Bret Adkins our technology director will talk us through the following topics related to the district's support for technology in an effort to connect students and teachers;

- Technology device and distribution for the school closure
- Communication tools now in use
- Connectivity options for MRSD families
- Technical resources for families and staff for distance learning

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