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Bloomington School District 13

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SUBJECT: Executive Summary for the Report on Homework

Introduction

At the request of the Board of Education, Bloomington District 13 Building Principals Mr. Mark Dwyer, Mr. Patrick Haugens, and Mr. Stefan Larsson have prepared a presentation on the topic of guidelines for the assignment of homework.

Executive Summary

Homework is assigned to further a student's educational development and is an application or adaptation of classroom experience. Students may be assigned homework in order to provide time beyond the school day for independent practice of previously taught instructional content, reinforcement of skills taught in class, and/or to foster independent study or reading habits.

Homework is to be of appropriate frequency and length and is not to be excessive or used for disciplinary purposes. Expectations for the assignment of homework must take into account grade-specific and developmental factors such as the age of the students. Students in earlier grade levels need to be assigned an appropriate amount of homework for their age group, typically 10 - 20 minutes per night for students in kindergarten through second grade. Students in intermediate and middle school grades may be assigned an increased amount of homework.

Opportunities for questions will follow the presentation of the Report on Homework.