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The 2017 Big Dog Challenge winners have been selected based on input from almost one third of our staff. Congratulations to the winning ideas! The following ideas will go forward to design thinking:

- Increased Recess Time - *Ideator: Jen Harmoning*
- The Alice Training Program – *Ideator: Maggie Maine*
- Outdoor Learning Space – *Ideator: Missy Olson*

These winning ideas will form teams and work to further define the problem, discover alternative solutions, examine implementation and develop an MVP (Minimum Viable Product). The teams will start the design process later this month.

The following ideas were identified as “Rollout Ready” and will go directly forward to implementation.

- Student and Staff Health – *Ideator: Josh Ihrke*. Another water bottle filling station will be added at the high school next summer.
- Recycling Bins/Bags Distinction – *Ideator: Dustin Weege*. Different colored bins for recycling will be utilized throughout the school district beginning with the high school next month.
- District Wellness – *Ideator: Dan Baird*. A committee of teachers and administrators is meeting this week to develop guidelines for teachers who wish to exercise during their prep time.

Thanks to the many staff members who participated in this year’s Big Dog Challenge. Your innovative spirit and the courage to dream will make our amazing school district even better!

