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Date: November 6, 2020
To: LPSD School Board Members
From: Bill Cornell- Curriculum Director
Re: November Curriculum Report

Professional Development

Monday Noon Starts- Most of our Noon Starts since mid-October have been dedicated to sites being able to meet, and for teachers to be able to get in some much-needed planning time. We have also utilized this time for committees and groups to meet, in particular the Math Committee, SPED teachers, and Writing Cohort Team.

October Inservice- Our two virtual inservice days on October 15-16 included topics on Literacy intervention strategies, SWIVL for remote classroom observations, PowerSchool Class Pages for distance and blended learning, SORA library resources that students can access from home, LPSD's Standards Based System, as well as many sessions that allowed teachers to come together and collaborate. Although everything except site planning time was online, we received a lot of positive feedback. Even if we weren't able to be together in person, it was nice to see each other in Zoom sessions and have good conversation.

Curriculum

COVID Related- With four sites in the "red", teachers from these sites have been spending a lot of time creating materiel to be sent home, as well as spending a lot of time communicating with parents and students over Zoom and phone calls. It is challenging to provide a form of education when students are home-bound, but we are becoming better at using what resources we have to do the best job we can. We really do have an amazing staff!

Math- A silver lining in all of this is that we are going to be able to utilize funding to replace our aging math curriculum. Our current curriculum is old enough that it is not supported with online materials, limiting what we can provide for a student that is homebound. In a matter of a few weeks, we have been able to bring a team of math teachers together to review two products: enVision Math, and Everyday/Reveal Math. Both products are aligned to our standards, and provide better support for distance or home-bound education. By the time of this Board meeting, we likely will have made a decision and will be moving towards purchasing curriculum to be delivered in December.

Distance Classes

Ms. Nikolaus and Mr. Meneskie continue to work hard providing instruction online. In addition to their synchronous sessions, they are also providing recordings for sites that have been closed that can be sent



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home to home-bound students. This has allowed these students to still view their lesson on their computers even if the student does not have internet. A big “Thank You!” to Marli and Christian for the effort there are putting in to support students!

As always, feel free to contact me at 571-1211, or via email at bcornell@lpsd.com, if you have any curriculum related questions.