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School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: MCA Testing Plan Proposal
Contact(s):
Presenter(s): George Nemanich, RWHS Principal

Nature of Action Requested

Board Action X
Board Information or Report

Background Information

Red Wing High School requested a distance learning day for students in grades 9-12 so the building and staff are available to test 7th and 8th graders in the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs).

Mr. Nemanich provided the following reasons for the request:

- 7th and 8th graders take a full round of tests that day in both reading and math. 8th graders also take science tests.
- This testing environment would be much easier to control and assign staff appropriately to monitor the assessments, escort students to/from the restroom, and ensure enough coverage for small group testing. With the current two-bell schedule, classrooms are not available to move students/staff to other classrooms because of the overlap in bell times.
- The testing environment would be quiet, without the approximately 800 9-12 graders transitioning in the hallways every 47-50 minutes giving our students the best chance to be successful.
- There would be enough space available to better facilitate testing accommodations for our students with IEPs and 504s.

The testing schedule for Grades 7-8 would look as follows:

7th Grade Reading & Math	8th Grade Reading, Science, & Math
April 6, 2022 Reading - 9:00- 11:30 Math - 12:30 - 2:30	April 6, 2022 Reading 9:00 - 11:30 Math - 12:30- 2:30 Science 2:45- 3:45

This will be a heavy day of testing for the 7th and 8th grade, but with the proper environment available and few distractions it should be successful.

Recommendation

I move to convert April 6th from a regular student day to a distance learning day for students in grades 9-12.