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TO: Weber School District Board Members: Paul Widdison, Jon Ritchie, Kelly Larson, Douglas Hurst, Janis Christensen, Bruce Jardine, and Jan Burell
Superintendent Gina Butters

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DATE: February 23, 2024

SUBJECT: 2024/25 Junior High Block Schedule Pilot - MVJH & RMJH

Research and discussion have been taking place with a focus on the potential of piloting a block schedule for the 2024/25 school year at Rocky Mountain Junior High and Mountain View Junior High. Throughout the course of the process, information has been gathered that would indicate support for the pilot by both staff and parents in these schools' communities.

Key components for the support of the pilot include:

- the opportunity to double block certain classes to strengthen learning
- lengthen the class periods for more meaningful opportunities in hands-on courses,
- increased teacher prep time to create engaging lessons, work collaboratively with peers, and complete grading during the school day
- Increase student choice in courses with an additional period in the schedule
- Alignment of secondary school bell schedules
- Staff support at nearly a 5:1 ratio

Additional training and support will be provided to the staff to help them modify lessons, teaching styles, and classroom management with the increased length of the classes.

A recommendation is being made to the board to move forward with a block schedule pilot at Rocky Mountain Junior High and Mountain View Junior High for the 2024/25 school year.