

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Board of Education & Dr. Matthew Haug, Interim Superintendent

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RE: Academically Advanced Learning Pathway 4-8

To best support the needs of all students with strong competencies and intellectual aptitudes and in compliance with Accelerated Placement Act, I'm seeking approval of the Academically Advanced Learning Pathway for grades 4 - 8. The implementation will occur through a phased rollout approach:

- Year 1: Grades 4-5 (SY 26)
- Year 2: Grades 4-6 (SY 27)
- Year 3: Grades 4-7 (SY 28)
- Year 4: Grades 4-8 (SY 29)

In year 1 we will have two academically advanced learning classrooms with two academically advanced learning teachers, school location to be determined. This academically advanced learning pathway curriculum design will encompass supporting individual needs through integrated learning experiences entrenched with personalized, problem-based experiences that incorporate critical thinking and real-world application opportunities across integrated content areas for connectivity to students' lives. This development will occur through the curriculum process across years 1-4.