

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

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Learning Management System

Board Goal:

II. Teaching & Learning...

In pursuit of excellence, the district will:

- cultivate a consistent, strong, district-wide balanced curriculum based on ongoing needs assessments that supports all students
- establish high expectations with a curriculum that fosters inquiry and critical thinking
- develop academic skills and interpersonal relationships necessary for student success in college, the workplace and for life.
- expect full curriculum implementation on each campus by instructional leaders
- stay abreast of and incorporate best practices into teaching, learning, technology and leadership
- actively pursue, foster and support an advanced digital learning environment

Purpose of Report

This summary is intended to share information about Canvas, a new cloud-based student learning management system that will be available to teachers and students in the fall of 2015.

Objectives

To share the following:

- What is a learning management system?
- Why was the Canvas learning management system selected?
- How will the learning management system benefit teachers and students?

Operational Impact

Denton ISD will support teachers and schools that incorporate the learning management system by providing subscription funding, professional development, technical support, instructional technology follow-up, help-desk, and problem-solving as needed.

Results

Educational Service Center Region 11 negotiated competitive pricing for all districts within Region 11 with Instructure, parent company of Canvas. Each district has the option of subscribing in the learning management system based on an enrollment-based annual fee.

Other Options

To continue our current use of a number of applications and systems that is not housed in a one-stop management system.