# Innovation Update

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We will set a new course for education, one that will produce the greatest thinkers, dreamers, designers, leaders, and entrepreneurs the world has ever known.

# Last Update

- 1) Opening an Early College Academy within Cedar Hill High School
- 2) Opening of Middle SchoolAcademies World Languages &Performing Arts
- 3) Piloting an Early Childhood Montessori classroom at Lake Ridge Elementary

# Current Plan

Opening 2019-2020

#### Opening Early College Academy at Cedar Hill High School

- 110 spots for 9th grade
- 50 spots for 10th grade

#### Opening Montessori Program at Lake Ridge Elementary

- Two primary classrooms
- One 1st 3rd grade classroom

#### ECA Numbers

- 154 total applicants
- 111 -- 9th graders, 22--10th grade
- Recruiting for the remaining 28--10th grade spaces

#### **Address Update**

- 10 confirmed out-of-district schools
- 23 out-of-district addresses provided

## ECA Updates

- Model Schools logistics visit--Wk of February 4th (K. Spencer, M. McDonald)
- DCCCD approved crosswalk to include pathway to Associates of Art
- Dual Credit Credentialing Partnership with GEAR UP and UNT Dallas
- Personalized Pathway parent and student orientation--Wk of February 25th
- Curriculum writing for MAPS & Civil Rights course

#### Montessori Numbers

- 136 applicants
- 66 Spots Available (22 for each classroom)
- 52 Accepted
- Spots will be filled by waitlisted or pre-offered applicants

## Montessori Updates

- Posting of 3 Montessori Teacher and Teacher Aide Positions
- Welcome Event for Students/Parents
- Meet the Teacher Night for Students/Parents
- Training of Teacher and Teacher Aide Positions June 2019 through Montessori Institute of North Texas (MINT)
- Purchasing of Furniture and Materials June 2019
- Open House for Students/Parents July 2019

# Middle School Academy Numbers

Environmental Science & Engineering Academy @ Bessie Coleman

- 87 applicants
- 22 Accepted

Entrepreneurship & Digital Design Academy @ Permenter Middle School

- 80 applicants
- 41 Accepted

Both academies are:

- Recruiting for the remaining spaces
- Re-enrollment due 1/24/19

# Current Academies Update

- Redesigned courses offered for the 2019-2022 school years
- Met with high school CTE teachers to determine middle to high school alignment
- Met with middle school principals and teachers to determine 5-year plan
- Planning to meet with middle school principals, middle school academy teachers and high school CTE teachers to determine the final plan of action for 2019-2020 and the 5-year plan
- Focus of 5-year plan is to create a Shark Tank experience for 8th grade Entrepreneurship & Digital Design Majors with local community donors and to utilize Environmental Science and Engineering creations in local businesses and companies
- Incorporate academy focus in core content areas through PBL's and literary works

## Middle School Academy Numbers (new academies)

Visual & Performing Arts Academy

@ Bessie Coleman Middle School

41 Applicants (broken into each art form)

- Art
- Band
- Choir
- Dance
- Orchestra
- Theatre

World Languages Academy @Permenter Middle School

31 Applicants (broken into each language)

- Spanish
- Latin
- American Sign Language

# New Middle School Academies Update

- Set to open in the Fall of 2020-2021 for 6th grade only
- Cabinet has met to determine the course of action
  - Ensure correct academy placement
  - Ensure budget provided for the needed items to equip the academy
  - Design with the existing academies in place (i.e. FTE's, curriculum overlay, and student cohort)
- 5-year plan will be addressed at weekly innovation meetings

# Questions and/or Comments