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**Goal 1: The District will strive to provide the best possible educational programs.**

- Congratulations to the drama directors on their wonderful online performance of 'No Signs of Intelligent Life'. Another great performance by the drama cast and crew.
- We are working closely with Winona State to offer our Concurrent Enrollment Education Class in the spring. We have made some updates to our Course Registration guide to include this option as well as Work-Based learning. We will be alternating English course offerings in order to increase CE enrollment numbers.
- Pre-Registration Meetings will be held with all students in grades 7-11 on December 8 and 9. This information helps create the course offerings for our registration in the spring. Parents and students will receive an email of the registration meeting and links to take to complete the pre-registration form.
- Congratulations to Christa Sauer and Sam Bronk as our 2020-21 Triple A Award winners.
- Congratulations to Katelyn Ketchum and Matthew Schell as the 2020-21 ExCEL Award winners. We had an amazingly talented, hard-working, and dedicated group of individuals to choose from. All applicants would have made excellent winners.

**Goal 2: The District will strive to hire, develop, and maintain the best possible staff.**

- Thank you to Katie Hubbard of Saint Mary's University for presenting on E-Text vs. Print Text. We will take our group learning and move forward with strategies to implement our learning.
- We have training on Accommodations and Modifications with HVED on January 22.
- Teachers are continuing to work on building PLC goals during planning days.

**Goal 3: The District will strive to maintain a positive emotional and safe climate for learners and staff.**

- Staff members created a door decorating contest, even without students in the building in order to bring some cheer to the building.
- Staff hosted a lunch on December 7 where we purchased from the Rec and then had a trivia competition.
- Student council is working on multiple ideas for student activities.
- We will probably run a 2 hour early release schedule on December 23, so that we can have some mental health times for students to connect with staff of their choice.
- Using RtI, we have made a number of changes to help reach out to additional students to provide more opportunities for students to earn credits, have additional help, and increase grades during this time:
  - Moved our traditional Credit Recovery program to online. Students took CR materials home and have assistance to work on those on Mondays and Wednesdays.
  - Create a student support after school program on Tuesdays and Thursdays that runs from 3:15 to 4:15 afterschool. So far, we are reach 10-15 students per day.
  - Many teachers are utilizing Zoom breakout rooms to provide one on one instruction to students needing help during class worktime. We are trying to limit the amount of homework outside of the

school day. Most students can complete the work assigned during classes if they are using all of their work time. Teachers are available in multiple ways during this time.

- Teachers are working with students in grades 9-12 to recover credits for Quarter 1 instead of waiting until the end of the semester.
- Homeroom time during distance learning has been set aside to meet with individual students and small groups. Students were divided out and some students are receiving weekly communications with staff or their homeroom teacher and others should be meeting every other week.
- We are looking at grading scale adjustments or changes to current percentages for credit recovery.
- We do not plan on changing grading models to PASS/No Credit as mentioned in September. We are trying to offer many opportunities for students to receive additional support and meet standards.

**Goal 4: The District will strive to maintain and improve the district infrastructure.**

- We received our surface laptops for use in Art which was part of our curriculum purchase for digital art this year.
- Jeff updated the systems accountability committee that we may see our computers prior to Christmas which will be much needed at this time. There are questions related to the process for purchasing for next year that need to be determined.