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Wynne Public Schools would like to formally request a change to our digital learning plan to include the ability to use our district site license for Edgenuity with district staff for 6-12th grade students.

Our current digital learning plan was written to utilize Crowley's Ridge Coops tri-regional learning plan for K-6 and Virtual Arkansas for 7-12. These are great plans and very beneficial for a small group of students.

The tri-regional plan is majorly restricted to the number of students we can enroll. Currently we can only enroll 28 students into this plan K-6, based off the number of slots we've reserved. Ms. Castor is working hard with us all to try and have the ability to offer more seats, but there is no guarantee and this is an increased cost with each new enrollment for the district. The 7-12 Virtual Arkansas option is going to become extremely expensive for the district if numbers increase.

Originally we only had 2 students K-6 and 3 students 7-12 that planned to learn digitally. Since Monday, last week, we now have 52 total students enrolled between the two plans. Since Fridays news with Judge Fox blocking of the ban for no mask mandates we are receiving multiple calls, text, and emails from families wanting to have the ability to go virtual if we mandate mask to be worn or if we don't mandate. A large amount of these families have stated that they will pull their children to homeschool if we cannot offer them the choice to be virtual.

We have what we feel is a very solid plan, and ability to offer virtual, 6-12 with our Edgenuity site license, this plan has already been approved as our AMI plan.

The District has employed certified instructional facilitator who will be the District's designated local virtual instructor. The facilitators along with other personnel within the district will continue to receive on-going professional development by Edgenuity. The professional development provided by Edgenuity will equip the facilitator with the skills and knowledge necessary to support students and parents in a virtual learning environment. The instructional facilitators will receive 45 minutes daily of planning time, 225 minutes per week. Any teacher that is the teacher of record will be allotted 45 minutes of their 90 minute prep period to work with any students if needed on content that may be in an area different from the certified facilitator.

The district has also employed two parent facilitators to be the liaison between virtual students/families and the district so we can have additional support for the facilitators and the families. As well as an assistant superintendent over 6-12 education that is well versed in Edgenuity and the courseware. He was the lead in his past district for Edgenuity and is able to provide additional supports when needed.

Student engagement will be monitored daily and weekly based on student completion of coursework and proficiency level of completed coursework. The District's support system for virtual students include a content coach provided by Edgenuity and the District's instructional facilitator who is available to assist the student or coordinate with the District's on-site teacher to assist the student. The District's attendance, discipline, and grading policies are also structured to identify students struggling with engagement, so the District can intervene using the facilitator and the parent coordinators.

We greatly appreciate you allowing us to send you this formal letter requesting the ability to use Edgenuity as part of our digital learning plan as we currently have request increasing daily.

Thank you,



Dr. Kenneth Moore
Superintendent
Wynne Public Schools