

Executive Summary

Prepared for Board of Trustees Meeting

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K-8 Virtual Academy

Board Goals:

TEACHING & LEARNING

In pursuit of excellence, we will:

- Develop and maintain a culture where learning remains our first priority
- Provide an option for connected families, currently engaged and successful in the Denton ISD, to continue virtual learning

CULTURE & CLIMATE

In pursuit of excellence, we will:

- Support a working environment ensuring open and transparent communication
- Foster a positive, welcoming environment encouraging parent and community partnerships
- Allow teachers to continue to specialize in one modality of instruction, either virtual or face-to-face

GROWTH & MANAGEMENT

In pursuit of excellence, we will:

- Remain committed to providing equitable and outstanding opportunities for every student on every campus
- Reconnect with families and students who may have selected homeschool or disengaged with Denton ISD for a different form of instruction

Purpose of Report

Provide information regarding the development of a K-8 Virtual Academy for the 2021-2022 school year

Objectives

- Provide an overview of current enrollment numbers in ConnectedLearning
- Discuss timelines associated with the development of the K-8 Virtual Academy

Operational Impact

Operational considerations for development of a K-8 virtual academy consist of:

- Maximize available space in current buildings.
- Maintain or increase current enrollment.
- Continuous improvement of a virtual learning platform conducive to high levels of student learning to support innovative instructional delivery.

Results

The K-8 Virtual Academy will allow Denton ISD to provide an exemplary virtual education to students who wish to remain or engage in that modality. K-8 teachers will be able to focus on and specialize in one modality.
