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Date: March 11, 2021
To: LPSD School Board Members
From: Bill Cornell- Curriculum Director
Re: March Curriculum Report

Curriculum

Outschool- We are up and running with our Outschool Spring Enrichment Series. Just today, we plan to have a training session with staff on how to get students and teachers signed up to start taking advantage of Outschool.

As a recap, Outschool offers over 100,000 class offerings ranging from dance and art classes, to upper-level math sessions, from baking basics and music classes, to foreign language. Their classes can be single session, multi-session, camps, and semester-long sessions. There is no credit awarded for classes; however, with our Standards Based System, students can receive credit on standards for participation.

Outschool courses are not intended to replace the great instruction that is occurring in LPSD schools, but rather enrich students' learning experience by allowing them to explore an interest that they are passionate about. Teachers will have an allotment of \$500 for each classroom to use for Outschool programs that will enrich their classroom teaching. Each student/parent has an allotment of \$150 to be used for Outschool educational enrichment purposes (either at home or during the school day).

Web-based End of Level Assessments- I am glad that we are doing a staggered rollout of our web-based assessments, allowing time to work out glitches. I think with any change, there comes feedback that allows us to improve. A number of teachers, and some students, have reached out to give feedback. We will continue to improve on what we have, and plan on fully implementing these assessments in the fall.

ANSEP Virtual Computer

We have 15 students from seven sites participating in the Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program's (ANSEP), Virtual Computer Build. During this STEM related virtual camp, students learn to build a computer from components they are sent, learning about computer science along the way.

This session is another great example of how we are facing the challenges of this unique year, and finding solutions to enrich students' education. A big "Thank You!" to ANSEP, partnering Regional Districts, students, and staff for making this happen!



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Distance Classes

Distance synchronous sessions are scheduled to end April 2; this is just three full weeks away! Ms. Nikolaus and Mr. Meneskie are working hard to finish strong. April 2-26 will offer a more flexible “Reteach and Enrichment” time where individual students and small groups can sign up to meet with Ms. Nikolaus and Mr. Meneskie to wrap up levels, receive tutoring, or get a jump start on new levels for the fall.

Mr. Meneskie has jumped in and started using our new Reveal Math curriculum. Initial reports are that the new curriculum tightly aligns to our standards; allows for ease in seeing the breadth and depth between levels; allows for homework to be completed online, if desired; and allows students to see how different levels of math fit in with one another. Thanks again for your support in purchasing this curriculum as it will benefit students greatly in the years to come!

As always, feel free to contact me at 571-1211, or via email at bcornell@lpsd.com, if you have any curriculum related questions.