# Goal 5 Report: Schoology Program Evaluation

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# Purpose

# Report on the findings and recommendations of the Schoology Program Evaluation

# **Program Evaluation Purpose**

- Does Schoology provide the greatest value as a Learning Management System (LMS) in alignment with BISD values and goals?
- Currently Use of three different Learning Management Systems (Schoology, Google Classroom, and SeeSaw)
- Goal Streamline LMS across the District to maximize use of resources and align supports
- Investment Schoology yearly expenditure is \$51,356.25 to provide 9,890 of licenses (est. \$5.18 per student)

### **Secondary LMS Usage**



### **Elementary LMS Usage**



### Secondary Teacher Feedback

### Secondary Student Feedback



Schoology vs. Google Classroom



### **Elementary Teacher Feedback**





Elementary Teachers (98 Responses)

# **Elementary Principal Feedback**

#### **Recommendation:**

- 11 out of 12 Principal's completed the feedback form
- All chose to standardize on Google Classroom
- 2 suggested SeeSaw as a friendly supplemental platform for K-1

#### **Rationale:**

- Cost-effective (free)
- User-friendly, for elementary
- Seamless Google Apps integration
- Already widely used

#### **Implementation Steps:**

- Provide comprehensive pre-implementation training
- Allocate dedicated time for material transfer and system familiarization
- Ensure robust tech support

### **Secondary Principal Feedback**

#### **Recommendation:**

- 8 of 8 Principal's completed the feedback form
- 7 of 8 recommended moving to Google Classroom
- Start a Google Classroom Campus Pilot

#### **Rationale:**

- Cost-effective (free)
- User-friendly
- Multiple LMS platforms hinders consistent instructional practices across grade levels
- Willing to meet District needs

#### **Implementation Steps:**

- Campus pilots of Google Classroom
- Collect data and teacher/student input to make decision on most effective Secondary LMS
- Enhanced Google Classroom training for staff and strong onboarding for new staff for pilot campuses
- Ensure robust tech support

# **Staff Power User Interview Feedback**

### Student Organization and Goal Setting

- Supports student goal setting, timely feedback and progress tracking
- Centralized hub for assignments, resources and communication
- Ease of file organization

### Teacher Collaboration and Resources

- Ease of collaboration for PLCs and increased support for new teachers
- Shared team resources and lesson planning tools
- Streamlined access to student data

### Parent Access and Connection

- Ease of access to student assignments and grades
- Keeps parents informed of student progress
- Limited use or overall impact in the area of parent communication



### **Recommendations**

- Elementary Transition: All elementary campuses will move to Google Classroom
- Secondary Pilot and Evaluation:
  - Implement a Google Classroom pilot at the secondary level
  - $\circ \quad \mbox{Include representative teachers/students from secondary campuses}$
  - $\circ$   $\,$  Use pilot data including teacher input to determine most effective secondary LMS  $\,$
- **Professional Development:** Provide robust, ongoing professional development on LMS capabilities for all teachers



### Discussion

