11/20/2020 - Weekly Board Notes

Kate Keinert - Small Celebration To Share:

Chapman Financial Services donated \$844 plus supplies to support the work of Hope on the Homefront.



Kelly Niccolls, Katie Graupman and Mike Nelson - Secondary, Curriculum And Assessment Team Update:

We want to share with you our thinking regarding the end of semester assessment process for the 2020-21 school year. As you know, we are in the midst of pandemic schooling. Our Secondary schedules have shifted numerous times, hundreds of students have been quarantined and irregularly attending school and facilitation of instruction has been inconsistent across classrooms.

We also know that our students are in negative margin socially and emotionally, with cases of trauma and fear about COVID exposure and quarantine, anxiety about poor grades, stress over uncertain schedules and recurring transitions, in addition to the loss of their "social/normal" school experiences.

With these considerations, we feel it imperative to evaluate our systems and structures of schooling to ensure that what we facilitate at this time is necessary, meaningful and relevant to our students and their families during pandemic schooling circumstances. We do not want to cause any (further) harm to our students within our system of schooling during pandemic circumstances. One of those systems under evaluation is our end of course/semester assessments.

Pandemic Schooling Assessment: What is necessary, meaningful and relevant

Necessary: Students having access to formative feedback rather than summative feedback. Formative feedback is important to instruction because it gives feedback that informs students of what they have learned, ways to deepen and enhance their learning, and what goals and priorities are in place for remaining standards and experiences to ensure students are improving as learners. This is different from the traditional, summative EOCA, which provides a final verdict of what has been mastered without any expectation the information is used toward remediation or future learning, and it accounts for 10% (new EOCAs) or 15% (established EOCAs) of the student's semester grade.

Meaningful: In this context, we use 'meaningful' to indicate formative assessment and feedback processes that allow students 1:1 time with teachers to discuss and understand their current progress with content and establishing next steps in learning. It is critical that teachers and schools use assessments as part of established and regular communication with families as to how to best support the student in continued learning, celebrate their accomplishments, and ensure the teacher, student and family are all on the same page as a team moving forward.

Relevant: Students are being assessed and receiving feedback from their learning on content and examples that they were taught, and are important for continued learning experiences. Students should clearly see the connection of their assessments to their learning and that the assessment informs students of what they know well, what they still need to know, and why that continued learning is important for their achievement goals.

What Schools Will Be Responsible For:

- Students will have an assessment that gives teachers and students necessary, meaningful, and relevant information about student learning in the first semester.
- All content areas have a department/grade level process for creating an assessment experience that is necessary, meaningful, and relevant.
- Communicating each assessment process and structure, rationale, and results
- Use assessment results to inform building priorities to continuously improve and support student learning experiences.

What Will Not Be Required:

- EOCAs that account for content not taught to students
- Percentage of grade accounted to summative end of semester assessment score
- Cut score requirement on EOCA correlated to absences in order to earn credit

What Will Be Communicated:

Board Communication:

- Process and rationale for first semester assessments.
- Next steps for each school in second semester scheduling, instructional interventions, and resource prioritization based on assessment results.
- Long-term planning considerations for each school as they consider continued and postpandemic schooling opportunities and needs.

Districtwide Communication:

Process and rationale for first semester assessments.

Student & Family Communication:

- Students and families will receive communication about what students learned well, what they need to continue to work towards, and what their priorities are for the second semester.
 - Our second Fastbridge window for English language arts and mathematics opens in the month of January, the same month as the end of the term.
- Depending on course and grade level, students will be provided short and long term impacts of their first semester progress and what resources and opportunities are available to them as they continue this year in pandemic schooling circumstances.

How This Process Will Inform the Future of Assessment in CDA Schools:

Our adopted Comprehensive Assessment Framework directs our district staff to emphasize personalized assessment *for* learning. These assessments shall measure the six components of the Portrait of a Graduate and Dintersmith's PEAK principles (purpose, essentials, agency, knowledge). Through the curricular design process, our teachers have already started designing new common assessments *for*, *as*, and *of* learning which align specific learning targets. Of greater emphasis is the building of instructional tasks, and assessments with essential questions and enduring understandings aligned with the Portrait. Through clear communication with our learners and leaders, we are developing a better way to "Identify evidence of learners' understanding that can be gathered before, during and after the unit of study" (Orozco, 2020).

This requested shift away from our current assessment model aligns with these goals as well as Stiggins' (2014) Student Assessment Bill of Rights, which is presented before any standardized assessment:

- 1. Students are entitled to know the purpose for each assessment in which they participate; that is, they have a right to know specifically how the results will be used and by whom.
- 2. Students are entitled to know and understand the learning target(s) to be reflected in the exercises and scoring guides that make up any, and all, assessments.
- 3. Students are entitled to understand the differences between good and poor performance on pending assessments and to learn to self-assess their progress toward mastery.
- 4. Students are entitled to dependable assessment of their achievement gathered using quality assessments.

5. Students are entitled to effective communication of their assessment results, whether those results are being delivered to them, their families, or others concerned with their academic well-being.

Andi West - Social And Emotional Learning Board Notes - School Based Counseling:

Unfortunately, our community has seen a significant increase in the need for mental health and individual counseling services. Similarly, there appears to be a provider shortage, leaving agencies struggling to hire qualified staff to serve children and adults.

Our school based counseling services have been impacted by this increased community need and therefore we only have school based counseling at one elementary school (Bryan Elementary) thus far. We do have a therapist that will serve Lake City High School before the end of first semester, and we are hopeful to add more therapy services as they become available.

We met with Heritage Health regarding their current inability to meet all of our school based counseling needs and came to a mutual agreement that utilizing therapists from other community agencies may be the necessary solution to best serve schools in the 20-21 school year. We will continue to explore this option and update the School Board as new developments arise.

Jeff Voeller - Updates From Operations:

A bit of good news regarding staffing concerns.

Custodial Department: We hired a custodian who started this week. He will be on the evening crew at NExA. All school custodian positions are now full. We are looking for a .5 FTE for eSchool and are still working to hire one additional Rover Position.

Grounds: We interviewed and hired a Grounds Foreman this week. **Mike Lynd** started this past wednesday. We had a strong pool of applicants including a few in house candidates. Mike's past experience, certifications with pesticides and backflow testing will compliment his leadership for this department giving him a slight edge over the rest of the candidates.

There was also a vacant grounds position and we hired that position this week as well.

Transportation: We were able to recruit a few candidates for the substitute bus driver positions. We began a class this week with 2 drivers and are also training the Office Manager, **Donda Walsh**, who is a licensed driver but needs to complete the SD271 Training Course. Donda will be available as a backup to the back-up drivers. **Jill Hill** has 2 more interested candidates to meet with over the next few days.

End Of The Week 11-20-20 - Weekly And Monthly Cases By Schools - COVID Activity:

SCHOOL		Weekly Posit	ive COVID-19 Case	es in Schools		Current Month	Current Active Quarantine		
NAME	11/1-7	11/8-14	11/15-21	11/22-28	11/29-12/5	Total per School	Staff	Student	
Atlas	3	2	1	0	0	6	4	27	
Borah	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	13	
Bryan	1	2	2	0	0	5	5	40	
Dalton	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	91	
Feman	2	1	0	0	0	3	4	80	
Hayden Meadows	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	18	
NEXA	3	3	0	0	0	6	2	3	
Ramsey	1	1	1	0	0	3	1	13	
Skyway	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	8	
Sorensen	2	4	1	0	0	7	4	78	
Winton	2	2	1	0	0	5	2	59	
Sub-total	15	17	9	0	0	41	30	430	
CMS	2	6	3	0	0	11	6	10	
LMS	2	2	2	0	0	6	2	26	
WMS	3	7	2	0	0	12	0	31	
Sub-total	7	15	7	0	0	29	8	67	
CHS	7	4	5	0	0	16	2	16	
LCHS	6	4	8	0	0	18	3	1	
Venture	0	3	0	0	0	3	1	59	
Sub-total	13	11	13	0	0	37	6	76	
E-School	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	16	
ELC-Preschool	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	
DO	2	2	2	0	0	6	5	0	
Operations (transportation, maintenance, grounds, some nutritional Services)	2	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	
TOTAL OVERALL	42	45	33	0	0	120	52	590	

SCHOOL		Total per School				
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Atlas	0	1	6			7
Borah	0	0	1			1
Bryan	0	0	5			5
Dalton	0	1	1			2
Feman	0	5	3			8
Hayden Meadows	0	0	2			2
NEXA	2	2	6			10
Ramsey	0	5	3			8
Skyway	4	2	2			8
Sorensen	0	4	7			11
Winton	0	1	5			6
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CMS	0	7	11			18
LMS	1	5	6			12
WMS	1	7	12			20
Sub-total	2	19	29	0	0	50
CHS	7	8	16			31
LCHS	2	27	18			47
Venture	1	0	3			4
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E-School	1	2	3			6
ELC-Preschool	0	1	2			3
DO	0	0	6			6
Operations (transportation, maintenance, grounds, some nutritional Services)	0	7	2			9
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11/19/20 - Current Enrollment Numbers Reports:

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LCHS				384	380	353	346	1463		Enrollment Sept
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VHS				22	32	51	45	150	3301	Includes eSchool
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JDC	0	1	0	4	4	8	3	20		
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7th	91		11th	78						
6th	78		10th	83						
Total MS	252		9th	69						
			Total HS	292						

11/13/20 - Daily Enrollment and Absence Report:

Attached is the Daily Enrollment and Absence report for the week ending 11/13/2020 for your review.

Daily Absence Report 11/9/2020-11/13/2020 ELEMENTARY BRYAN 102 DALTON 103 4.59 4.5% ATLAS 105 2.1% HAYDEN MEADOWS 109 27 3.3% No School 4.6% SKYWAY 110 0.5% NEXA 113 0.2% TOTAL ELEMENTARY **SECONDARY** 11/9/2020 11/10/2020 11/11/2020 11/12/2020 11/13/2020 WOODLAND 603 3.3 4.2% 4.3% LAKE CITY HIGH 402 4.9% VENTURE HIGH 491 11/9/2020-11/13/2020 ELEMENTARY 7.4% 7.4% #VALUE! BORAH 101 No Schoo 6.3% 5.4% No Schoo #VALUE! 7.8% #VALUE! RAMSEY 108 4.5% 5.7% #VALUE! 5.79 SORENSEN 10 6.7% 3.99 HAYDEN MEADOWS 10 367 2.7% 3.3% No School #VALUE! 5.2% #VALUE! 4.2% No Schoo 5.4% 5.7% NO SCHOOL #VALUE! 4.3% 3.8% NO SCHOOL #VALUE! 3.89 4.6% 3.2% SKYWAY 110 647 NO SCHOOL #VALUE! 3.1% 1.7% TOTAL ELEMENTARY 4.8% 5.6% No School CANFIELD 601 #VALUE! 6.6% 9.6% #VALUE! WOODLAND 603 3.3% 4.29 4.9% 146 #VALUE! TOTAL SECONDARY 11/11/2019

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Q & A Responses: (Cabinet responses to Trustee questions will be placed here and posted on the following Board Weekly Notes.)

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Pam Westberg - No Board Weekly Notes Published Next Week:

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be no publication of the Board Weekly Notes next week.

Enjoy family and friends during the Thanksgiving Holiday.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

