Curriculum and Instruction Update During the Soft Close

The week of March 16:

- The first week of the soft close, the District created an <u>at-home learning resource page</u>, with a suggested schedule for student learning and curated online academic resources to share with families.
- The District launched a general Portrait of a Graduate Challenge (POG), which offered a learning options choice board categorized by the six Portrait of a Graduate skills and dispositions.
- Teams of teachers and administrators, under the direction of Kate Keinert, organized books and school supplies for distribution and began the process of passing them out with lunches with printed copies of the POG Challenge. Staples donated supplies toward this effort.
- Teams of teachers formed to work on curriculum needs for the next weeks and created grade-level specific POG Challenges.
- The District ensured communication was taking place between local colleges and
 universities and our dual credit instructors to facilitate continuity of instruction for dual
 enrolled students. Counselors, college and career advisors, and administrators reached
 out to approximately 517 dual credit students to assess needs and ensure they
 understood university and college expectations.
- Teachers began the process of setting up Google classrooms, contacting students and families to offer support and encouragement, and creating and sending videos of themselves to students.
- The District increased the number of book titles available through the District's online lending library, Sora, and promoted it online. Checkouts and reading have increased.

The week of March 23:

- Grade-level POG challenges launched online through the District's website and on social media
- Teams of teachers and administrators met virtually by grade level and content area to begin planning for the shift to remote learning.
 - Teachers identified what will be most essential in student learning until the end of the school year. Designing learning for an extended timeline allows us to streamline plans for either reopening schools on April 20 or extending remote learning should schools need to remain closed beyond that date.
 - This also involved opportunities to integrate multiple disciplines in order to create a more holistic approach to learning, especially at the middle school level.
 - Teachers created templates with resources and parent letters (K-5) to share with grade level and content-area teams.
 - The hope is that by providing these templates and plans district-wide, the District can increase the equity of educational opportunities received by our students while reducing the workload on any single teacher to create their own curriculum during this challenging time.
- Teachers continued reaching out to families and students to offer encouragement and support.

The week of April 30 (spring break):

- The third and final week of POG challenges began.
- The school district communicated its plan and resources for remote learning to teachers and administrators district-wide.
- The school district communicated its plan for remote learning to the community.
- Several district AP teachers took part in a webinar regarding the changes to the AP test this spring and started an online community to share new learning and ideas.
- Teachers continued reaching out to families and students to offer encouragement and support.

Starting the week of April 6:

- Monday: teachers will have this day to make any final preparations before launching into remote learning.
- Tuesday: Teachers will launch remote learning with their students. Families will receive a
 week's worth of learning at a time so they can decide how to best organize their child's
 learning based on family schedules, access to technology, and individual needs.
- Wednesday-Friday: Teachers will continue to check in with families and students to help students in their learning and to offer support and encouragement.
- Monday, April 13: Any work that needs to be collected can be turned in via Google Classroom.

Below are examples of students who participated in the POG challenges and posted their work to social media using #cdaPOGchallenge.

























