



Board of Education Meeting,
April 8, 2020
Superintendent Report

Dear School Board Members,

We have entered into week four of the “new normal” of planning, preparing and advancing in slow steady steps towards providing learning opportunities for our students. The District COVID-19 Task Force has been working since March 13, 2020, making sure our district is prepared to provide education including special education, wellness, food service and technology to all students. The District Task Force Team has assigned a smaller group of the members to address education and in-service opportunities for our students and staff.

The approach to each area has been fast and furious in the areas of food service and wellness to protect our families and taking slow and steady steps towards planning, preparing and advancing towards providing learning opportunities for our students. First, we want to get it right, even during a time when we don’t really know what is the right or wrong way of educating students during this time. I equate this time in my head to “keeping the temperature just right”. Sometimes we may move too fast and the “temperature gets too hot”. Sometimes we may move too slow and the “temperature gets too cold”. We want to keep a balance, stay out ahead but also not get so far ahead we have to pull back and disrupt what is already an hour by hour situation.

Second, I am asking and requiring that at all times everyone follows the lead of the district education team, Katie Parrott, Alonso Escalante, Arizona Jacobs, Bob Hewitt or me. I want you to know that I have put 100% trust in this team and they are working fast, steady and I often times throw them a curve ball that either they remind me (kindly) or I have to step back and find that balance in not wanting to move too fast or trying to slow things down. I ask the same from all of you. The District Task Force Team and District Education Team are the heart of making sure our students are being provided the best educational, wellness, food service and safety opportunities during these unprecedented times.

Third, because there are so many hour by hour situations that could have a direct effect on the health and wellbeing of staff or others I am not allowing staff to be directed, asked or even take upon themselves to enter buildings, try to assist in areas such as the food program without prior approval from me, computer check out without prior approval from e, etc. All assignments are being routed through me only for approval. From day one it has been and remains our mission to make sure everyone is paid and working from home or school. Again, this takes time to get it right and right now more and more roles will be assigned this coming week by me.

Sincerely,

Beth Lougee

Reports

- Director of Curriculum- Curriculum Report
- Director of Special Education- Special Education Report
- Director of Technology- Technology Report
- District Education Team- COVID-19 Report (Jason House, Derek Meister, Meredith Lundamo and Sarah Campbell)
- Business Manager- Budget Report