

To: Board of Education

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Re: Update on Learning Forward/Future Ready Initiative – Middle Schools

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Background:

Schools around the world are looking to put the power of technology into student hands by providing mobile devices for every student. These initiatives seek to equip them with the personal technology needed to learn and communicate in the 21st century.

Technology is increasing how students learn; therefore, students today need to be technology literate. Providing mobile devices addresses the district's goal of equity, excellence and engagement.

Our goal is to foster 21st century skills in our students by moving them from the traditional teacher-centric learning model to a student-centric approach that encourages collaboration and personal project-based learning.

At the same time, the Learning Forward/Future Ready commitment to providing a personalized learning environment for students involves an additional focus on teacher professional development.

Current Report:

This report will give an account of the success and lessons learned thus far in deploying 1:1 devices at the four middle schools. Principals from Liberty Memorial Central Middle School and Southwest Middle School will speak on their experiences with the recent 1:1 iPad deployment.