

To: Board of Education

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Re: Update on Learning Forward/Future Ready Initiative

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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 every student with the personal technology needed to learn and communicate in the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 introduce a team of Lawrence Public Schools teachers who will present to the Board of Education on the professional learning they have experienced since the initial rollout of the Learning Forward/Future Ready initiative.