

To: Board of Education

From: Jerri Kemble, assistant superintendent, educational programs & technology

Re: Update on Learning Forward/Future Ready Initiative

Date: May 19, 2016

Background:

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

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.

Our objective 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. In addition, educators must be given technology tools and prepared to use them. They must be collaborators in learning, continuously seeking knowledge and acquiring new skills along with their students.

Report:

This report to the Board of Education will continue to focus on the progress and steps that have been taken to move the Learning Forward/Future Ready Initiative forward with emphasis on the 1:1 rollout at the middle school level.