

Priority #1 USD 331

Learning connected and related to the real world through the use of integrated curriculum.

Strategy	Action Steps	Time Line	Person Responsible	Budget	Measure
<p>A) Professional Learning Communities PLC'S</p> <p>B) Schedule Committee</p>	<p>1) Select Lead Teachers and Administrators to receive training</p>	<p>Summer 2008</p>	<p>Superintendent Assistant Supt.</p>	<p>~\$3,000</p>	<p>Output from using the process during the 2008-2009 school year</p>
	<p>2) Use increased in-service days and the PLC model to study and implement project based curriculum model</p>	<p>2008-2009 school year ongoing after that</p>	<p>Principals and Certified Staff</p>	<p>~\$10,000</p>	<p>Student output from new curriculum Higher Graduation Rate</p>
	<p>3) Explore early outs next year for implementation</p>	<p>Summer 2008</p>	<p>Administration/ BOE</p>	<p>\$0</p>	<p>Use early outs to help provide time for teachers to work on changing how we teach</p>
	<p>1) Develop committee to help look at alternative schedules that will benefit integrating the curriculum</p>	<p>2008-2009</p>	<p>Principals</p>	<p>?</p>	<p>Recommendation to the Board on proposed schedule changes</p>

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<p>C) Development of a project based or integrated curriculum</p>	<p>2) Send selected teachers to receive training</p> <p>3) Using PLC model implement an integrated project based curriculum K-12</p>	<p>Summer 2008</p> <p>2008-2009/Ongoing</p>	<p>Superintendent</p> <p>Assistant Supt.</p> <p>Principals and Certified Staff</p>	<p>~\$2,500</p>	<p>Select teachers who will attend and report to the Board about training</p> <p>Student output from new curriculum</p> <p>Regular reports to the Board of Education</p>

Priority #2 USD 331

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Strategy	Action Step	Time Line	Person Responsible	Budget	Measure
A) Use Kansas Career Pipeline to measure student's interests	1) Continue to use grades 9-12 while expanding use at the middle school level	2008-2009	Counselors	\$0	Students and teachers use the information to individualize student's education
	2) Educate parents about the results	2008-2009	Counselors	\$0	
B) Explore Brain Based learning as a way to focus instruction to student's interests in grades K-8	1) Send team of teachers to training	Summer 2008	Superintendent	~\$6,000	Teachers change the way they teach in lower grades. If valuable we start sending other teachers on a regular basis.
C) Pilot MAP testing in USD 331	1) Develop plan to drop some of our current testing and pilot the MAP test	Summer 2008- Spring 2009	Administration and Certified Staff	\$6,000-\$10,000	We are accurately able to judge a student's abilities

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D) Open up unique opportunities for students to access courses digitally, based on interest and abilities	1) Work with local community colleges, vocational schools and other entities to expand our offerings to students	Spring 2008 – Ongoing	Administration	\$0	Students will have access and take courses related to their interests and abilities Report to board about number of students doing this

Priority #3 USD 331

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Strategy	Action Step	Time Line	Person Responsible	Budget	Measure
A) Pursue public access television channel with cooperation of the city	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Meet with city manager to see if there is interest 2) Meet with Cox to understand requirements 	Summer 2008	Superintendent Assistant Superintendent	~\$10,000	Have community access television as a communication tool
B) Improve District website to make it a more valuable and effective tool.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Develop student webmasters to help each school keep the site up -to -date. 	2008-2009	Principal / Teachers	\$0	Increased traffic on website
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Educate community about all that is available through web site 	Summer / Fall 2008	Technology Director Principals	\$0	Use of online bill pay and use of parent portal
C) Develop a community service requirement for each grade level k-8. Organization 9-12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Each class will have one community service project annually 	2008-2009	Principals /Teachers Sponsors	\$0	Actual projects and increased promotion of projects in local media

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D) Explore interest in USD 331 joint meetings with city commissions	1) Explore issues that commissions and board could work on together 2) Find time and plan joint meeting annually	2008-2009	Superintendent Assistant Superintendent	\$0	Minutes of Joint meeting
E) Encourage use of school facilities by community	1) Continue to remind and encourage city leaders and community organizations that we have facilities they can use	Ongoing	All Administration	\$0	Increased use of facilities by community

Priority #4 USD 331

USD 331 will be a leader in using technology as a leaning tool.

Strategy	Action Step	Time Line	Person Responsible	Budget	Measure
A) Use Intel "Teaching Thinking" model district wide	1) Send 4 teachers to Chicago to receive training	Summer 2008	Technology Director	~\$4,000	Trainers will facilitate training our teachers during in-service Teacher will be required as part of in-service to create technology rich lessons Comments on teacher evaluations about technology use
	2) Use in-service three in-service days to train all staff	2008-2009	Principals Technology Director	\$0	
	3) Administration develop expectations of staff related to using technology as a learning tool	Ongoing	Principals	\$0	
B) Increase our capacity for Interactive Distance Learning IDL	1) Pursue funding for IDL equipment for all buildings in the district	May 2008	Superintendent Assistant Supt.	~\$60,000	USD 331 will use IDL to expand the scope of our learning and share resources within the district.
	2) Use IDL to expand our scope of learning and better use our resources	2008-2009 Ongoing	Technology Director Principals, Teachers, Technology Director		

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C) Use technology committee to research directions and tools needed to help us meet our goals	1) Have technology committee make recommendations on an annual basis about technology needed and directions to go in	Ongoing	Technology Director	?	Will measure by the number of recommendations implemented and innovative uses incorporated into the learning environment
D) Examine the need for a technology integrationist	2) After Intel training review the need to hire or reclassify current staff into a technology integrationist position	Spring 2009	Administration Technology Director	~\$30,000	Board dialog and possible action
E) Provide laptops for all teaching staff	3) Seek bids for laptops 4) Request board action on laptop bids	Spring 2008	Superintendent Technology Director Board of Education	~\$120,000	Board Action