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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Members of the School Board
Keith Jacobus, Superintendent

FROM: Julie Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent

DATE: July 7, 2016

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Valley Crossing Monthly Update

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Strategic Objective #2 – Cultivating Inclusive Environments

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Information

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: None

REPORT

The transition planning and activities will continue through the start of the 2017 school year as we welcome our attendance boundary students and families to Valley Crossing Elementary School. Over the next months we will finalize the plan for physical space and the location of students and programming within the neighborhoods. This month's update includes reminders about the school calendar, professional development for staff and a presentation on Responsive Classroom.

School Calendar - Valley Crossing students and families will follow the District 833 calendar. Due to multi-age programming, both K and 1st graders at Valley Crossing will be assessed on Sept. 6 and 7, with classes beginning Sept. 8. Students in grades 2-5 will begin school on Sept. 6. PreK programming will begin on Sept. 8.

Professional Development - We will be utilizing the Probationary Teacher Academy on Aug. 15 and 16 to provide professional development for teachers at Valley Crossing. Some of the professional development that will be part of the two days include: technology, access to Infinite Campus and grading, staff evaluations, policies, curriculum, communication, securing a substitute, registering for classes, Google Apps, accessing tech support (3000), emergency procedures, taking attendance/lunch count, and access to student data.

Responsive Classroom – The school hosted regional Responsive Classroom training July 19-22. By hosting a summer institute, the school and district received good PR and the registration fees

for five teachers were waived. To support the continued implementation of the Responsive Classroom approach, Valley Crossing sent four additional teachers to this introductory training in mid-June, while others received advanced training. During the board meeting on Aug. 4, Dr. Lela Olson, Principal, and teachers will be sharing information regarding the components of Responsive Classroom and how it looks when implemented in the classrooms and throughout the school.