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ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Members of the School Board
Keith Jacobus, Superintendent

FROM: Dr. Matthew Dorschner, Director of Teaching & Learning Services

DATE: September 28, 2017

TOPIC/PURPOSE OF REPORT: Curriculum ReDesign

REFERENCE TO POLICY/STRATEGIC PLAN: Strategic Objective #1

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION: Information

DATE FOR BOARD ACTION: October 5, 2017

REPORT

Over the summer, 150+ teachers from across SoWashCo participated in the second year of the Curriculum ReDesign process led by our Teaching and Learning Services, Research, Evaluation and Assessment and Technology Departments. The teachers used a Human-Centered Design Thinking process to fully discuss and answer the most critical question of classroom instruction, “what exactly do we want our students to know and be able to do?”

The result of the summer work is a new progress report for first and second grade classrooms with curriculum development. It also involved teachers in preK, K, & 3-5 in learning, revising, and purchasing new curriculum resources. The purpose of this presentation is to share with the Board and community the new progress reports, how they were created, and how they will be used to monitor student growth.

A secondary purpose of the presentation is to share with the Board and our community how important teacher voice was in the ReDesign process. The Board will hear from participants from the summer work and learn how SoWashCo continues to empower teachers to make critical decisions about classroom needs.