

Board Resolution on Participation in the Success-Ready Students Network System Design Zone Demonstration Project with Federal Waiver Request

Whereas, the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District is committed to educating and preparing each student to be a Success-Ready Student; and,

Whereas, the Success-Ready Students Network: System Design Zone (SDZ) is a collaborative initiative where leading Missouri public school districts and charter schools work together to grow in their understanding and application of using a competency-based mind-set to personalize learning to ensure every student has the knowledge, skills and dispositions they need to be high school, college, career and workplace ready; and

Whereas, use of a competency-based learning mindset and the creation of real-world learning opportunities for students are intended to inform continuous improvement in instructional practice and learning system design at the classroom, school and district levels; and,

Whereas, collaboration and input between the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and school districts and charter schools is necessary to implement effective changes in state policy, including assessment and accreditation practices; and,

Whereas, learning opportunities for students are best supported through collaboration with stakeholders; and,

Whereas, the group of stakeholders (teachers, principals, superintendent, faculty, school board, parents, community at large) who were part of the district's designated School Innovation Team have stated support for participation in the Demonstration Project.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

- 1. Demonstration Project:** The Maplewood Richmond Heights School District Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent and/or designee(s) to fully participate in the SRSN SDZ Demonstration Project.
- 2. Commitments:** The District will support commitments as defined in the Demonstration Project.
- 3. Professional Learning:** The District will participate in scheduled SDZ meetings (e.g. virtual, hybrid, in-person) that support learning on topics that support classroom, school and district implementation of Demonstration Project commitments.
- 3. Shared Practices:** The District will serve as a site visit location for other Missouri educators and stakeholders.
- 4. High School, College, Career, Workplace Readiness:** The District will engage students in real-world learning opportunities and access to Market Value Assets in collaboration with identified partners.
- 5. Inform and Improve Instructional Practice:** The District will engage in study and research (within federal, state and district legal requirements and secure protocols) which informs instructional practice and system design qualities needed to design instruction that supports student success.
- 6. Assessment and Accreditation:** The District will, within the scope of the waiver request from applicable state statute(s) and associated MSIP 6 rules, standards and indicators, use the Theory of Action for Assessment and Theory of Action for Accountability as an alternative to current MSIP 6 and APR requirements and engage local stakeholders along with signatory districts to create meaningful dashboards and scoreboards for public accountability.
- 7. Federal Waiver:** The District will partner with DESE in seeking a federal waiver request to replace MAP with through-year assessments that better support students in mastering the knowledge, skills and dispositions they need to be high school, college, career and workplace ready.

ADOPTED THIS THE 16th DAY OF May, 2024

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BOARD PRESIDENT

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION