



## **Board Resolution on Membership in the Success-Ready Students Network: System Design Zone**

**Whereas**, the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District is committed to educating and preparing its students to be Success-Ready; 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 mindset 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**, the 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.

### **Now Therefore Be It Resolved:**

1. **Membership in the SDZ:** The Board authorizes the Superintendent and/or designee(s) to fully participate in the SDZ as formalized in the district's application and this resolution.
2. **Professional Learning:** The District will participate fully in regularly scheduled SDZ meetings (e.g. virtual, hybrid, in-person).
3. **Share Practices:** The District will serve as a site visit location for other Missouri educators and stakeholders.

4. High School, College, Career, and Workplace Readiness: The District will explore the expansion of real-world learning opportunities for students 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 inform instructional practice and system design that help identify important qualities of reimagined assessment for learning and accreditation systems; and,

6. Remove Barriers to and Create Solutions: The District will support the development of group-designed waiver request(s) to DESE (e.g MSIP 6, federal) that identify solutions to barriers currently impeding the goal of every student mastering the knowledge, skills, and dispositions they need to be high school, college, career, and workplace ready. Each SDZ district can determine if they would like to participate in an approved waiver request.


Adopted this, the 21st day of September, 2023,  
by the Maplewood Richmond Heights School District Board of Education



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