



2020–2021 Middle Level Report to the School Board



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Our year by the numbers



946 DMMS Total

163 DMMS
Distance Learning
Option

783 DMMS Safe
Learning Plan



1,119 PWMS Total

236 PWMS
Distance Learning
Option

883 PWMS Safe
Learning Plan



Safe Learning Plan Model

- **Successes:**

- Health and safety protocols
- Planning between the two middle schools
- Student and relationship focused environment

- **Challenges:**

- Reduced social connections
- Online support during hybrid instruction
- Limited time and opportunity for team collaboration and planning





Distance Learning Model

- **Successes:**

- Online experience allows students to remain connected to their home schools
- Sections comprised of exclusively online students (no hybrid mixed)
- Movement between learning models is a manageable option
- Common, streamlined platform using Google classroom

- **Challenges:**

- Difficult to achieve consistent engagement (especially from most vulnerable)
- Not having the students in the building for social connections
- Access to WiFi





Social and Emotional Learning

- Second Step Activities embedded into advisory lessons
- ADSIS Programming
- Counseling Connections and Group Support
- Social Work Connections and Group Support
- Chemical Health Support





Communication

Parents

- Advisory as first point of contact
- Newsletters
- Liaisons - Key component of communication plan

Staff

- Weekly Staff Updates
- Staff Website
- Staff Google Classroom to model GC norms and delivery
- Team Meetings/Crosstown PLC/Collaboration





Professional Development

- **Successes**

- Google Classroom Menu of Professional Development- Choice
- AVID, SBL, WEB
- Equity work and Community Circle Training

- **Challenges**

- Lack of ongoing PD time built into the schedule for teacher/team collaboration





Building Celebrations

- **Staff Celebration** - Visible passion and commitment for teaching which is felt by students, families and other staff
- **Student Celebration** - WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) first year kick-off
- **Family Celebration** - High level of tolerance for uncertainty





Thank You!

“When nothing is certain...anything is POSSIBLE!”

