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Sharon School Directors' Report

I'm happy to report that we will have the second draft of the 21-22 Sharon school district budget to present to you on Tuesday evening. This is the second draft of the 21-22 budget. We are looking for discussion, feedback, and your thoughts as we move forward to have a budget ready for final review/feedback in December. The goal is to formally adopt all WRVSU school district budgets in January/February. We will also be prepared to offer you an update on the tentative agreement reached with our teachers. This is very exciting news, and I expect that we will ratify this contract at our November WRVSU board meeting (please plan for that to be a full board meeting too). Finally, we will also be discussing the status of the Sharon parking lot project.

1) The WRVSU will form and sustain a comprehensive MTSS that:

- **Utilizes evidence based best practices in instruction**
- **Utilizes student data to ensure student growth**
- **Encourages a rigorous, innovative and relevant learning environment**
- **Encourages the integration of PLP and Flexible Pathways to best meet the needs of all students.**

We continue to move forward with the development of additional intensive supports and programming for our high school students. This planning is for next school year, with a focus on developing more programming and alternative pathways for our students. We continue to struggle with how to best support our students with the greatest needs in grades 9-12. To this end, we are planning and budgeting accordingly to increase both academic and social/emotional supports at the WRUD High School. We fully expect this to result in both increased achievement and financial savings.

We also kicked off our professional development on MTSS on Thursday, October 22nd during our administrative team meeting. This training will continue throughout the school year, and it is just phase I of a three phase professional development plan to ensure we all have common knowledge, language, and the systematic approach to implementing this comprehensive system of supports.

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2) WRVSU will implement a PK-12 Proficiency Based Learning System. WRVSU school will utilize a comprehensive approach to ensure relevancy, rigor, and personalization. This will be achieved through the following:

- **Curriculum**
- **Instruction**
- **Assessment**

We are continuing the work on piloting a WRVSU elementary school report card trimester one via the WRVSU VLA. I fully expect that this goal will be realized this November. You will also see a copy of it in your November WRVSU board packets. This will better ensure that we are teaching, assessing, and communicating the WRVSU proficiencies at each grade level.

We will also be focusing this school year on further deepening our understanding of personalized learning plans, Pathways, and experiential learning. This will be a major focus at the middle and high school levels across WRVSU. The Tarrant Institute is going to support us in this work, and I'm looking forward to it. I believe that the success of Act 77 is on how we can transform our approach to instruction/assessment and less about how we change transcripts and GPAs. Therefore, we will focus our energies on the concept of Capstone Projects, PLPs, etc.

3) The WRVSU will improve student learning and increase equitable educational opportunities through the development of a culture that promotes interdependence among all stakeholders and enhances student achievement, choice and voice.

I'm working to gain a better understanding of where our gaps are in regards to coordination across WRVSU. A few areas are maintenance/facilities, food service (although greatly improving), common instructional practices in math, science, and global studies, and our approach to MTSS/Personalized Learning. Therefore, I'm currently trying to think differently about how we can better support this coordination, while also finding efficiencies in doing so. I plan to address this plan in a much more articulated way come November. In the meantime, I have decided to work with Lyall Smith to provide further guidance/support in our planning of proactive maintenance, strategic planning, and to begin looking at how we can secure significant savings specific to bulk buying. This is at the infancy stage, but I fully expect Lyall to secure savings for us. I'll have Lyall ready to share his thoughts/ideas with the board come November.

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Finally, I plan to move forward with our proactive and aggressive approach to communication and planning as we navigate the Covid-19 pandemic. I have provided a great deal of information over the past week specific to holiday travel plans, the winter sports season, and how we plan to address teaching/learning in the event that we are forced to go remote. In addition, we recently held a VLA Forum for families last Thursday at 5:30 p.m. and a WRVSU math informational meeting this past Monday. We will continue to hold monthly informational forums to better provide information in regards to how we are working to strengthen our system of supports across WRVSU.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on Monday evening,

Jamie Kinnarney
Superintendent of Schools
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