



## SUMMIT PUBLIC PRIMARY AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

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Dear Primary and Elementary School Families,

We hope this communication finds you well and in good spirits as we finish out our fourth week of instruction for the 2020-2021 school year.

As you know, we are continuing to monitor and identify various areas of need and attention as we implement our respective reopening plans. One area where we have made consistent observations over the past few weeks and across each of our buildings relates to an identified need for further planning, development and enhancement of instructional design for our students. Our teaching staff is working extremely hard to continue to rise to the challenge of merging synchronous in-person and remote lesson implementation while also addressing the newly updated content-area curriculum, integrating new elements of technology and continuing to address ways in which we can nurture the social/emotional well being of our students on a daily basis.

These collective observations resulted in the development of a proposal, presented to Mr. Scott Hough, Superintendent, with supporting documentation including a proposed plan of implementation and action. Subsequently, this proposal was reviewed, discussed and approved. As a result, we would like to share the elements of our plan of action as follows:

- ❑ Effective next Wednesday, September 30th, and each Wednesday afternoon going forward until the end of the first trimester (December 11th), teachers will be investing time to work within their grade level teams to review, develop and enhance instruction for their students.
- ❑ **Current structure:** 45 minute special, 45 minute continuance of math in the afternoon that includes student independent practice and exploration of the morning's lesson, as well as extension of learning via a variety of online resources. Teachers also coordinate small group and individual meets.
- ❑ **Structure for September 30th-December 9th (Wednesday afternoons only):** 45 minute special. Students will also login to their Google classroom to access engaging assignments/tasks that will further address their math skills and are aligned to their morning math lesson. Teachers will follow-up on this work with students the next day.
- ❑ At the end of the first trimester, we will assess the plan and make any revisions. We will communicate the status of our review at that time.

We believe this additional measure will further support our teacher's efforts to ensure the high level of instruction supporting student achievement and success that is a hallmark of the Summit Public Schools system.

As always, please reach out to us should you have any additional questions regarding this initiative.

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