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Dr. Henry Webb, Superintendent of Schools

KCSD ISSUE PAPER

DATE: 10/5/2020

AGENDA ITEM (ACTION ITEM):

Consider/Approve returning to in-person instruction for all kids who chose in-person learning five days a week on January 4th 2021 while authorizing the superintendent to bring students back earlier or to delay this transition one week at a time based on the district data dashboard.

APPLICABLE BOARD POLICY: 01.11 General Powers and Duties of the Board

HISTORY/BACKGROUND:

The KCSD started the 2021 school year on full time synchronous learning for all students with the exception of those who chose full time virtual learning. On September 28th, the district transitioned to an A/B rotational model for grades 4-12 and full time P-3, staff P-8 kids and those determined by ARC's. Since this time we have added EL students based on performance plan review/recommendation and Tier three students based on intervention plan/recommendation. TEAM KENTON has done an outstanding job with all aspects of plan implementation and our team's growth mindset and willingness to do "whatever it takes" for our kids is simply incredible. Additionally, we extend a special thank you to our parents/guardians, families and community for their support and patience during this unprecedented time. While we now have good momentum and everyone is in a routine it is important that we continue to explore returning all kids to school five days a week that chose in-person instruction. The deep concerns with academic achievement, social/emotional learning, socialization, relationship building, student engagement, eating, and the realization of the impact of students not being in a supportive/nurturing learning culture daily on our students and our families are the reasons we must explore this option for our kids. It is important to note that the expectation in the guidance document from KDE states that kids should be socially distanced, however, when this is not possible the guidance is to do our very best. Under this transition not all students would be socially distanced in class, however, students and staff are required to wear masks at all times and desks would be separated as far as possible with social distancing achieved when possible. Staff would still be required to socially distance at all times. When the masks are down during eating students must be socially distanced. This results in the need for the additional furniture outlined in another agenda item.

FISCAL/BUDGETARY IMPACT: NA

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of returning to in-person instruction for all kids who chose in-person learning five days a week on January 4th 2021 while authorizing the superintendent to bring students back earlier or to delay this transition one week at a time based on the district data dashboard.

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