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School Committee Report for Thursday, April 12, 2018

Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

The last meeting of the Curriculum Subcommittee was held Monday, March 26, 2018, at 10:30 AM in F-1. We received a Middle School Task Force (MSTF) update about the March 1, 2018 meeting and subsequent developments and an overview of the transition plan for Director of Curriculum/Instruction/ Professional Development position. All agreed to schedule the next subcommittee meeting after the April 11, 2018, MSTF meeting.

Middle School Task Force Update

We held the third meeting of the MSTF Wednesday, April 11, 2018, from 3:15 to 4:30 PM in the Mount Everett library with 12 members and one (1) guest in attendance.

We revisited the MSTF's charge to create an environment with resources to support the needs and aspirations of developing adolescents at the middle level for grades 6-7-8. Specifically we addressed:

> Superintendent Regulbuto's decision to postpone the reconfiguration of MERS middle school to include grade 6 until the start of the 2019-20 school year;
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> The next steps for the MSTF, including members' interest in continued participation beyond June 2018, along with the best context for developing an action plan that is collaboratively developed by willing MSTF members and SBRSD administrators to ensure thoughtful, comprehensive and well-articulated programming for students and related supports for faculty and staff at the middle level.

We reiterated the importance of acknowledging parents and guardians as key to this middle school reconfiguration work. All agreed we must be mindful in our planning of the broad impact a transition to a new middle level experience will have on their children. Communicating middle school updates to families has equal bearing with seeking their input and feedback.

The overarching goal in this MSTF work as well as all District programs is to guarantee continuous improvement for learners. To achieve this, we need to develop, evaluate and revise our programs through the lens of how well each meets the academic, developmental, and/or social-emotional needs of the children in our care.

Materials from the April meeting will be posted soon to the District tab of the SBRSD website under the Middle School Task Force. The next MSTF meeting is Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 3:15 PM in the Mount Everett library.

Respectfully submitted,

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