

Happy Friday!

Let's get right into issues from the FR feedback form:

Code 03 Days – As stated by Supt. Munoz, they are not going to carry over the extra 1-2 days if you didn't use them. You will still have a max of 5 days for the '20 – '21 year. People are currently using them and they will be available until the end of the year.

End of school - This has been brought to our HR discussion and I explained all the questions that have come to me regarding packing up rooms, teachers/students returning their iPads, students and families returning all the things back to the school sites. A plan is going to be discussed and sent out to staff, so they can plan what the last week looks like for all involved.

Fall Planning - That has been started, but they have to get the summer planning done first to make sure the district is following all the guidelines. I requested that staff be involved with planning for fall. It seems that getting feedback on the grading system, how things will look in the building and planning should either a.) no start to school in September or b.) we have to shut down again would be all good information to have the groups that it impacts. There will be more information to come as I learn about the process.

Grading - This was brought up in feedback, but has been answered in Cabinet notes. Once again, this was a big issue on our Local President's call last night. Every district is struggling with grading. I think it will be important to have that discussion about what the impacts were when we start planning for fall. This ties in with the question regarding the learning gap coming this fall and the fact we are losing interventionist positions. We are not sure how all of this will be covered, but discussions have started around what next year will look like for our students.

Last night, in our weekly meeting with Denise Specht, there was a large discussion of the impact on the budget for the state. It was acknowledged that the state went from a surplus to a deficit in a very short time which leaves funding in a precarious spot for next year. Depending on how the economy recovers, will weigh greatly on funding for the next biennium. Those of you that follow the money know that this will effect negotiations for the future. We will have to keep an active eye on the legislature and keep talking with the people that make those decisions. Rumor alert – there was a house bill regarding not paying hourly workers that was sent out and the district is not in favor of this bill. Since no companion bill was drafted in the Senate, it seems to be dead at this time.

Another item was the Distance Learning CEU memo that was sent out by EdMN. Rochester teachers do not have to apply to EdMN to get the CEUs. Our district is already putting the 20 into PDexpress , so we will all have the hours in our profile.

That is all for the week! Try to take advantage of the sunshine while it is here.

Thanks for all you do!

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