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STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS CHECK

Division: Information Technology
Goal Area: Student Success with Equity and Access
Performance Objective: Increase graduation rate for all students
Date of Progress Report: 6/30/15

Plan: Review the Goal Area, Performance Objective and Initiative(s) that you are working on for this particular area. What have you completed? What can you celebrate?

- Created a 21st Century Learning Environment framework that communicates the technology tools and digital resources necessary to support it.
- Continued improvements to the district's infrastructure that will provide robust access to network and tools that include:
  - upgraded switch infrastructure at central locations to allow for increased bandwidth distribution (ultimately allowing for faster internet connection access)
  - implemented application (LightSpeed) that allows teachers to monitor student web access and to also grant and/or restrict classroom-based student access when deemed appropriate to instructional based websites
  - implemented additional virus protection (TREND) that allows for increased protection for DCSD workstations against web-based viruses
  - installed a Network Operating Center (NOC) which will allow staff to monitor network traffic and devices to ensure optimal internet access
- Implemented the DCSD Technology Academy which is a support system that provides stakeholders with technology-related learning experiences that prepare them to support a 21CLE. The Technology Academy specifically addresses the diverse needs of our adult learners by delivering courses in face-to-face, online, and blended formats.
- Redesigned and implemented the Gifted Teachers Technology Practicum experience to include the implementation and modeling of a blended learning environment.   This work has created the core for the Blended Learning Tools Orientation that will be provided to all teacher and staff members.
- Initiated a formal review process that will identify a district-wide learning management system.
- Implemented a two-school CYT (Connect Your Technology) pilot program – allowing students to use their own devices on our wireless network.
- Made progress on improvements to the district's infrastructure:
  - increased number of access points in each classroom to guarantee maximum wireless access for all middle schools (District-wide project is 21% complete)
  - upgraded switch infrastructure for all middle schools to allow for faster internet connection (District-wide project is 31% complete)
- Selected a district-wide learning management system.

Do: What will you do to accomplish the next steps?

- Next steps to continue improvements to the district's infrastructure include:
  - expanding wireless network for high and elementary schools to ensure that an increased number of access points are in each classroom to guarantee maximum wireless access
  - continuing to upgrade the switch infrastructure in all high and elementary to allow for faster internet connection
- Implement a district-wide learning management system.
- Implement Office 365 for students.
- Implement single sign-on portal for anytime, anywhere access to digital tools.
- Deliver Blended Learning Tools Orientation to all schools.
- Increase CYT (Connect Your Technology)– expanding our pilot program to include additional schools based on instructional need.

Check: Are you getting the results needed to reach the Performance Targets? What are the challenges you are facing or anticipating?

Challenges:
- Preparing teachers to use the LMS and other digital tools to enhance teaching and learning.
- Technology coaching capacity in local schools to support the teachers.

Act: What needs to change and/or improve to reach your Performance Targets? How will these changes demonstrate progress in this area?

- Each school needs to identify a person(s) responsible for instructional technology mentoring and monitoring the status of the orientation. This will ensure we meet our targets for schools trained in an effective manner.

Additional Comments.

Please complete a Strategic Plan Progress Check for each Performance Objective you are addressing in your plan
Due: June 30, 2015

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STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS CHECK

Division: Information Technology
Goal Area: Stakeholder Engagement
Performance Objective: Increase use of technology and innovative strategies
Date of Progress Report: 3/31/15

Plan: Review the Goal Area, Performance Objective and Initiative(s) that you are working on for this particular area. What have you completed? What can you celebrate? • Implemented a new Student Information System which resulted into a new Parent Portal application. • Preserved parent user IDs and passwords during conversion from eSIS to Infinite campus. • Provided parent support through a Campus Portal Hotline during the first two weeks of go-live. • Trained school personnel on how to support parents on the portal. • Implemented a District-wide app available on all mobile devices. • Standardized all school based websites which also included: a direct connection to District based social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram; a feature giving the District's central office the ability to gain control of all websites automatically for emergency notifications. • Conducted several parent workshops focusing on topics such as Campus Portal and Cyber Safety.
Do: What will you do to accomplish the next steps? • Continue the process of cleansing the data converted from the previous system. This will allow the district to determine what additional Campus Portal options become available for parents, in addition to the current functionality of calendar, assignments, grades and attendance. • Offer several more parent-focused Cybersafety, Social Media, and Blended Learning Tools. • Facilitate transition of all teacher-based websites from current platform to the newly standardized school based - website platform. • Continue to promote District social media platform to increase the number of subscribers.
Check: Are you getting the results needed to reach the Performance Targets? What are the challenges you are facing or anticipating? • Yes. There have been approximately 7,000 parent accounts created since the Campus Portal implementation. Our current progress of 40,994 shows us exceeding our target by approximately 1,000 parent accounts.

Act: What needs to change and/or improve to reach your Performance Targets? How will these changes demonstrate progress in this area?

- Schools should continue communicating the benefits of using the Campus Portal to their new and existing parent community.
- Parental involvement utilizing a tool as simple as the Campus Portal equates to Stakeholder Engagement.
- Continue to encourage stakeholders to participate in the Get Connected campaign which includes utilizing all digital resources to stay abreast of district and local school news.

Additional Comments.

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