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Subject: Weekend updates

Good afternoon Board Members,

Although a weekly update was provided to you on Thursday, there are a couple of items that have come up since then that I feel you should have some current updates.

1. **AP Psychology** – As you are aware, recent developments with College Board and FLDOE have been mixed with no absolutes on concessions of the actual AP course being used. I have been on two meetings with all state superintendents and FLDOE these past couple of days and the status is still somewhat unclear. I also received a personal call from Commissioner Diaz on Friday that went very well but still has left some questions on guaranteeing the use of the course and the test for our students. I also spoke directly with the VP at College Board and still there are gray areas with neither side committing to a direct answer. Since many districts are starting school this week, they have been forced to make decisions that they believe are best for their students, but we do have a little more time to resolve; especially if the state or College Board change their perspectives again.

Dr. Hepburn has put together a timeline and run of show that starts with a meeting with principals and regional offices to gather their input on this matter. As a District, several of our schools do not have AICE (Cambridge), that would be the easiest of relief, so there has to be some critical discussions on making sure that all our students can test on an advanced course with a college credit attached.

2. **MSD walkthrough on Friday and subsequent walkthroughs** – Most of you participated in the walkthrough Friday, it was well attended and was covered extensively by the news. The roundtable discussion was also covered by many stations. Last week prior to this walkthrough, I indicated to interested parties that I would consider an additional walkthrough in October when legislative sessions are back on. I will work with the MSD principal for a Saturday that is not being used by students in October for the only one and final walkthrough. I had to cancel cleaning plans and asbestos reviews this week to make this happen and need to begin preparations for its razing.

This upcoming week is packed with calendared events and felt this email was necessary prior to the week. I will follow up with both items this week with more details.

Thank you for your time and if you have any follow up to this email, please follow up with me directly tomorrow or Tuesday

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