

Ben Russow - Mason Middle School
Administrative Report
Date: April 15, 2020

- I have been meeting with my grade level teachers every Tuesday through Microsoft teams for the last 4 weeks. Teachers have been providing learning opportunities through remote learning since our dismissal in March. Participation was around 65%, we will be working to improve on that number as we roll out new information starting on April 20th. Our teachers have already planned out their instruction and submitted curriculum plans for this final quarter to me for approval. I am very blessed to have such a great group of individuals who have made our students and the learning process such an important priority during this difficult time. They are going above and beyond to make this work. I would like to quote one of my teachers who shared this during our meetings– “Ben.....we got this!” We will continue to meet in grade levels every Tuesday, at 9am, 10am, and 11am.

- Teachers are also hosting virtual meetings with our students to help with our social/emotional needs. It was interesting to hear how much the student/teacher relationship was missed by all, including the teachers. Moving forward, Mr. Pollard will be hosting grade level meetings for those students who are identified as “in need of social/emotional support”. He will be hosting on-line games, scavenger hunts, etc. to help bring engagement and enjoyment to our students. We will also be continuing with our PBIS EAGLE POWER initiative. Teachers will be acknowledging students who are engaged, producing work, and are stepping up. Those students will go into a drawing and we will be awarding 10-12 gift cards per week for each student whose name is selected.

- With the help of the teachers, Jason, Phyllis, and I were able to identify and roll out laptops to students who were in need of technology support. We are hoping to have all students engaged in our virtual platform for the core areas. We will be providing packet work for those that we cannot figure out the technology logistics for.

- Grade level teachers are also meeting 1 day a week through Microsoft Teams to talk about students, discuss the MTSS process, and share classroom strategies that are working. This is on top of their weekly meetings with me.