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Field Trips:

- Housing for the Grade 8 Washington, D.C. trip is booked for May, 2021. Prior to COVID, Union Elementary School had planned to join us for the trip. Plans will be adjusted based on state and local guidelines as we move through this school year. Similarly, we are not planning to hold the annual Goods and Services Auction in November, 2020.
- No field trips will be scheduled until further notice to abide by current pandemic guidelines.

Virtual Field Trips:

No programs are scheduled at this time. The virtual field trip account will be replenished and staff will receive PD on accessing the program and using the associated technology to take advantage of these rich opportunities from the safety of their classrooms.

Sports Requests for Participation and after school activities:

At this time, we are not planning to hold any after school activities, including sports and homework club. The Before and After School child care program will continue to operate with enrollment limited to maximize safe distancing.

Eastford Readiness Program:

The Readiness Program was full for the fall with 17 students. At this time, some have decided to wait to send their child and some have decided to homeschool. We have 13 enrolled and three of those will only attend for a partial day. Both Readiness and Kindergarten will hold a virtual *Meet and Greet* prior to students returning.

Readiness Council Update:

The Council will meet remotely on the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm, until further notice. The School Readiness grant RFP was put out to districts yesterday. We anticipate receiving the same allocation as in past years.

Data on Student Progress:

Smarter Balanced Assessments were not given in the spring. We plan to assess student readiness and skill level when students return and adjust instruction accordingly to meet individual needs.

Extended School Year (ESY):

We provided remote summer services to elementary students. Two additional students attended Camp Q.

Curriculum Work:

- A dedicated team of 6 teachers met numerous times with EASTCONN staff over the summer to contribute to a regional document of essential standards at each grade and subject level. This work will help us prioritize and focus instruction and provide a common ground across area districts.
- In addition, Mrs. Mead continues to work with early elementary teachers to align our instructional practices with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and include hands-on opportunities for scientific exploration that will balance the digital component of the Discovery Education program.
- Stephanie Murana worked to develop a Social-Emotional Learning progression of skills and lessons to be taught or co-taught at all grade levels.

Professional Development:

- Virtual staff meetings were held frequently over the summer to inform staff of updated guidance regarding COVID and plans to reopen the school.
- Teachers participated in individualized PD in June on topics that included online learning platforms, Readers' Workshop Units of Study and topics related to remote learning.

August Professional Development:

- Four days for teachers and three days for paraprofessionals and support staff
- Required trainings for Bloodborne Pathogens, CPR/First Aid, Mandated Reporter, Restraints and Seclusion, Sexual Harassment and PMT
- Introduction of Essential Standards work for all certified work
- Review elements of the school safety plan with all staff
- Review Student Data Privacy and updated protocols regarding the use of digital tools with staff
- Inform and review COVID policies, routines, procedures with all staff

Blended Grade Configurations:

To abide by guidelines for distancing and student and staff safety, we will have three blended grade groupings. Estimated in-person class sizes for each are below:

PK:	13	4:	20
K:	14	5:	10
K/1:	13	6:	10
2:	13	7/8:	12
2/3:	12	7/8:	13