



Brookings School District

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CAMELOT INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

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To: Board of Education

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Re: Special Board Report – Remote Learning

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Collectively, parents, facilitators and learners have been at the top of their game adapting to our new “normal.” Parents have provided the patience, persistence and flexible tone to give comfort and structure to their children’s lives, despite the disruption. Facilitators and staff have dedicated themselves to finding the very best in the circumstance, and have found reflective positives in the necessity for change. They have worked collaboratively to provide consistency, found new technologies and capacities unaware they possessed, and have been open to communication literally any time of day. And our children...they have found maturity and persistence, creative methods of simulating school and new paths to achievement and success. Intelligence, courage, integrity are a few of the Camelot characteristics – our learners are exemplifying these traits through their hard work and willingness to do whatever it takes to continue our way of life. Learners are also reflecting, almost unanimously, how much they “MISS SCHOOL!!!!” This gratefulness will last in increased motivation upon our return!!

PLUS(Working well)	DELTA(May need improvement)
Team leader hierarchy for communication	Small glitches in some platforms and programs
Technology	Families lacking internet connection
Teaching Assistant roles	Staff fear for learners with difficult home environments-how to assess, address, monitor, motivate
Teacher office hours	Assessment Expectations and accountability
Material and resource delivery	HUMAN CONTACT!!!
Communication conduits	
Staff safety adherence	
Teacher expectations and assessment minimums	

Some highlights, and of course, you can peruse any time on our Learning Choice Boards at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15P37rP0x-GWBx7I-ENSV86dG32MgVgmJgvyGo31nOKI/edit>

Khan Academy, Generation Genius, Google Classroom, Oregon Virtual Trail, Flipgrids, ACES curriculum, SmartMusic, Learning Quests, March Madness Stem, PortaPortal, Zoom, Education City, Library Book read-a-longs and online books, Zoom with Dusty Johnson, and so many more!!

A note of celebration for Mrs. Cogswell, as she continues to rack up the awards – she was named South Dakota’s Distinguished Music Instructor by the South Dakota Bandmasters.

Finally, a personal/professional note: I opine that it took nature to drive us into the 21st century of educational delivery. A little virus is now leading us to truly utilize our resources to allow students becoming independent decision-makers, make time inconsequential and turn intellectual growth into a non-competitive, natural ally of peace of mind in reaching potential. We are re-defining success as the simple formula of doing your best with what you have. Let’s not return to normal, this normal is too important of reformative change...finally.