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M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: May 28, 2010
TO: Members, Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Steve Atwater, Ph.D. *Steve Atwater*
Superintendent of Schools
RE: Setting FY11 District Goals

Background: On April 28th the District's Administrators and five Board members met, as part of our Administrator's Meeting, to begin the process of setting the District's FY11 goals. Prior to the meeting the attendees were asked to comment on what skills and attributes our KPBSD graduates need to possess. This question generated a long list that the group then narrowed to five areas (ability to find and apply information to a variety of situations, employability skills, 21st Century Skills, academically prepared and critical thinking/problem solving). The District's Instructional Team (DIT) then took the group's work on these five areas and synthesized them to two broad areas: 21st Century Skills and Instruction.

Given that the District will pilot a new evaluation system in the fall and the fact that these skills can be measured within much of the system's rubrics, the DIT condensed the input from the April 28 meeting to the following two goals.

1. KPBSD will increase student achievement by being responsive to individual student needs through structured collaborative practices District-wide.
2. KPBSD will increase student engagement by implementing quality instructional practices with embedded, 21st Century skills District-wide.

A summary of where we are with action steps for the two goals will be provided for you at the worksession.

Reason for this Worksession: I want to bring you up to speed on where the District is in this process so that this can be considered as a part of the Board's goal setting process on June 8.