Our school district is excited to announce that we have purchased Canvas, a modern and innovative learning management system for the school year 2020-2021.

What is Canvas?

Canvas is a learning management system (LMS) that allows teachers to provide instructional support, class calendars, assignments, and resources for students in a safe, online environment. For traditional face to face classes, Canvas can integrate blended classroom instruction styles for distance learning.

Why Canvas?

Based on parent and staff feedback on the Distance Learning Experience, we know that while the majority of parents rated the quality of distance learning instruction high, nearly 50% of parent respondents said they needed more frequent support and contact to motivate their child and assist with at home instruction.

According to Sweet Home staff, the highest priorities for continuing professional development from staff was in the two areas of planning/organizing online instruction and learning more about digital instructional options.

We believe Canvas will help us address stakeholder needs and priorities by providing a consistent framework for online learning, featuring:

- Safe, single sign-ons for parents, teachers, students.
- Web-based platform can be used on a variety of devices and integration with our SIS and gradebooks.
- Plug-n-play sharing with Youtube, G Suite, MyMath, Journeys, StemScopes, and other applications.
- Reduce need for paper handling with integrated assessment, grading, and feedback features.
- Full access for all K-12 users students, teachers, and administrators; free access to parents.
- Upgraded account services including 24-7 Teacher Support, 20 site licenses for live webinar support and Canvas Studio features

Canvas Roll-out!

- ➢ **July-August:** Onboarding, Systems Integration, Administrator training, and District-wide/Community Communication
- ➢ **Early August:** Distance Learning Planning Committee Canvas training to build templates to include grade level curriculum content, instructional pacing, and basic assessments to better support LMS transition for staff
- ➢ **August-September:** Inservice Trainings for all teaching/support staff (require <4 hours for comprehensive training)
- ➢ **September**: Back to School Bootcamp training model for secondary student users; elementary training camp model.
- ➢ **September-October**: Parent training; develop parent support line utilizing Library/Media Staff
- ➢ **October-June**: Monthly professional development in PLCs throughout the school year