Summary Report to the MVWSD Board of Trustees Update on Expanded Learning (MVWSD+)

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Note:

Accompanying this summary is an attached presentation with details, entitled "MVWSD Expanded Learning Update."

Background:

Aligning to Strategic Plan Goal Areas 1, 3, and 5, and pursuant to state requirements outlined in AB 185, staff has been developing Expanded Learning after school and intersession programs for qualifying MVWSD students. Unduplicated pupils in grades TK to 6 must be offered a total of nine hours of care (including the school day) for all 180 days of the school year, as well as thirty non-school "intersession" days, which includes our summer program. These programs are funded by the state based on our UPP counts on each census date.

Expanded Learning (MVWSD+) in 2022-23

MVWSD+, the new name for our Expanded Learning programs, has two main components: +Summer Camp and +Afterschool. We partner with three agencies: YMCA of Silicon Valley, Right At School. and our in-house Beyond the Bell program. Beginning in October 2022, staff and agencies have established additional after school program seats to meet the needs of qualifying students. Agencies have hired and trained forty total additional staff, 950 students across the district have been invited, and 487 have enrolled and are currently being served in after school programs. In total, the demand for Expanded Learning programs so far has been approximately 51% of invited students. Staffing continues to be a challenge as we continue to hire more and more staff in order to be ready to serve all UPP students who apply for programs starting Fall 2023.

MVWSD+ Summer Camp 2023

Summer programming is well underway. The program will be a "summer camp" model focused mainly on enrichment. RAS and YMCA will offer our UPP students the same program as their parent-paid summer camps, and MVWSD will supplement camp activities with various workshops taught by teachers, CSMA teaching artists, and Canopy outdoor educators.

MVWSD+ Afterschool for 2023-24

In 2023-24, +Afterschool programs will continue with our current three agencies, with slight adjustments in what program operates expanded learning at which site. By the first day of school, we anticipate meeting or nearly meeting the projected demand of 50-60% of invited students. There will certainly be last minute scenarios where qualified students are not enrolled by the first day of school -- we will work quickly to enroll students who register in our district last minute, or families who change their minds about needing the program -- and penalties may be incurred, but staff does not project this to influence meaningfully the budget or the program as a whole.

Budget

In summary: we are in good shape right now. Please refer to the details on slides 17 and 18.

Timelines and next steps

Information about summer and 2023-24 after school programs will be shared with the public in March, with applications going out to qualifying families by the end of the month and a deadline of mid April. After a robust outreach process, families will be notified of their status for summer by early May, and their status for fall by mid July.