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Superintendent Goal #4: Middle School Mock Trial Proposal

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| Subject | Middle School Mock Trial Competition |
| From | Peter Marlys |
| To | Jarod Claybourn |
| Sent | Wednesday, January 25, 2023 8:05 AM |

Jarod,

I would like to propose a new initiative for my Law Seminar course for the 2nd Semester. This is inspired by our 3rd Strategic Planning goals:

•03. School and Community Partnerships

The Sterling Regional High School District will engage our Sterling community,

including our PK-8 sending district partners, to investigate, design, and develop a

PK-12 program that provides continuity and maximizes opportunities for student

SUCCESS

What: Middle School Mock Trial Competition

Who: Stratford, Somerdale, Magnolia Middle Schools will have teams of 7-10 students

Summary: The Law Seminar students will coach middle school teams from each sending district over the course of the semester culminating in a mock trial competition held at Sterling.

Procedure:

1. The Sterling students would create lesson plans to engage the younger students in the following objectives:

-To increase comprehension of the historical, ethical and philosophical basis of the American system of justice.

-To summarize the operation of the law, court procedures and the legal system.

-To help students increase basic life and leadership skills such as listening, speaking, writing, reading and analyzing.

-To heighten appreciation for academic studies and promote positive scholastic achievements.

-To bring law to life for students through active preparation for and participation in the competitions.

2. Sterling students will meet with the middle school students 4 times to teach and prepare the teams for competition.

Day #1- Overview of Mock Trial, Rules, and Procedures. Introduction to the case.

Day#2-Direct and Cross Examination

Day#3-Opening and Closing

Day#4-Practice

3. Middle school students will travel to Sterling to compete and celebrate their achievements.

9:00-11:00-Stratford #1 vs. Somerdale

12:00-2:00-Stratford #2 vs. Magnolia

Thank you for your consideration.

Pete