

SEWARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

THE LEARNING INITIATIVE  
JOURNEY- "STARTING  
SLOW TO MOVE FAST"



# ENGAGEMENT

- When you think of student engagement what comes to mind?
- Student engagement cliff

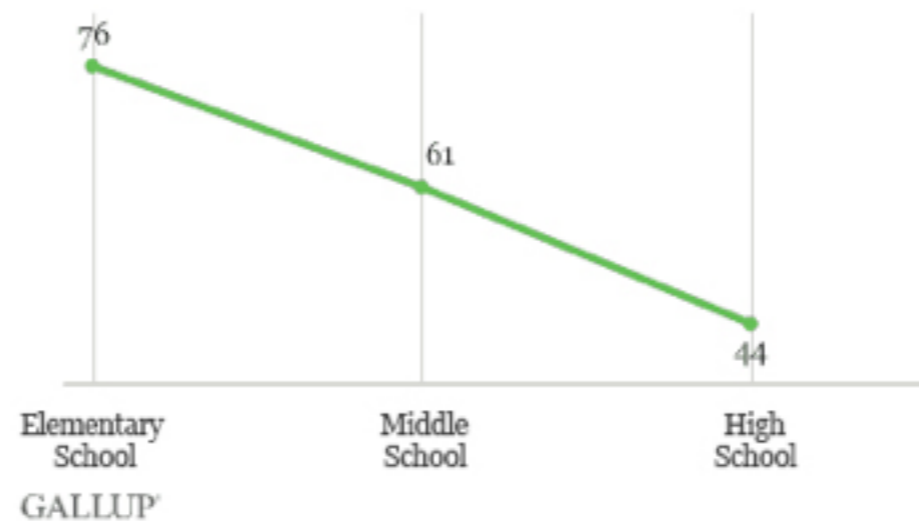
# GALLUP STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

The Gallup Student Poll surveyed nearly 500,000 students in grades five through 12 from more than 1,700 public schools in 37 states in 2012. We found that nearly eight in 10 elementary students who participated in the poll are engaged with school. By middle school that falls to about six in 10 students. And by high school, only four in 10 students qualify as engaged. Our educational system sends students and our country's future over the school cliff every year.

*The School Cliff: Students' Engagement Drops Over Time*

The Gallup Student Poll

■ % Engaged



Student engagement with school and learning is a gold standard that every parent, teacher, and school strives to achieve. If we were doing right by our students and our future, these numbers would be the absolute opposite. For each year a student progresses in school, they should be more engaged, not less.

# WHAT IS THE FUTURE?- OUR TAKE

- Deeper learning- Blooms Taxonomy, Webb's Depth Of Knowledge
- Student Agency- Getting away from the factory model of "one size fits all"
- Technology Infused- for the right reasons- Why are we using technology?

# HISTORY

- Printing Press
- Ditto machine
- Copy machine
- Typewriter
- Computer
- Tablet/iPad- farmers, doctors, students, mechanics, banks, etc.

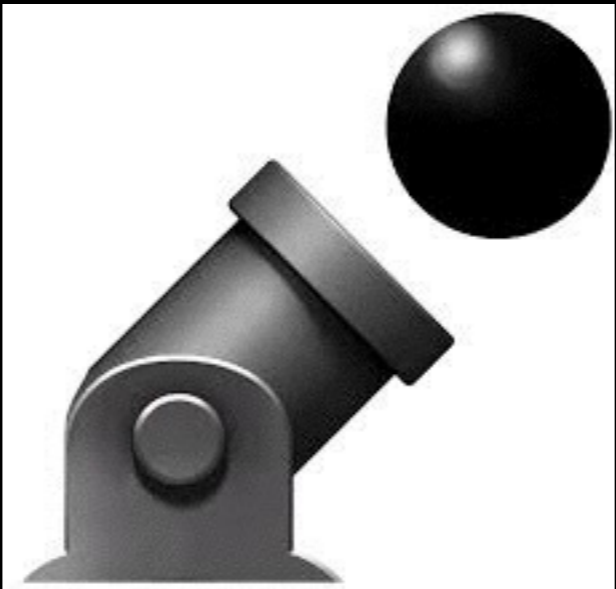


GET OUT OF THE WAY

DIFFERENT  
GENERATION



# FIRED BULLETS BEFORE THE CANNON BALL





# OUR JOURNEY

- Board Retreat start technology integration
- Year 1 Biology--Data Survey
- Year 2 Staff and iPad carts- Education of all stakeholders, Research and preparation
- Year 3 High school one to one, added more carts to elementary and middle school, parent and student training





# STEP AHEAD COMMITTEE

- Selection of members K-12
- Summer training
- Train the trainer model (PLC)
- Extra staff development opportunities
- Visits to other schools



**IMPORTANCE OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

# OTHER PIECES WE CONSIDER

- Infrastructure
- Textbooks
- What is the plan for students
- Engagement, engagement, engagement
- iPads will never replace great teaching
- Paperless

# APPS

- Presentation apps
- Content apps
- Assessment apps
- Interactive apps
- Organization apps- eBackpack





POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

MONEY  
SCHOOL BOARD  
POLICIES/HANDBOOK





# THE ROAD AHEAD



# BUILDING LEVEL PERSPECTIVE

- Staff buy in
- The stiff armers
- The all stars
- Logistics- iProbation, Gaming, Digital Citizenship, Mid-Year student training, Survey, Tech PLC, Common Language, Student Panel

# CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING

- District Strategic Planning/ Building Site Plans
- Continued Support of Staff, Students, Parents
- Evaluation of Effectiveness
- Get to the lesson plan level

# EVALUATION

- Redefinition- Tech allows for the creation of new tasks
- Modification- Tech allows for significant task redesign
- Augmentation- Tech acts as a direct substitute, with functional improvement
- Substitution- Tech acts as direct tool substitute, with no functional change



# PAY IT FORWARD

- Thanks to the other schools such as Aurora, Fort Calhoun, Springfield-Plattview, Westside

