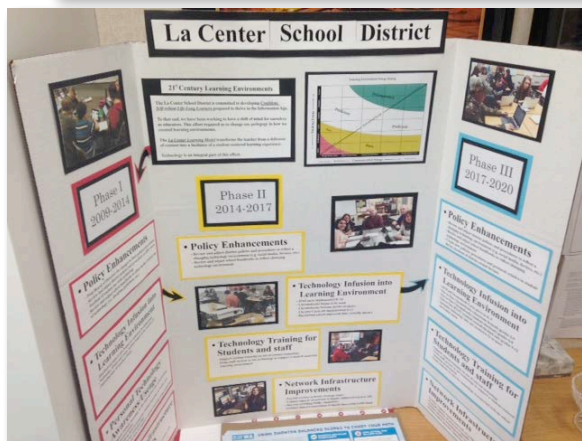
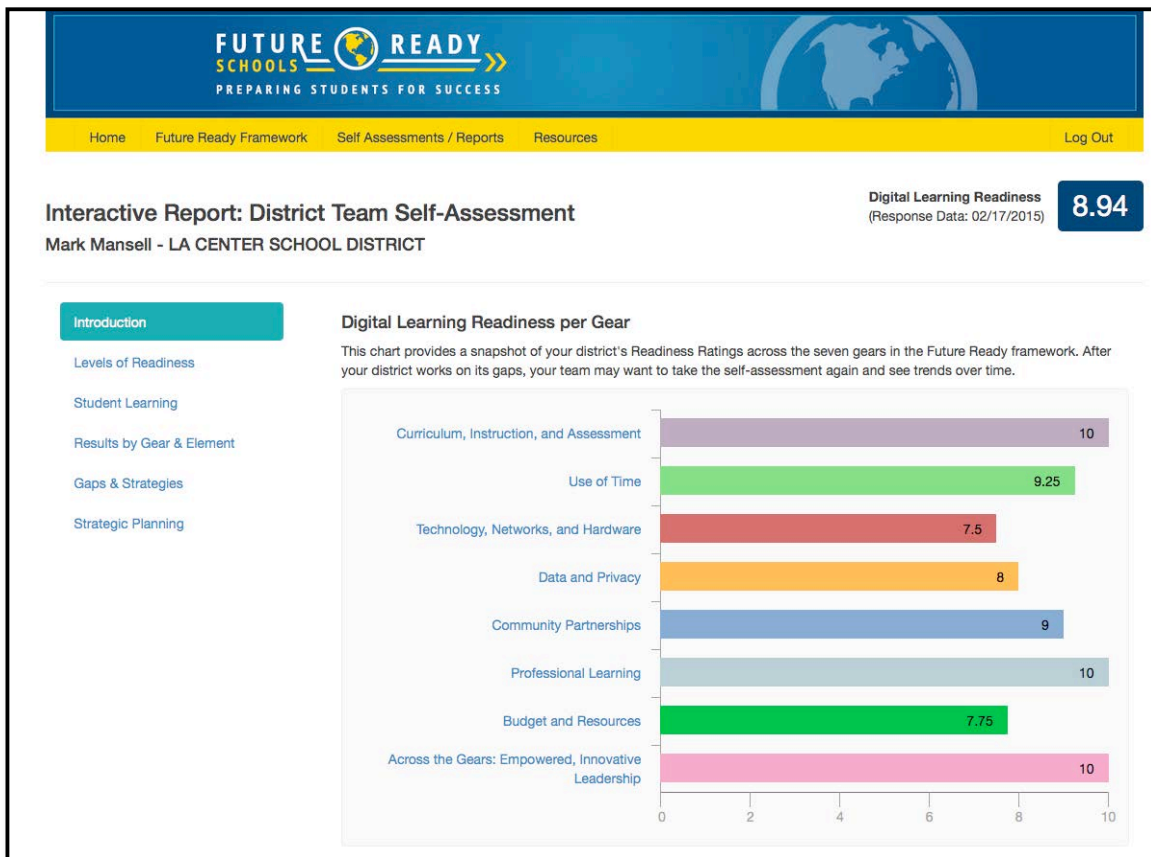


Superintendent's Report

February 20th, 2015

BOARD UPDATE

- **Future Ready Summit** – On February 17th and 18th, Dan Bentson, Amy Neiman and myself attended a technology summit that was held here in Vancouver. This was one of twelve summits held around the country put on by the US Department of Education (<http://futureready.schoolwires.net/futureready>). We did a self-assessment in advance of the summit and found that we scored well in virtually all areas with an overall score of 8.94 out



of 10. We were also asked to present our technology vision and plan in a tabletop format. The photo to the left is our display, which shows the progression of our plan from the beginnings back in 2009 all the way through to our estimated completion in 2020. At the core of our technology work is the district's mission and the district's learning model. We were also able to show a variety of technologies that we have tested and used over time as a way to show our learning.

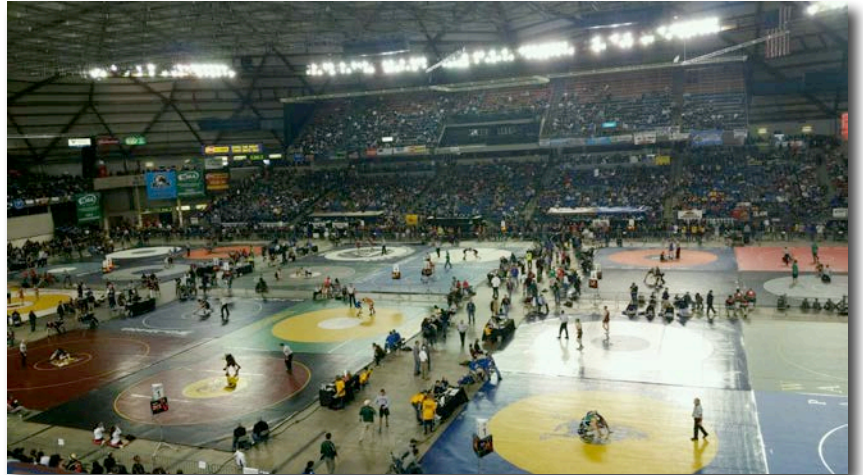
- **Middle School Academic Improvement Breakfast** – I was able to attend an early morning celebration of academic improvement at the middle school. This is the 5th year that the Soske Family has made breakfast for all students who improved their GPA by at least .6 year over year. Thirty-two students were recognized for their success in front of their parents and siblings. Kudos to each of them and a big THANK YOU to the Soske Family for the generous support of this effort.



- **Wildcat Care Closet** – In partnership with the North Clark County Mobile Foodbank, our own La Center Leading Leos and the high school FCRC (Family-Community Resource Center), this month the high school began operating a food and supply closet for those students who are in need. This was a self-generated program that was created with lots of leadership from Aften Pankiewicz-Waldram (our Student Services support person), Jim Neiman (CTE Instructor) along with many students and other high school staff. It goes to show how much our students, staff and community care about each other. FYI.



- **Lots of Success in Extra-curricular Activities** – Once again our student-athletes are doing very well in all extra-curricular events this winter. Both of our basketball teams are in the district championship games, the Dance team is off to state again, we have several wrestlers in the state-tournament and our Chess team is competing at the state level. Great job to them all, their coaches and parents for representing our community so well.



- **Gold Star Award for La Center School District** – This award is for our district exceeding the state average for signing up students in the College Bound Scholarship program. A huge HIGH-FIVE goes out to Kristin Krem (our grade 6-10 counselor) for her efforts to get 100% of the eligible 8th graders to sign up before the deadline. How the program works, students who qualify (essentially low income or children in foster care) sign up in either the 7th or 8th grade and agree to maintain a 2.0 or higher GPA throughout high school, not commit serious crime and fulfill entrance requirements into college. In exchange, they will get four-years of in state tuition for the public college of their choice. In 2014, Kristin was able to sign up all 47 eligible students into the program. Great job Kristin!



I think that is all for now. Please give me a call if you have any questions. Talk with you later.

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