



**WORK STUDY SESSION MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MOUNT VERNON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 5:00 p.m.**

The Board of Directors of the Mount Vernon School District, Skagit County, Washington, held a Work Study Session on Wednesday, January 5, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. at Madison Elementary School and via Zoom call. In attendance were Directors Otos, Coffey, Ragusa, Samora, and Cailloux. A quorum was present. Also, in attendance was Superintendent Vivanco, Bill Nutting, Tim Papendorf, Eric Monson, Bill Cheney, Melissa Van Straten and a few other staff and community.


ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief): presented by Eric Monson, administrator of the ESSER program; he reviewed the status of the programming related to the use of ESSER funds. He noted that evidence is required as part of the funding, including the level of engagement by students and what they are learning. The Children of the Valley after school program sites were selected through the recommendation of the counselors. By having sites at Bethany Covenant, Washington, and Centennial, we are able to meet the needs of many. The site at Washington Elementary opened in mid-November with 10 students and is now over 30 students that regularly attend. The school sites were identified through a district-wide strategy.

MTSS (Multi-Tiered System of Support): presented by Bill Cheney, Director of Student Support Services. Mr. Cheney presented information on the drivers of the MTSS system. The purpose is to maximize achievement for all students, and have a proactive and preventative framework, a continuum of support, and the ability to integrate data to inform instruction allowing for data based decision making. This is a system that will be ongoing and will build upon success. Evidence based materials will be used and professional development provided. Universal screening is used to identifying students who may be at risk. This includes academic and social emotional screening. While currently focusing on Tier 1 foundations, staff have expanded the mental health supports to provide individual and small group interventions, as well as reading intervention.

Due to time, the Technology Department report is moved to the regular board meeting under Superintendent's Report.

No action was taken. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

  
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Larry Otos, Director  
Board President

  
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Ismael Vivanco, Superintendent  
Board Secretary