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ADDISON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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The mission of Addison Community Schools is to provide a well-balanced curriculum and learning environment, supplemented by enriching experiences in order for all learners to be successful.

Date: July 18, 2017

Dear Addison Parents and Students:

I wanted to let the district know about an exciting new initiative at Addison Community Schools. This coming school year students will have an opportunity to be part of an educational movement called "Customized Learning." The customized learning method has been modeled after an educational book- "Inevitable Mass Customized Learning," by Chuck Schwann and Beatrice McGarvey. According to Schwann and McGarvey, Mass Customized Learning (MCL) is defined "when we are meeting the learning needs of every learner, every hour, of everyday while simultaneously meeting the learning needs of every other learner, every hour, of everyday."

Governor Snyder's educational reform movement is: "Anytime, Anyplace, Anyway, Any Pace." We want to have our students be part of this philosophy. 21st century learners are not the same learners as the 20th century learners who occupied their seats in our schools. 21st century learners learn differently, usually are engaged through virtue of some sort in different time frames and in different ways. So, for Addison, the critical question is how are we going to move forward and support students who learn differently? I feel that customized learning addresses this concern, given that everybody learns at a different rate and has different learning styles.

All Lenawee County School districts have agreed to be part of this initiative. The LISD has established customized learning as one of their strategic goals. We have joined because we feel this is a proven system where learning is personalized and time is not a factor. The Addison teachers had an opportunity this summer to receive some training in customized learning. The teachers are very excited about this opportunity and will be looking at how to incorporate this method into their curriculum that will create a unique learning experience for your student.

If you are interested in having your son or daughter participate in this initiative or if you just want to learn more about MCL please plan on attending the informational meeting either on, August 8th or August 9th, at 6:00pm in the Secondary Media Center. If you have any questions, please contact me at guerras@addison.k12.mi.us or call 517-547-6900.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven Guerra". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Steven Guerra
Addison Superintendent