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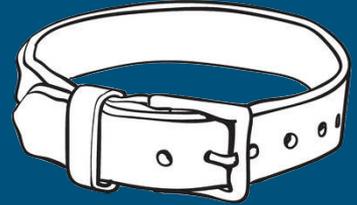
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Where are we?

- 4 eLearning Days in 2018-2019 School Year
  - January 21st, 2019
  - January 28th, 2019
  - January 30th, 2019
  - January 31st, 2019

- 1 "Practice" eLearning Day in 2019-2020 School Year
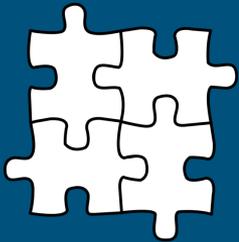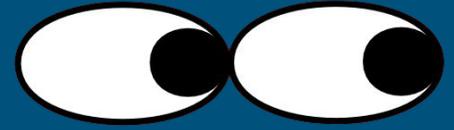 - November 27, 2019 - Teacher Institute & Student Engagement

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How We Got Here…

- Gower begins i3 Learning Initiative- giving students devices for Anywhere, Anytime, Any Device Learning

- Gower School Board passes a resolution to commit our district to #FutureReady Schools Initiative

- Union communication & support
- ISBE communications
- Lobbying efforts to ensure formation of supportive laws
- eLearning Formally Adopted by Gower School Board - 4/30/19

eLearning At-A-Glance

- eLearning Day Announced & Assignments Posted on Schoology, Google Classroom, or other LMS by 8:30am.
- Assignments are due 9:00pm for students to be marked 'Present'
- All Gower Staff available via email, google-chat, etc from 8:30am-1:30pm

- Time Spent varies by Level: ECC-K (45m) 1-2 (60m); 3-4 (90m)
- One eLearning module for ELA & Social Studies
- One eLearning module for Math & Science
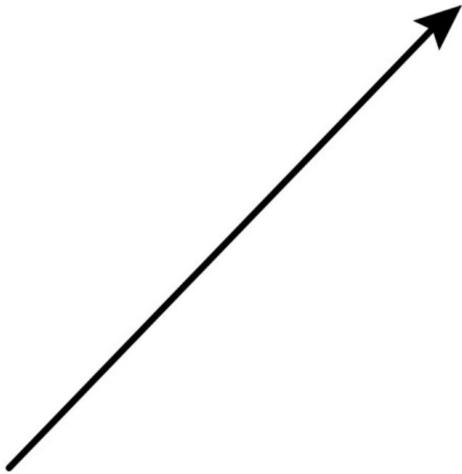- Students Self-Select one eLearning Module from Music, Art or P.E.

- Time Spent approximately 120 minutes.
- One eLearning module for ELA & Social Studies (45m)
- One eLearning module for Math & Science (45m)
- Students Self-Select one eLearning Module from P.E./Specials (30m)
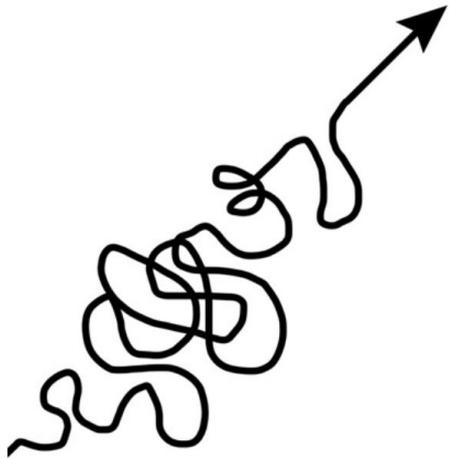
Successes

SUCCESS

what people think
it looks like

- Giving students an 'introduction' to online coursework / real-world application
- Having done it multiple times, it is becoming 'the norm.'
- Students have impressed teachers with their ability to problem-solve with technology issues and do "more" than what is required, at times.
- Pushes teachers to think creatively in how to deliver content and have students show understanding
- Opportunity for families to witness what students can do through the eLearning process
- Open communication with families, eliciting feedback about the eLearning Process.

F.A.I.L.ures

SUCCESS

what it really
looks like

We try to reframe "Failures" as
"First Attempts in Learning"

As we moved forward with eLearning Days,
we had to address:

- Wifi Restrictions
  - (Student Devices, No Wifi @ Home)
- Families who *choose* not to participate
- Looking at the lesson through the eyes of a parent- especially at K-2 and SpEd levels

Where Are we Headed for 2019-2020?

- Used a planned Teacher Institute Day as an eLearning Day for students.
  - 90% Student Participation Rate
  - Served as a "training" for students and families of eLearning Day procedures- similar to how we practice drills

- Now, we anxiously await inclement weather to continue our use of eLearning procedures.

November 26, 2019

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