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Mequon-Thiensville School District Announces Online Curriculum Available

Mequon, WI – The school district is pleased to announce its public curriculum website. The website provides all internal and external users access to view curriculum available to students to better understand learning expectations. Students and parents can use this in making decisions regarding future course choices.

The online system, Build Your Own Curriculum (BYOC), is a user friendly tool for curriculum access for parents and community to use. BYOC makes certain that the information being viewed is the most current and enacted curriculum to enhance classroom instruction, improve student learning, and serve as the catalyst for addressing the needs of all students. Many area school districts use this online tool for these purposes.

BYOC replaces paper curriculum documents. BYOC can be accessed using the MTSD Department of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment website. The website is easy to use by “drilling down” on the links to courses, units, topics, etc.

Every course in the school district is available on BYOC. A description of the course and the units for each course are included. As the district continues to maximize the power of the website, further information such as topics and learning targets will be identified in all courses. In addition, as existing curriculum is revised, alignment to the Common Core Standards and other state and national standards will be completed.

As in the past, curriculum continues to be developed using the district mission, vision, values, and goals along with state and national standards and assessment. MTSD is on a seven year curriculum cycle for review of the all content areas in the district.

Teachers use BYOC to plan pacing and reach learning targets in all classrooms in the district. Principals and other administrators use BYOC in observations and conferencing with teachers as part of their supervision responsibilities.

The BYOC software was developed by a Wisconsin school district and a software provider based upon the belief that curriculum must be a living tool for learning not to be created or revised every seven years and then placed upon a shelf.