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Superintendent Goal #4: Middle School Mock Trial Proposal

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| **Subject** | **Middle School Mock Trial Competition** |
| **From** | Peter Marlys |
| **To** | Jarod Claybourn |
| **Sent** | Wednesday, January 25, 2023 8:05 AM |

Jarod,

I would like to propose a new initiative for my Law Seminar course for the 2nd Semester.  This is inspired by our 3rd Strategic Planning goals:

•03. School and Community Partnerships

The Sterling Regional High School District will engage our Sterling community,

including our PK-8 sending district partners, to investigate, design, and develop a

PK-12 program that provides continuity and maximizes opportunities for student

success

**What:**  Middle School Mock Trial Competition

**Who**: Stratford, Somerdale, Magnolia Middle Schools will have teams of 7-10 students

**Summary**:  The Law Seminar students will coach middle school teams from each sending district over the course of the semester culminating in a mock trial competition held at Sterling.

**Procedure**:

1. The Sterling students would create lesson plans to engage the younger students in the following objectives:

-To increase comprehension of the historical, ethical and philosophical basis of the American system

of justice.

-To summarize the operation of the law, court procedures and the legal system.

-To help students increase basic life and leadership skills such as listening, speaking, writing, reading

and analyzing.

-To heighten appreciation for academic studies and promote positive scholastic achievements.

-To bring law to life for students through active preparation for and participation in the competitions.

1. Sterling students will meet with the middle school students 4 times to teach and prepare the teams for competition.   
   Day #1- Overview of Mock Trial, Rules, and Procedures. Introduction to the case.  
   Day#2-Direct and Cross Examination  
   Day#3-Opening and Closing  
   Day#4-Practice
2. Middle school students will travel to Sterling to compete and celebrate their achievements.   
   9:00-11:00-Stratford #1 vs. Somerdale  
   12:00-2:00-Stratford #2 vs. Magnolia

Thank you for your consideration.

Pete