

SUPERINTENDENT'S FUTURE READY SUMMIT

LAKE MARY HIGH SCHOOL, 10-20-15

Dr. Walt Griffin stressed the importance of improving teaching and learning through the effective use of technology. Future Ready is an effort to maximize digital learning opportunities and help school districts move quickly toward preparing students for success in college, career/technical education and citizenship.

Dr. Griffin reiterated important facts pertaining to Seminole County:

A-rated district in Central Florida; #1 in Advanced Math and Sciences; #1 in budget spent on classroom versus administration; SAT scores are 62% above the national average.

Interesting Statistics:

87% of millennials (21 – 32 years old) never have their smartphones leave their side; 44% of millennials are classified as “on demand” or “freelance” employees. They work in a smaller environment & on their own.

Dr. Wilson discussed e-pathways, stating it is a moral and social obligation to provide every student with a pathway to explore and learn. Not every student needs a 4 year or 6 year college degree. He spoke about the forgotten 50% of students that pursue career & technical education.

Dr. Jason Wyson, Director of Education of e-pathways, spoke about e-pathways being a mindset. Focusing on preparing customized learning for the 21st century. Goal is to have students be prepared for a globally competitive workforce. Key areas of focus:

Kindergarten: Reading & math readiness. “Kindergarten Coding” required at every Seminole County public school.

Elementary: Learn a new language. Digital learning – interactive.

High School: Career & Technical education.

Technical: Enhance instruction & innovation. Technology, advanced manufacturing, modeling & simulation.

Builders/Automotive: Collision repair, Construction.

Medical: Bioscience & Health Academy.

Business: Management, Marketing, Accounting & Entrepreneurship.

Arts: Innovation, Creation, Interior Design, Digital Media, TV Production.

Service: Culinary Arts, Hospitality and Tourism.