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## Exciting Learning Program Coming to Paris Schools

Paris Independent Schools has been invited to join the Summit Learning Community as a partner school for the 2017-2018 School Year! We are one of a select few school districts across the nation that received this opportunity. Based on our application, the Summit Learning Team shared, "We are incredibly excited to be with you on this journey."

Our partnership with the University of Kentucky's Next Generation Leadership Academy has been instrumental in this journey. "The curricular support, resources, professional development, and software are extensive, and the equivalent to getting a major new million+ grant," exclaimed Dr. Justin Bathon, a UK professor with the Next Generation Leadership Academy.

Diane Tavenner, Summit's co-founder and CEO, explains, "The industrial model is really driven by adults," she says. "Kids come in, they're told where to go, where to sit, what they're going to learn, when they're going to learn it. You're on the assembly line. We believe the next generation models are about the students being empowered to drive their own learning." The Summit Learning Program is a system that integrates problem-solving skills, effective communicating, creative thinking, writing and speaking taught in "project time", along with content knowledge, real-life experiences, and "habits of success". "Look at the economy: it's not about concrete knowledge, it's about higher order thinking skills, and the ability to perpetually learn and grow," she adds.

Principal Jami Dailey will soon begin meeting with students to share the exciting news. We will be hosting an informational meeting following our Open House on Wednesday, March 15, at Paris High School. We will showcase this cutting edge learning system for our parents and community members.

"I'm very excited and proud about what we are doing now in Paris and even more excited about a partnership with U.K. and the Summit Learning Program platform that will put teachers in a position to give constant and continuous help for students in the classroom to meet each child's individual needs. Paris is on the cutting edge with the demands of our world, and we are committed to getting better and better. Our kids deserve the best. The world's demands have changed so much, and we are committed to changing to prepare our kids. Teachers need a way to do more of what they have a passion for... working with kids in a truly meaningful way with each child. They will be more engaged with students, helping students become thinking problem-solvers more than ever before. Exciting times are ahead." - Ken Bicknell, Superintendent

Paris is on a mission to take Success ~ One by One to the next level by personalizing learning for our students. Our district has prepared for this opportunity by laying a strong foundation with an equitable and viable curriculum, embracing innovative thought, ensuring our high school students have the technology they need to expand their learning with a chrome book for every student, and embracing project-based learning throughout our district, K-12. We are so excited by this announcement and anxious to share with our community. It is an exceptional time in our school district's history to be a Greyhound. Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

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