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Hello DVSS Families,

I hope this email finds you well. The purpose of this letter is to share information with DVSS students and their families regarding our upcoming Student-Led Learning Day (SLLD). The idea of a Student-Led Learning Day is to set aside time during the instructional day for students to catch up on their coursework with choice of how they will use their time based on their individual needs and in consultation with their teachers.

DVSS's Student-Led Learning Day will take place on Thursday, May 8th, 2025. In consultation with their teachers, students will create a plan for the day that best meets their academic needs. This will take place ahead of the SLLD. Students will have their attendance taken in their regularly scheduled classes at the beginning and end of each period and will have choice to flex into other spaces after their attendance is taken. In order to flex into other spaces, students will have a pre-filled 'passport' sheet that indicates what their learning plan is for the day. A copy of the student 'passport' is included here as well.

Student feedback shared that they would like DVSS's Student-Led Learning Day to focus on both academics and wellness. At lunch there will be activities that students can choose to take part in. Some examples may include board games, team games/sports and trivia. We also have Triple C Farms coming to visit the school as part of this wellness hour at lunch. Animals that will be visiting DVSS will include bunnies, goats, alpacas, sheep, a miniature horse and miniature donkey and will remain outside of the building in a gated area for their visit. Animal handlers will be onsite with the animals the entire time. Students and staff are asked not to feed the animals. A schedule and sign-up sheet for students to take part in these activities will be made available before the SLLD.

DVSS is excited about holding our first Student-Led Learning Day based on student voice. Please reach out to the school if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Kim Collier  
Principal

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