Powering Student-Focused Digital Initiatives In Cherry Creek With Schoology’s LMS
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CCSD Context & Background

- 24,000+ Chromebooks (2:1 ratio)
- 61 Schools
- 52,500 Students
- Mixed device environment (2 1:1 schools with Android, multiple schools with shared iPads, Macs, PCs, & Chromebooks)
- District goals include anytime, anywhere, any device for any learner
Switched to Schoology in 2013 due to:

- Increased classroom technology (varied devices) = need for device agnostic digital environments to support K-12 teaching & learning
- Shifts in curriculum, instruction, and assessment
- Desire to include parent community as learners and partners
- Need for streamlined professional development and easy collaboration
Topics today include:

- Preparing students for online assessments
- Parental involvement in digital learning environments
- Professional learning & collaboration
Innovating Methods to Help Students Prepare for State Assessments
Embedding Google Docs/Presentations

- Works for any content area
- Can be updated and edited as live documents in Google

Blog post: Embedding Google Presentations (Reading Anchor 7-9)
Embedding audio & video content

- Insert a link in an assessment
- Upload media/attach files to an assessment question
- Link or Embed media from the web.

Blog post: The Magic of Embed Code  
(Reading Anchor 7-9)
Creating aligned question banks

- Questions can be created by an individual, a team or group of teachers.
- Questions aligned to standards will be added to Mastery
- Question tracking
- Students can also create questions

Blog post: Using Question Banks in Schoology
Empowering Parents to be a Part of their Child’s Digital Classroom

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Parent Involvement in the Digital Classroom

- **Big Ideas:**
  - Communication
  - Organization
  - Parent Learning & Support
Parent Involvement in the Virtual Classroom

- Avoiding the Backpack Black Hole
- Notification settings & communication
Parent Involvement in the Virtual Classroom

- Send an Email to One Student or Parent
Parent Involvement in the Virtual Classroom

- Send an Email to All Parents
Parent Involvement in the Virtual Classroom

- Student progress & achievement
Parent Involvement in the Virtual Classroom

- Media Albums
- Capture Learning
- Field Trips
- Homework
  - Show and Tell
  - Examples Around the House
Parent Involvement in the Virtual Classroom

- Course Settings for Parents for Discussion Boards
- Parent/Visitor Settings (under Privacy tab)
Parent Involvement in the Virtual Classroom

- Using Schoology as the Classroom Website (Open to “Everyone”)
Parent Courses and Digital Parent Learning

Tech Resources for the parent community course

- **Digital Citizenship & Family Tips**
  - [common sense media](https://www.commonsensemedia.org)
    - Resources (courtesy of Common Sense Media) and information for families.

- **Online Parent Forms**
  - [mycherrycreek](https://my.cherrycreekschools.org)
    - Information on how to register your student online through my.cherrycreekschools.org.

- **Using COLE 3.0/Schoology**
  - [Schoology](https://schoology.com)
    - Information and resources on using Schoology as a CCSD parent.

- **Using PowerSchool**
  - [PowerSchool](https://powerschool.cherrycreekschools.org)
    - Information and help on using PowerSchool as a CCSD parent.
Professional Development and Collaboration Possibilities

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Professional Development

- Schoology as vehicle for ongoing professional learning
- Summer Learning Academy
Professional Development

- Align tasks to standards to support teachers
Professional Development

- PD Badge Program
  - Self-paced
  - Choice
  - Credit available
  - Develop Teacher Leadership
Collaboration

● Discussions as a Backchannel
  ○ Open dialogue during PD sessions
  ○ Capture everyone’s voice
  ○ Use conversation for future PD topics and follow-up
Collaboration

- Using groups for PLC work
  - Shared resources
  - Shared contributions
  - Discussion
  - Calendars/Events
Collaboration

- Building common assignments and assessments
  - Use when ready
  - Personalize if needed
  - Share and discuss results with PLC
Classroom Observations aligned with Custom Learning Objectives
Questions?

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