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School District of University City Celebrates Digital Learning Day; Elementary School Students to Receive Smart Panels in all Classrooms





University City, MO – On Thursday, February 28th, the School District of University City is helping to celebrate the national effort known as Digital Learning Day. University City was the first district in the St. Louis area to offer the online learning program Launch to its students more than a year ago. Currently, there are nearly 80 students enrolled in the program district-wide.

The Launch program includes more than 60 course options that extend traditional high school offerings in basic, AP and specialized courses. This enables high school students to personalize their education experiences. The online learning program previously offered select courses for high school students, but was expanded to include middle school students.

Classes through Launch are available at no cost to students, or for residents in the University City area.

"We are committed to growing a culture of daily digital learning both in and outside our classrooms," said Robert Dillon, Executive Director of Technology and Innovative Learning. "All grade levels at all four elementary schools in the District are receiving next generation Smart Panels to enhance learning in the classrooms. These panels will allow for improved teacher mobility, and maximum viewing opportunities to meet all students' needs, and eliminate instructional down time."

About Digital Learning Day: Started in 2012, Digital Learning Day has provided a powerful venue for education leaders to highlight great teaching practices and showcase innovative teachers, leaders, and instructional technology programs that are improving student outcomes. This grassroots effort blossomed into a massive nationwide celebration as teachers realized that Digital Learning Day is not just about technology, it's about learning. Those participating in Digital Learning Day on social media (February 28th) are encouraged to use the hashtag #DLDay.

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On February 21, 1911, with a City population of only 2,417, The School District of University City was officially established. Classes began in September 1912 with a total school population of 769. Today, you will find outstanding educational programs serving a student population of approximately 2,800 with a preschool, four elementary schools, one middle school and one high school. In May 2018, University City High School held its 101st formal Commencement Ceremony.

