



To: Board of Education
From: Michelle Hilla
Re: Curriculum and Instruction Update
Date: March 9th, 2026

➤ **K-5 Literacy Highlight**

A highlight this month was hosting nearly 30 teachers and instructional leaders from Brighton Area Schools who visited North Creek and South Meadows to observe the implementation of Collaborative Classroom. Our teachers and literacy specialists welcomed visitors into their classrooms to showcase instructional routines, student engagement, and literacy practices in action. The visit was a meaningful opportunity to highlight the work happening in Chelsea, and many of our teachers shared a strong sense of pride in the progress they are seeing with students. While we are encouraged by early indicators, a formal literacy data report will be shared with the Board in June, following the completion of spring benchmark assessments.

➤ **Building Goals and Professional Learning Cohesion**

On Tuesday, March 3rd, administrators, instructional coaches, and teacher leaders from across the district began work connected to the MAISA Leader Series. This collaborative effort focuses on aligning our instructional priorities with a coherent professional learning system that supports staff growth across buildings. Beginning this process early—and intentionally incorporating teacher voice in shaping our instructional goals and learning structures—represents an important shift in the right direction. By building shared ownership and clarity around professional learning, we strengthen collective efficacy and position our staff to have an even greater impact on student outcomes.

➤ **New Staff Support**

The curriculum and instruction team continues to provide targeted support for new staff members across the district. Professional learning opportunities, including our new teacher day on February 11th, have focused on instructional practices, student support strategies, and communication with families, helping ensure that new teachers feel supported as they transition into our district and classrooms.

Respectfully,
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