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Superintendent's Report

June 17, 2025

FOIA and OMA Training: I have completed my annual training on Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meetings Act. As the FOIA officer, this is required of me annually.

ROE Compliance: I have completed the compliance documentation for the ROE regarding their visit earlier this spring. Everything should be good. We won't have to do this for another five years (thankfully!).

Health Insurance Rates: I received a call from Wyman with our preliminary numbers, and it came back the first time at a 30% increase. After some negotiating, they came back at 21%. Wymans is going to shop the 21% rate and see what we get back. They really want us to look into self-insurance, but we are hesitant because of the additional work it would require, potentially a second bookkeeping/HR position.

Title Grants: Title Grants were finally released. We received funds in Title I and Title IV, but none in Title II. We have always used Title II funds for professional development, so this is a huge hit financially. We have been told that they might release funds later, but there is no guarantee. We will be much more restrictive in the professional development we approve for staff to attend.

With the funds we received, we will use the remaining funds after the usual purchases to purchase the already approved science curriculum. We are hopeful that we will have some carryover from FY25 that we can use in FY26, but those funds won't be released until later.

Four-Year Trend of Federal Funds

	FY26	FY25	FY24	FY23
Title I	\$191,740	\$213,042	\$215,264	\$200,977
Title II	\$0	\$26,700	\$27,116	\$29,880
Title IV	\$13,064	\$15,670	\$15,605	\$15,383



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College and Career Pathway Endorsement for the 2024- 2025: The high school counselors worked with the staff at LTEC to ensure that we had two pathways for students to earn a College nad Career Pathway Endorsement. This is the first year we have been able to offer this, and we had five students earn their Health Sciences an Technology endorsement and one earn her Manufacturing, engineer, Technology and Trades Endorsement.

A College and Career Pathway Endorsement is awarded on Illinois high school diplomas/transcripts to simultaneously demonstrate students' readiness for postsecondary programs and entry-level professional learning experiences in a selected career interest area. The endorsement incentivizes career exploration and acceleration, particularly in high-demand career fields.

To earn a College and Career Pathway Endorsement requires secondary students to complete or demonstrate:

- *An individualized learning plan:* Each student completing an endorsement must have an individualized plan, which includes college planning linked to early understanding of career goals, financial aid, resume, and personal statement.
- *Professional learning:* Students participate in career awareness, exploration, and preparation activities that provide opportunities to interact with adults in their workplace.
 - At least two career exploration activities or one intensive experience.
 - At least two team-based challenges with adult mentoring.
 - 60 cumulative hours of a paid or for-credit, supervised career development experience culminating with a professional skills assessment.
- *Career-focused instruction:* Students complete two years of secondary coursework, or equivalent competencies, that articulate to a postsecondary credential with labor market value. Must include at least six hours of early college credit.
- *Academic readiness:* Students are ready for non-remedial coursework in reading and math by high school graduation through criteria defined by the school district and local community college.

Upcoming Vacation Days: I will be out of town June 18-24th, but I should be available by phone. I will also be out of town June 27-29th, but again, I will be available by phone.