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August 2026 Board Report

New Teacher Orientation:

- We hosted 11 new teacher employees at New Teacher Orientation on August 4th and 5th. Topics covered include: Payroll Information, Technology, Mentoring, Best Teacher Practice, Certification, etc. We also had the opportunity to walk through each building. We are excited to have these teachers join the WCUSD5 team!

WCUSD5 Mentoring:

- WCUSD5 offers a mentoring program for Year 1, Year 2, and New to the District teachers. The mentoring program allows for new teachers to build relationships with existing teachers while learning the district and building procedures.
- Year 1 and Year 2 mentees and mentors are provided with a mentoring handbook, monthly agenda suggestions, as well as observation and reflection logs.

Learning Walks:

- We are excited to renew our district-wide learning walk journey! Recently, a team of K–12 teachers and administrators met with Dr. Robert Thornell for his *Culture of Rigorous Learning* training session, setting the foundation for our upcoming visits. Dr. Thornell will return in October to facilitate learning walks alongside our team as we visit classrooms to offer meaningful feedback on student engagement. Because these walks provide valuable insights for both visitors and hosts, we truly look forward to our ongoing partnership with Dr. Thornell.

