

Waterloo Community Unit School District No. 5
Curriculum Coordinator

DATE: August 17, 2026

TO: Brian Charron, Superintendent
Board of Education

FROM: Mr. John Schmieg, Curriculum Coordinator

August 2026 BOARD REPORT

New Teacher/Staff Orientation

- New Teacher Orientation was held on August 4th and 5th. The purpose is to familiarize new staff with district philosophies, instructional practices, procedures, forms, and resources.

Professional Development

35 Teachers and administrators attended a professional development activity titled Culture of Rigorous Learning led by Dr Robert Thornell on August 6th at Gardner Elementary. Dr. Thornell is schedule to routinely come to the district for ongoing professional development designed to elevate best teaching practices. This PD activity is being paid for from both the School Improvement Grant and Title II.

Federal Grants Update

Title I - \$104,282 (K-5 Schools). The funds in this annual grant are designated for:

- Salaries and benefits for (3) paraprofessionals for K-5 Schools
- School Supplies for Neglected/Delinquent Students
- School Supplies for Homeless Students
- Non-Public Schools (SPPCS and MCCS)

Title II - \$41,497. The funds in this annual grant are designated for:

- Professional Development activities for instructional staff and building/district administration
- Non-Public Schools (Gibault and SPPCS)

Title IV - \$10,000. Transferred to Title I Grant.