

Riverside School District 96

Panorama and Illinois 5Essentials

Board preparation and Fall 2026 survey
planning

September 11, 2026



Meeting focus

Four decisions for a clear Board message and a smooth survey launch

01

Board narrative

Explain the transition to Panorama as an approved alternative that supports local improvement.

02

ISBE readiness

Confirm the LOI status, official window, roster process, and state submission steps.

03

Fall staff survey

Finalize the question set and select the administration date.

04

Platform setup

Choose participants and schedule the configuration walkthrough.

The Board narrative

The change keeps state compliance while improving the district's access to useful data

Board question	District 96 context	Clear response
Why change?	The prior process felt cumbersome and results were not available quickly enough for planning.	Panorama brings student, staff, and family feedback into one platform with school-level views and faster local access.
Does this meet state requirements?	District 96 submitted an LOI to use Panorama as its approved alternate survey.	Panorama appears on ISBE's approved alternate survey list. Final approval still depends on ISBE requirements and confirmation.
How will the data be used?	The new 2026–2031 Strategic Plan centers on coherence, rigor, well-being, and community trust.	The district can connect survey topics and results to those priorities, then review progress with leadership teams.

ISBE content requirement

Each respondent group must include at least one topic from at least two available 5Essentials components

5Essentials component	Student	Staff	Family
Effective Leaders	Not available	Available	Not available
Collaborative Teachers	Not available	Available	Not available
Involved Families	Not available	Available	Available
Supportive Environments	Available	Available	Available
Ambitious Instruction	Available	Not available	Not available

The proposed set covers more than two components for each respondent group

Students

2 COMPONENTS

Supportive Environments

- Teacher-Student Relationships
- School Safety
- School Climate
- Sense of Belonging

Ambitious Instruction

- Rigorous Expectations

Staff

4 COMPONENTS

Effective Leaders

- Staff-Leadership Relationships
- School Leadership

Collaborative Teachers

- Professional Learning
- Feedback and Coaching
- Belonging
- Mentorship
- Collaboration

Involved Families

- Staff-Family Relationships

Supportive Environments

- School Climate

Families

2 COMPONENTS

Involved Families

- Family Engagement
- Family Efficacy
- Staff-Family Relationships
- School-Family Communication

Supportive Environments

- School Safety
- School Climate

Two survey purposes

The fall survey supports local planning; the spring administration fulfills the approved-alternative process

Fall 2026 staff survey

LOCAL USE

- Measures staff morale and climate before the Board presentation and fall planning cycle.
- Uses District 96's selected questions and Panorama's secure email links.
- Target question approval: September 15.
Administration options: September 21 or October 9.

Spring 2027 alternate survey

STATE WINDOW

- Must run during the ISBE alternate-survey window: January 25 through March 19, 2027.
- Uses ISBE-provided student and staff rosters, with permitted additions and validated roster adjustments.
- Panorama prepares the official reporting submission with district validation.

2026–27 implementation timeline

The work separates fall local planning from the official spring administration



Roster and reporting responsibilities

Panorama uses the state roster as the starting point and works with District 96 to validate exceptions

Stage	Panorama responsibility	District 96 responsibility
Roster intake	Load student and staff files provided by ISBE.	Review expected schools, respondents, and contact assignments.
Additions	Add eligible students or staff who do not appear on the state roster.	Identify missing eligible respondents and provide required information.
Removals	Remove staff when appropriate. Keep students on the state roster and apply Code 4 for a student who moved before the survey.	Confirm staff removals and validate students who moved.
State submission	Prepare response-rate and survey reporting files, reconcile records, and submit to ISBE by May 31.	Review and validate reporting during March and April.

Fall staff survey decisions

Four choices will move the first District 96 survey from planning to launch

1

Question set

Confirm revisions to the August 7 crosswalk and approve the final staff morale and climate questions by September 15.

2

Administration date

Select September 21 or October 9, or name a different fall window.

3

Delivery method

Use Panorama's built-in email delivery and unique secure links, as previously selected.

4

Configuration session

Name the district survey leads and schedule a 30-minute setup walkthrough with Martha and/or Molly.

Connection to the 2026–2031 Strategic Plan

Panorama topics can give the Board a consistent view of the priorities District 96 has already established

Strategic coherence

Use shared student, staff, and family measures across the district to track common priorities.

Academic rigor

Use Rigorous Expectations and related student feedback to understand how students experience ambitious instruction.

Student well-being

Use safety, climate, belonging, and relationship topics to identify strengths and areas for support.

Community trust

Use family engagement, communication, and relationship topics to strengthen two-way partnership with families.

Immediate next steps

Owners and dates can be confirmed before the meeting closes

#	Action	Owner	Target
1	Approve Fall 2026 staff survey questions and administration date.	Martha and district team	Sept. 15
2	Schedule the platform configuration walkthrough.	Amanda + district survey leads	Before fall launch
3	Complete demographic SFTP field verification and integration check-in.	Molly + Panorama technical team	Before student survey setup
4	Schedule the 90-minute leadership data review and action-planning session.	Amanda + DLT	After fall results