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To: Dr. Robert Schiffbauer, Board of Education

From: Dr. Kathleen Wilkey

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Subject: October Board Report

Property Tax Exemption

When the administrative building was purchased by the district a few years ago, it was designated as a tax paying property. This past summer, Mrs. Norman worked to gather all paperwork necessary to file for a non-homestead property tax exemption certificate. In September, the district was notified that the application was accepted and will be valid dated back to January 1, 2026 through the end of this year. What that means is the district moving forward next year will no longer be required to pay taxes on the property.

Audit

At the board meeting on Wednesday evening the audit firm will be presenting the findings from the FY26 audit. One of the findings that will be discussed will be presented to the board this evening as a proposed policy that Mrs. Norman put together. In addition, the unclaimed property identified by the auditors has already been submitted to the State of Illinois following the final step of the proposed policy.

Transportation

We have been reviewing the current bus fleet to identify leased buses that will return at the conclusion of this school year and determine the total number of buses we will need to lease for next year. We anticipate going out to bid in November and bringing a recommendation to the board at the December meeting. In addition, we are also exploring a new program called Bytecurve, a school bus operating program. Attached is a presentation of what the program has to offer. We are still in discussions with the company and looking to create a timeline for implementation next year if this program is chosen. Many districts who have moved to this system have run their buses more efficiently and reduced unnecessary costs, two district experiences are attached for your review as well. One thing to note, we would not have drivers using the app on their phone that is associated with this program, rather an actual time clock. In addition, we will not be sending payroll directly from their system into ours, we will build in our own process of exporting and importing in for payroll.

Monthly Report Cards

Starting this month, both South and Central campuses will be using the same monthly report cards to provide feedback to supervisors of the respective food service and B&G/custodial departments. The purpose of the report cards is to keep open lines of communication between administration and department leaders of what's going well and what needs improvement.