Pursuing Excellence for All: For Every Student, Every Day

Superintendent Report
November 2026 Board Meeting

Monthly Projects/Accomplishments/Good News

- **National FFA.** Students had a very successful trip to Indianapolis last week for the National FFA competition. Mesa Arnold earned 3rd place in her Social Science of Agriscience presentation and Luke Larson finished 8th place in the country in his Animal Systems in Agriscience. The Conduct of Chapter Meeting (CCM) team finished in the top 12 of all teams across the country. The CCM team included Stetson Decker, Jayden Ellicott, Lucas Salmon, Nolan Winter, Jackson Wagner, Evalyn Hanson, Ellie Marshall, and Zemery Weber. An additional ten students competed at the national conference in Indianapolis. Those students were: Zach Vaughn, Hayley Walker, Cash Shelton, Hazen Weber, Taylynn Gore, Jesse Sater, Silver Cruz, and Owen Klundt.

  In addition to the competitions, students attended workshops to learn about leadership development, agriculture, and career exploration with students from across the country. These opportunities, which align with our Success Skills work, help us to prepare students to leave Platte Valley Schools as productive members of society.

- **Elementary Literacy Night**. We had approximately 200 families visit last night to participate in the book fair, meet a published children's author, and enjoy hamburgers cooked by Mr. McNair. It was a great evening with activities for students, families put on by our teachers.

- **Tree Board Donation.** The Kersey Tree Board donated 7 trees to the District as part of our construction and landscape/site improvements. Special thanks to Roberta Smith, Joan Lind, and Tharon Vannest for their support.

- **Choir and Band Concerts**. We held our first concerts in the new performance arts facility. There was a significant difference in the quality of performances, sound quality, and all aspects of the productions. I have included some photos for your reference. This portion of the building continues to get great use from across the district.

- **Veterans Day Assembly.** I want to extend my appreciation and recognize Mr. Arkulari for the work he has done this year and years prior on our Veterans Day assembly. It has turned into a great community event to recognize and honor those who serve our country.

- **First Honor Roll Data.** Another celebration is our recently reported first quarter honor rolls. The "Superintendent's Honor Roll (A)" and "Principal's Honor Roll (A & B)" recognize students for outstanding academic achievement and effort.

Honor Roll Data – 1st Quarter 2026

Middle School	"Superintendent's" Honor Roll – A's	"Principal's Honor Roll" – A's and B's	Total Honor Roll
6th Grade	10, 7%	25, 28%	35, 41%
7th Grade	13, 12%	24, 18%	37, 38%
8th Grade	8, 12%	21, 13%	29, 36%
Total	31, 12%	70, 26%	101, 38%
High School			
9th Grade	17, 17%	22, 23%	39, 40%
10th Grade	30, 33%	22, 24%	52, 57%
11th Grade	9, 11%	24, 29%	33, 40%
12th Grade	12, 16%	20, 27%	32, 44%
Total	68, 20%	88, 26%	156, 45%

Seeing no less than 36% of any grade earn honor roll is a celebration and demonstrates the work our students and staff are doing to help pursue academic growth and excellence.

Issues We are Working On or Monitoring

- **First Quarter Attendance Data.** Academics is no different than athletics in that it is not a passive activity; students cannot learn without attending on a regular basis and actively engaging in their work. Accordingly, an item we watch closely throughout the year is our attendance data. This has been a strength for the District and illustrates the importance our families and community places on education at Platte Valley School District. Our first quarter data is below for your reference.

Attendance Data – 1st Quarter 2026

Elementary School	August	September	October
K	96.1%	96.4%	93%
1st	97.9%	97%	96.2%
2nd	95.9%	96.1%	96.8%
3rd	95.5%	96.1%	96.8%
4th	95.7%	95.6%	95.5%
5th	96.2%	95.3%	96.8%
Elementary	96.2%	95.9%%	95.8%
Middle School			
6th	95.8%	96.6%	96.7%
7th	95.9%	95.4%	94.5%
8th	97.6%	95.6%	94.7%
Middle School	96.4%	95.9%	95.3%
High School			
9th	95%	91.8%	91.4%
10th	95.1%	92.6%	90.5%
11th	95%	93.9%	95.4%
12th	91.4%	90.5%	95.4%
High School	93.9%	91.7%	92.2%
Total Averages	95.04%	94.6%	94.4%

The District's first quarter 94.4% attendance rate is approximately a full percentage ahead of where we were this time last year and continues to track above the state average of 90%. We were a leader on the importance of attendance prior to the state making it an emphasis again several years after COVID. We continue to work and push and prioritize this, with a goal of hitting 95% across the District. That 95% number cannot take place without the work and effort from our students and families to continue to attend

school.

- **S-CAP Update.** We had six individuals participate in a Team Lead training and review at Merino on October 25th and 26th. Kyle Appelhans, Mike Green, Shelbi Wagner, Laurie Salmon, Jamie Gentry, and Julie Fallon attended and we heard all good feedback from the experience.

  We also recently concluded the S-CAP survey collection related the "Stakeholder Constructs" used to identify district and school strengths and needs, learn from similar districts/schools, and guide decisions at the school and district levels. A "construct" is a big idea about teaching and learning conditions that we cannot measure directly, so we measure it using a set of related survey questions. Response numbers for each area are provided below for your reference:

  Student Responses

Elementary (4th & 5th Only)	184 (93%)
Middle School	218 (82%)
High School	152 (44%)

  Family Responses

Pre-School	10
Elementary	56
Middle School	37
High School	23

  Educator (Instructional Only as per TLCC)

Pre-School	4
Elementary	30
Middle School	23
High School	28