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To: Benjamin 25 Board of Education
Dr. Patrick McGill, Superintendent
From: Dr. Fitzgerald
Date: November 9th, 2026
Topic: Teaching and Learning Report

BACKGROUND

I provide the Board of Education, Superintendent, and the community with a report at each regular Board of Education meeting, highlighting District Learning and Teaching activities and information.

SUMMARY

School Report Card Designations

The Illinois State Board of Education released the new report cards for all of the school districts in Illinois, including giving each school district their summative designation. We are very excited to report that both Evergreen and Benjamin received the highest designation possible, Exemplary. I am currently working on a comprehensive report for the December board of education meeting that will give a more detailed overview of our district achievement and growth in different areas.

Strategic Plan Update

Since our last meeting the school administrators have met with the strategic plan committee leaders to plan the upcoming strategic plan building meetings on November 11th and November 18th. In addition, each building had a staff learning meeting where committee leaders informed the rest of the staff on each of the committee's progress.

School Improvement Plans

Mrs. Smith and I continue to work with the Benjamin and Evergreen staff on aligning our school improvement plans with our strategic plan goals as well as identifying core areas of work, actions that need to be taken and people responsible.

Social Studies Training

On October 21st, kindergarten through 4th grade teachers received social studies training and professional development through an elementary training specialist from TCI, our social studies resource company. The training focused on a deeper dive of the online platform while highlighting activities and lessons that will increase student engagement and learning.

Learning Walks

Dr. McGill, Mrs. Smith and I have completed learning walks in 2nd grade, 7th grade physical education and health, 5th grade, 1st grade and Evergreen Specials teachers.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

None at this time.