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Benjamin SCHOOL DISTRICT 25

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Patrick McGill, Superintendent
DATE: November 9, 2026
RE: Superintendent Report

BACKGROUND

The superintendent will provide the Board of Education with a brief report at each regular Board of Education meeting.

SUMMARY

New ISBE Report Cards Released!
The Illinois State Board of Education released the 2025-26 report cards (linked here) and we are happy to report that both Benjamin and Evergreen received the highest ratings possible, **Exemplary!** We are also excited to share that our student achievement for both literacy and math also increased. Congratulations to the Evergreen and Benjamin faculty, staff, and students! More on this and additional information will be shared at the December 14th BOE meeting through our Student Achievement board presentation.

School Board Member Appreciation Day - November 15th!
School Board Member Appreciation Day is our opportunity to thank the school board members of Benjamin SD25 for their dedication to the district and providing residents a local voice for our community's education decisions. School board members serve as volunteer advocates striving for quality education opportunities for every one of our students. These individuals take on this responsibility not for a paycheck, but for their commitment to our community and its children. On behalf of our entire community, I would like to thank you for your time, talent, and dedication.

Outdoor Ed Trip
On October 21-23, 50 Benjamin students and 11 Benjamin staff members traveled to Camp Timber-lee in East Troy, Wisconsin, for Outdoor Education. This was the second year at Timber-lee, and we've already booked next year's trip for October 20-22, 2027. It was a great trip with beautiful weather. Students attended class sessions on astronomy, animals and raptor study, wilderness survival, an energy workshop, and orienteering. They also enjoyed a trail ride on horseback, archery, a nature hike, and ziplining! The students and staff are grateful for this opportunity!

SASED Meeting
SASED was attempting to purchase a new facility in Oak Brook, but that facility is no longer an option. They are in the process of looking at new places and revisiting some of the original sites with the facilities and finance committee.

Upcoming GPS Parent Series Events (gpsparentseries.org)

- Dr. Ellen Hendriksen; How to Be Enough: Social Anxiety, Perfectionism, and How to Quiet Your Inner Critic; Tuesday, November 10 @ Noon and 7 PM CST.
- Ron Lieber and Jeff Selingo; Selecting and Paying for College: The Nuts, Bolts, and Secrets; Tuesday, November 17, 2026 @ Noon and 7 PM CST.
- Dr. Sheryl Gonzalez Ziegler; Crucial Years: The Essential Guide to Mental Health and Modern Puberty in Children 6-12; Wednesday, November 18 @ Noon and 7 PM CST.
- Dr. Anthony Puliafico; Understanding School Avoidance: Beyond "Just go to School"; Monday, November 23, 2026 @ Noon and 7 PM CST.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request(s)
None

RECOMMENDATION(S)
None at this time.