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DISTRICT 33
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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Jenny Brunke, Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning
DATE: November 19, 2026
RE: American Education Week

This memo is:

[x] Information only
[ ] Information with a recommendation and a request for Board approval by vote.

Date by which a Board decision is needed:

Previous memos on this topic can be found:
[ ] in previous Board packet(s) dated.
[ ] or attached to this memo

Basic Information:

Below are highlights from activities being held to honor American Education Week in each building. American Education Week takes place from November 16, 2026, through November 20, 2026.

Background/Historical Context:

American Education Week was first established by the National Education Association (NEA) in 1921. It has since been celebrated annually during the third week of November to honor the importance of education. This week serves as a reminder that education is a shared responsibility that involves teachers, parents, students, and the community working together to provide the best learning opportunities.

Previous decisions, actions, or parameters that relate to this topic or issue:

Each day of American Education Week has its own theme, during which we celebrate our public school community.

In District 33, we are celebrating American Education Week in a variety of ways. See below for highlights from each building.

Pioneer Preschool:
During the week of November 16, students and staff are celebrating American Education Week! Staff and parents have been provided a Choice board that includes a variety of activities for students!

Currier Elementary School: Teachers choose activities from a choice board to complete each day in celebration.

Gary Elementary School: Teachers choose activities from a choice board to complete each day in celebration.

Indian Knoll Elementary School: We are thrilled to celebrate American Education Week, November 16th-20th! Teachers choose activities from a choice board to complete each day in celebration.

Turner Elementary School: During the week of November 16, students and staff are celebrating American Education Week! Staff have been provided a choice board that includes a variety of activities that classrooms are engaging in!

Wegner Elementary School: Teachers choose activities from a choice board to complete each day in celebration.

LMS: Students at the Middle School are writing thank-you notes to past and present teachers to show appreciation and gratitude to those who have helped shape their lives. Teachers are sharing their educational stories with the students through our announcements. We talk about the decisions we made and the schools we attended to get to where we are today. We field and answer questions the kids may have about our journey. We also wear clothing from our alma mater to promote post-high school education.

Recommendations:

N/A