Teaching and Learning - Board Report

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Positive Talking Points:

- I am not sure what has happened over the past 3 months, but there is clearly interest in updating the curriculum to better meet our students' needs. It is past an interest, but a true excitement! Lots of great changes are happening, hopefully in a progression we can handle.
- The TES content teams have started looking at 2 areas. In ELA, we are looking at CKLA version 3. This is the same updated program we purchased 2 years ago, under a 3-year contract. If we were to purchase the cost at worst, it would be the same as we would have to spend anyway. They are also looking at new math resources. However, the team has already decided to postpone any decision until the 2027-2028 school year.
- We are now in the middle of the district's 2nd screening window. We will have results in January.
- Coaching at all grade levels is going great. Teachers appreciate the feedback along with another voice to refine what we do for students in the classroom.

Pillar #1: Teaching, Learning, and Relevance

- Course updates for the 2026-2027 school year will formally be presented in January.
 - TMS World Language at 7th grade
 - THS Updates to the following courses:
 - Introduction to Business (9-12)
 - Updates to the curriculum
 - Personal Finance (11-12)
 - want to restrict enrollment to 11th or 12th-grade students due to the applicability of the content.
 - Earth and Space Science (10-12)
 - Updates to the content, along with a name change (was Earth and Environmental Science)
 - AP Physics 1 (12)
 - Physics has been offered for many years. The content change to move to AP Physics 1 already occurred.
 Students can currently take the AP Physics test. This is a name change to match the content.

- Accounting 2 (11-12)
 - This allows students to expand on their current Accounting 1 class and receive dual credit.
- RVA Offerings:
 - Coding (9-12)
 - This course would allow students interested in the computer science field to begin to explore a new option. It also expands on current coding in the Middle School STEM classes.
 - Hospitality and Management (10-12)
 - An elective option for students interested in an area of business we currently do not go in depth with, but that is in need in our area.
 - Marketing Foundations 2a (10-12)
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 - World Languages (9-12)
 - THS will be offering additional languages through RVA. These include Chinese, French, German, and American Sign Language (ASL). We will offer the 1st-year option for 2026-2027, and then the subsequent years as needed for 2027-2028 and beyond.

I continue to have meetings with each content team in the HS. These meetings are informational, but often have teachers extending the conversation to what we could do. They are exciting! Especially when considering where we could be in just a short time.