



To: Board of Education
From: Katie Spisich
Re: Board Report
Date: April 6th, 2026

Goal 1: Engagement

Throughout March, we welcomed several guest into the building to read with students in celebration of National Reading Month. These visits created meaningful connections and excitement around reading.

We also held a schoolwide assembly featuring a live juggling performance. The presenter shared how his passion for juggling began with a book, reinforcing perseverance and growth through failure. This was a powerful real world example of our learning in action.

To wrap up the month, we hosted a whole school Read In. Students and staff spent 40 minutes engaged in silent reading, creating a calm and joyful atmosphere throughout the building.

We were also fortunate to participate in the *Author in Chelsea* program, welcoming author Sy Montgomery. We are grateful for our continued partnership with the Chelsea District Library in bringing this experience to our students.

Goal 2: Portrait of a Graduate (P.O.G.)

Our fifth grade students visited the State Capitol in Lansing, connecting classroom learning to real-world government and civic engagement.

Fifth grade students also performed for our fourth graders, providing a preview of music opportunities and helping build excitement and confidence as students look ahead to next year.

Our first week back in April students will continue building skills in being civic minded through daily connections and schoolwide activities tied to Autism Awareness, reinforcing empathy, inclusion, and respect for others.

Goal 3: Health and Safety

We continue to prioritize student well being through targeted, direct support for several students. This year, identified students are receiving small group and individualized support from our social worker, school psychologist, and youth mental health coordinator. These supports are designed around specific needs, including navigating changing family dynamics, building executive functioning skills, strengthening relationships, and developing coping strategies for students with OHI and other needs. We are grateful for the expertise and care this team provides to support our students each day.

Respectfully,
Katie Spisich, South Meadows Elementary Principal
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