

TO: Board of Education
FROM: Dr. McGill, Superintendent
DATE: October 20, 2025
RE: Superintendent Report

BACKGROUND

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

SUMMARY

Strategic Planning Update

We have selected our strategic planning committee members made up of parents, faculty, and various leaders. We are still in the process of selecting students to participate in the committee. Our orientation with the strategic planning team will be on December 4th and our first all day meeting will be on December 9th. The administrative team has done a lot of work in preparing the materials needed for the December 9th Data Retreat meeting. As a reminder, all materials will be posted on our strategic planning website for review and feedback.

Annual Fun Run!

A big THANK YOU to the PTA and our great teachers for planning our annual fun run. It was a great event and the students really enjoyed all the activities. All students were also provided with shirts this year, which was really special to create a unified feel for the whole event. Overall, this was a huge success with the PTA raising over \$12,000!

West Chicago D33 Strategic Planning Audit

Dr. Fitzgerald and I participated in the West Chicago Strategic Management Audit. They went through a strategic planning process 5 years ago and invited other education leaders in the area to audit their progress and give them feedback. This process involved interviewing principals, district office, teachers, support staff, parents, and coaches. It was a great experience, as it is rare to have the opportunity to be able to “look under the hood” in an in depth way of another district. It was very worthwhile and enlightening to see how other districts are addressing increasing student achievement.

Upcoming GPS Parent Series Events

- Dr. Mary Sheedy Kurcinka; Early Childhood - Raising A Spirited, Intense, Sensitive, Persistent, and Energetic Child, Tue Oct, 21 2025 @ Noon and 7pm CST
- Dr. Lisa Damour with Jennifer Wallace - Untangling Teen Challenges: Social Media, Relationships, and the Epidemic of Stress, Thu Oct, 30 2025 @ Noon and 7pm CST
- Dr. William Stixrud and Ned Johnson - The Seven Crucial Principles to Raise a Self-Driven Child, Wed Nov, 5 2025 @ Noon and 7pm CST

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request(s)

1. Steve Watts, Educational Consultant, requested employee records including each employee's full legal name, job title, work email, assigned worksite, and current annual salary. We have responded to this request.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

None at this time.