



## Prairieview Elementary School December 2025 Board Report

### **Goal One – Learning**

This month, our BLT began to study our IAR results by conducting a standards analysis. This analysis will allow us to ensure our instruction is aligned with what the state is expecting our students to learn. Thankfully, our shift to competencies has done significant work to align our instruction with the state priority standards. Our teacher teams will continue to study these results, as well as our upcoming Winter Benchmarking in December and January, as we target instruction for specific student learning needs to close the achievement gap.

4th-grade teachers took their students to "learn in the field" as guest scientists at Fermilab! This program focuses on forces & energy, and utilizes hands-on learning to engage our students in science. Thank you to our parent volunteers, but also to the 4th-grade teachers, as this trip required training on their part. Their dedication to student engagement and hands-on learning is vital to growing our students!



Defined Learning is another opportunity for our students to dive into problem-based learning and practice our learner characteristics of innovation, collaboration, and risk-taking. Our 3rd-grade team collaborated with Mrs. Gemmell and Mrs. DeFors to engage students in a unit focused on innovation, collaboration, and risk-taking. Students researched various natural disasters and explored strategies for keeping people safe during these events. Working collaboratively in design teams, they brainstormed, designed, labeled, and planned a prototype for a safety shelter tailored to the specific natural disaster they selected. Using recycled materials, students then constructed their prototypes and created advertisements to showcase and present their inventions. This project was specifically chosen to deepen students' understanding of the 3rd-grade Inspire Science curriculum on weather. It served as a real-world problem that required students to act as scientists and engineers, applying their new scientific knowledge to design and create the project.

### **Goal Two – Whole Student Development**

Prairieview hosts two SASED classrooms, and the collaboration between their students and ours has been wonderful to observe. SASED teachers Mrs. Griffin and Mrs. Lapoto have partnered with teachers such as Mrs. Mandru to institute a buddy program, allowing our students to build friendships with SASED students. Additionally, many of our 5th-grade students have taken to sitting with SASED students at lunch and taking the initiative to include them in play at recess.

### **Goal Three – Environment**

As shared at the November Board meeting, our Sunshine committee organized a food drive that resulted in a great turnout. Thank you to Team 66 for providing the boxes and bringing the items to the People's Resource Center. Additionally, Team 66 helped organize a special assembly to celebrate our tremendous fundraising efforts during the Fun Run! You can see Matt Wilhelm's appearance on the [NBC 5 news here](#). Our Veterans' Day assembly was another moment of pride. We had a huge turnout with 23 veterans, 4 student speakers, Cub Scout Pack 48 presenting the colors, and several performances by our choir.

