

School Board Report – August 2025

WHA Elementary

1. On August 5th, we welcomed two new teachers to WHA during our New Teacher Orientation. The day focused on helping them acclimate to our district systems and processes, while providing important information to support a smooth start to the school year.
Later in the morning, their mentors joined the orientation to give building tours, share lunch, and walk through a beginning-of-year checklist designed to support onboarding and answer questions. It was a great opportunity to build relationships and ensure our new staff feel supported as they begin their journey at WHA.
2. Our new teachers joined us for Day 1 of the Sourcewell Educator Summit at Breezy Point on August 6th and were also invited to attend Day 2 on August 7th. In addition to our new staff, we opened registration to all teaching staff, and ultimately brought a group of 13 educators to the conference.

This annual event is consistently described by attendees as highly professional and inspiring. Sourcewell continues to provide an outstanding professional development experience featuring high-quality presenters and relevant, research-based topics—all conveniently located close to home.

This year's sessions included a wide range of timely and impactful topics:

- Universal Design for Learning and Grading Practices
- School Culture, PLCs, and MTSS
- Effective Teaching, Assessing, and Reporting Strategies (including Writing)
- Cultural Competency
- Teacher Resiliency and GRIT
- Supporting Diverse Learners
- Special Education and 504 Plans
- Artificial Intelligence Tools in Education

We are grateful for the opportunity to participate in such a valuable regional event and appreciate Sourcewell's commitment to educator growth and development.