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To: Benjamin 25 Board of Education
Dr. Patrick McGill, Superintendent
From: Dr. Fitzgerald
Date: April 13th, 2026
Topic: Teaching and Learning Report

BACKGROUND

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

SUMMARY

Assessment

Benjamin SD 25 has successfully completed the Illinois Assessment of Readiness in third through eighth grade. Fifth and eighth graders will take the Illinois Science Assessment on April 14th-16th.

Science and Social Studies Professional Development

I am scheduling a 3 hour professional development for our TCI social studies curriculum. This orientation will help familiarize teachers with all of the features TCI has to offer and will provide time to address questions or concerns staff has. I am also scheduling part three of our Savvas science professional development which will involve a Savvas representative coming out to be in classrooms and following up with groups of teachers after. Both of these training sessions will be scheduled for next school year.

West Chicago High School Articulation

I participated in a principal articulation with West Chicago High School on March 6th. The focus was on changes to the incoming 9th grade course selection process. The goals are to increase family involvement in the process, increase student information and access to course selection and to increase efficiency. The biggest two changes will be getting students and parents their course selections at the eighth grade open house and having the counselors come to the middle schools to do course selection with the students instead of on the weekend at the high school.

Learning Walks

Dr. McGill, Mrs. Smith and myself have continued the second round of our Learning Walks, visiting 1st Grade , 6th Grade and Kindergarten classes.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

None at this time.