



MEMO

TO: Superintendent Gina Butters, Board President Paul Widdison, WSD Board Members

FROM: Sheri Heiter

DATE: January 20, 2023

SUBJECT: Orion Junior High School MLL Support - School Highlight Board Presentation

Matt Patterson, principal of Orion Junior High School, has been acutely aware of the unique needs of our Multi-Language Learners (MLLs). At Orion, it is essential to the leadership team, educators and support team that every student has a name, a face, a voice and a purpose. Every teacher knows which students are MLL and is also knowledgeable about each student's MLL testing data.

Through a whole-child approach embedded in a strong multi-tiered system of support, the entire Orion school community provides an environment in which MLL students are supported, noticed and understood. Teachers are taught to incorporate the "Can-Do Descriptors" from the MLL assessments and are well-versed in high-impact instructional practices that elicit mastery of essential standards.

Mr. Patterson will share Orion's MLL support system and will detail the impacts on MLL students.