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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Patrick McGill, Superintendent
DATE: March 9, 2026
RE: Superintendent Report

BACKGROUND

I provide the Board of Education with a brief report at each regular Board of Education meeting.

SUMMARY

Strategic Planning Update: Setting Direction Retreat

The Strategic Planning Team met for the Setting Direction Retreat on Thursday, February 19th. Groups took time to solidify our Preferred Future Statement (mission/vision/core values/profile of a graduate). Then, they drafted goals, corresponding strategies, and ranked some corresponding Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). [All the documents, activities, and slide decks are on our website.](#) A survey has gone out to faculty and staff, as well as the broader Benjamin community for feedback on the Strategic Plan Draft.

Evergreen Surprise Assembly

It was great to be able to attend the Evergreen surprise assembly! Students were amazed to see a variety of animals, including a tarantula, African fox, hedgehog, snakes, and a 20lb sloth. Mrs. Smith and her team did a great job making this a memorable event for our students. Every class even got to take a photo with the sloth.

Evergreen Family Reading Night

Evergreen had a great family reading night that included art, a book fair, photo booth, games, and more! Thank you to the Evergreen faculty for making this such a wonderful experience for our students and families.

Upcoming Benjamin Theater Performance

The Benjamin Theater Club is getting ready to launch their performance of Matilda, starting on March 13th. Tickets are on sale now, so get them while you can! The McGill family will be attending on opening night - hope to see you there!

SASED Board of Directors Meeting

I attended the SASED Board of Directors meeting this month. They are still assessing options for their facility needs, but there have not been any plans presented to the board. There was also some discussion amongst board members about an administrative restructuring, which is needed.

Upcoming GPS Parent Series Events

- Ethan Sawyer; College Admission Essentials from "The College Essay Guy", Tue Mar, 24 2026 @ Noon and 7pm CST
- Bryana Kappadakunnel; Parent Yourself First: Become The Parent You Want to Be, Wed Apr, 8 2026 @ Noon and 7pm CST
- Janine Halloran; EARLY CHILDHOOD - Coping Skills to Address Anger and Challenging Feelings, Thu Apr, 9 2026 @ Noon and 7pm CST

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request(s)

1. A FOIA request from Oshea Smith, representative from Sunlight Access requesting copies of the most recent contracts, agreements, amendments and renewals from January 1, 2021 through January 29, 2026 in connection with the following vendors. The request was processed within the appropriate time frame.

- Mastery Prep
- Albert.io
- IXL
- Edgenuity
- Khan Academy
- Jumpstart
- Texas College Bridge
- Kaplan
- Princeton Review
- Uworld
- Cambridge Educational Services
- Schmoop
- Texas College Bridge
- Progress learning
- HMH (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

2. "Smartprocure is requesting electronic copies of contract records related to Benjamin School District 25 use of certain technology, safety, and data management vendors. Specifically, I'm requesting records from January 1, 2023, to the present (current/active) related to any of the contractual agreements to following companies: In particular from the following vendors :

1) Alice Training Institute 2) Navigate360 3) Snapwiz 4) Limnex / Liminex / Liminix 5) Omni Alert / Omniaalert 6) Raptor Technologies 7) Pear Deck Learning 8) Linewize 9) Lightspeed Systems 10) Securly 11) Bark Technologies 12) iBoss 13) GoGuardian 14) Gaggle 15) PowerSchool For each of the vendors listed above, please provide the following records:

1. Contracts, or service agreements. 2. The names of the contracting parties. 3. The nature and purpose of the contract. 4. The start and end dates of the contract. 5. The total value or cost of the contract. 6. Any amendments, extensions, or renewals related to the contract. If possible, please send the records electronically (PDF or ZIP format) to minimize cost and processing time. If any materials are exempt from release, please provide the portions that can be disclosed and cite the specific exemption used for any redactions or withholdings." This request was processed within the required timeframe.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

None at this time.