



Prairieview Elementary School January 2026 Board Report

Goal One – Learning

Winter benchmarking season is upon us! This month, our students will take assessments to monitor their progress, such as the winter MAP test, ELA & Math common assessments, and update our IXL & Amira scores. Aimsweb+ testing was completed before winter break. I meet with teachers and grade level teams to evaluate this data and ensure our staff is meeting the needs of all of our students, specifically during WIN time. Our teams are re-evaluating their practices and determining how to better differentiate for all students. This includes looking at neighboring schools to learn how we can improve. In addition to the new winter benchmarking, our coaches joined me for a Zoom with an ISBE data specialist to further analyze our IAR scores and identify areas for improvement. Our building leaders will continue to analyze this data to adjust instruction to ensure our students are on track.

Goal Two – Whole Student Development

This month, our new Student Leadership Team begins its work! We had over 50 applications, and now have almost 20 new student leaders ready to share their ideas to improve Prairieview. We're lucky to have so many great students who took the time to take ownership of their school and brainstorm new ideas. Also, this month, we'll have some student-run clubs get up and running. These clubs are started by students who have a passion for physics, logic puzzles, research, and more! Thank you to our teachers for working with students to foster a sense of community and ownership over school clubs and activities.

Goal Three – Environment

On Tuesday, December 16th, our school came together to celebrate a great first half of the year! The focal point of this assembly were performances by our band and choir, showcasing for all of our students that **CHAMPS can do hard things!** Congratulations to our ensembles and their incredible teachers, Mr. Tedeschi, Mr. Ohlsen, and Ms. Lindsey. Ms. Lindsey will transition to Elizabeth Ide for the second half of the year, which means we welcome Ms. Smeltzer back! They worked hard with our custodial team to switch classrooms over winter break and set items back up to be ready for students on January 6th. We also continued our school-wide field trip to the Tivoli! Thank you to Team 66 for their generous support, as well as our drivers and Mr. Tiede, who make this trip possible. Speaking of Director Tiede - thank you to him and our custodial staff for all the hard work they put into keeping our grounds clear and safe with the torrent of winter weather we faced in December. They quickly pivoted into winter mode, and as a result, our students could maximize their time outdoors and make some incredible memories this month!

