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## Superintendent Report Pioneer Elementary School April 18, 2024

The Superintendent News is to update the board and community on some of the many programs and activities occurring in the schools and the departments determined to help us accomplish the goals of the District Strategic Plan.

## **Goal #1: Student Growth and Achievement**

This year we prepared our students for IAR in a variety of ways. All 3rd-5th grade Teachers utilized the IAR Practice Calendar that was sent out through Teaching & Learning. Our Tech Coach also created an IAR Boot camp for all the students. The boot camp consisted of a slideshow that was presented to the students. This consisted of the types of questions they would see on IAR and the formatting of the questions. It also explored all the tools they could have seen on IAR. And finally, it contained test-taking strategies for IAR and goal setting. They were also given a student workbook to write down test-taking tips, their top three navigation tools, and their IAR goals. We are confident that all of these strategies that we used during testing will have helped our students improve their learning and scores.

## **Goal #4: Family Engagement and Community Partnerships**

On April 25th, we will host our Family Reading Night. Our theme is We Can Be Heroes! We will be hosting dinner and literacy activities for all our families. We will also be handing out books for all of our students to take home and keep. Every teacher will have a reading activity going on in his or her room. Some of the activities will be phonics, fluency, and writing, along with music, art, SEL, and library activities that have a reading theme. We will also have CAPE, our afterschool program hosting an activity, and the West Chicago Library will have a table set up with information on how to get a library card and summer programs. We will also have some raffles for the students and families to participate in. Last year we had a significant number of families show up. We are hoping to continue this success with our families this year. We would love to invite all of you to stop by that night.