



Director of Student Services August Board Report

Goal One – Student Learning and **Goal Two – Whole Student Development**

Transition from 5Essentials to Panorama Education Surveys = As part of our effort to streamline and align survey tools across the district, we are exploring the use of Panorama Education’s student, staff, and family surveys in place of the State’s 5Essentials survey. Since all other district-administered surveys are now facilitated through Panorama, this shift would support a more cohesive approach to data collection, analysis, and reporting across all stakeholder groups. Panorama’s surveys are aligned with ISBE’s required categories and are approved as an alternative to the 5Essentials survey. Specifically:

- **Student Surveys:** Our current Grades 3–8 Climate & Culture survey meets the “Supportive Environment” requirement. Adding Panorama’s “Rigorous Expectations” topic would fulfill the “Ambitious Instruction” domain.
- **Staff Surveys:** Our existing staff survey content already meets two of the required 5Essentials categories.
- **Family Surveys:** The Family-School Relationships survey administered in Fall 2024 meets the “Supportive Environment” category. To fully align, we would include one additional topic, which is “Involved Families.”

Panorama will support the technical setup, alignment to ISBE standards, and submission of data on the district’s behalf. Moving forward, this transition would not only ensure compliance, but also promote consistency and efficiency in how we gather and act on feedback from students, staff, and families. If approved by the State, our next steps will involve revising our existing surveys to fully meet ISBE requirements. A meeting with our consultant from Panorama Education is scheduled for August 7 to further discuss these potential next steps. For reference, the following links provide more detailed information regarding Panorama’s alignment with ISBE requirements and sample survey topics:

- [Guidelines & Requirements Overview – Illinois Meetup](#)
- [ISBE 5Essentials Crosswalk & Panorama Topic Alignment](#)
- [Panorama Student Survey Guide](#)
- [Panorama Teacher and Staff Survey Guide](#)
- [Family-School Relationships Survey Guide](#)

Goal Three – Readiness

Student Services = Key planning meetings for the 2025–26 school year—including IEP, Pupil Personnel Support (PPS), Multilingual, Preschool for All, and CoLab (Directors and Building Administration)—have been scheduled. Caseloads for students receiving specialized services through IEPs have been established and balanced among Special Education staff. Interventionist caseloads for Tier 2 and Tier 3 academic support will be finalized after Fall Benchmark data is collected and reviewed.

Transportation = Specialized transportation routes for outplaced students are being finalized. We currently have seven students attending five different facilities. Two external providers will transport three students to separate facilities, while District 66 will transport three students to one site and one student to another. While we aim to reduce reliance on outside providers, current capacity limits our ability to expand in-district transportation.

Emergency & Safety = On August 14, District 66 will host its annual Emergency Crisis Response Planning Meeting with first responders from the Darien Police Department, DuPage County Sheriff’s Office, Darien-Woodridge Fire Department, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (OHSEM), and the DuPage ROE. The meeting will focus on reviewing and updating our Emergency Operations & Safety Plan, including evacuation maps, drills, and recent safety improvements, with input from all responding agencies.