

From: Megan Dotts
To: Board of Education
Re: Elementary September Board Report
Date: 9/23/2025

Staffing:

-We are continuing to look for paraprofessionals to support students at Vandyke. A new Facebook posting will be going out soon to recruit.

Literacy Update:

-Our time with DLL, Sally, is greatly appreciated. I've been able to continue working with her on refining our literacy block. She has also been in a majority of our K, 1st, and 2nd grade classrooms to observe their literacy blocks. On September 29th, she will be involved in grade level meetings to discuss next steps in making our literacy instruction the best it can be.

-We are going to move forward with the purchase of UFLI for Tier 2 instruction. Our SPED teachers and interventionists will be trained on the use of this curriculum. UFLI is a "highly aligned" foundational curriculum (MDE Read Act). We are hopeful this resource will help to bridge the gap for some of our struggling students.

September 29th:

-At Vandyke, we will be continuing work on refining our growth plans and working as grade level teams to analyze data from the fall screeners, alignment across grade level, and prepping for Indigenous Peoples' Day instruction.

-Paraprofessionals will be completing their first round of Read Act training on the 29th, as well as meeting with county child protection to go over mandated reporting.

All in all, it was a great start of the school year over at Vandyke. I have a very talented staff—they are doing phenomenal work with our students. It has been wonderful getting into classrooms, seeing the hard work teachers are putting in, and getting to know our students. We look forward to a fun month of October!