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### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to outline the planned activities for Staff Appreciation Week, which runs from Monday, May 4, to Friday, May 8, 2026. This initiative aims to recognize the vital contributions of every member of the district team.

### **Background and Information:**

While this week is traditionally labeled Teacher Appreciation Week, the district is intentionally broadening the focus to celebrate all staff members who make SES 44 a special place. The planned activities emphasize both tangible gratitude and flexible time for professional use.

- The district will provide lunch to every school on a designated day during the appreciation week.
- Staff members will receive a flexible work session during an upcoming Wednesday School Improvement (SIP) day to use at their own discretion.
- The district is launching the #SES44Proud campaign to invite families and the community to share their appreciation for district staff.

### **Strategic Alignment**

This initiative supports the district's ongoing efforts to build a positive culture through visible leadership and personal presence. By engaging the community through the #SES44Proud campaign, the district continues to emphasize transparency and community engagement.

### **Administrative Recommendation**

This report is provided for informational purposes to highlight the district's commitment to staff recognition and culture building. No formal board action is required at this time.