

Curriculum & Instruction Department

To: Barry Edwards & the BISD Board of Trustees
From: Jennifer Eberly, Chief Academic Officer
Date: April 2025
Re: Board Report

Accountability & Compliance: Rachel Roepke

TELPAS Update

The State of Texas requires at least 95% completion for accountability purposes. Bastrop ISD has a completion rate of 99.7%. This would not have been possible without the dedicated and hard working Campus Testing Coordinators. The district will receive results in late May and results will be shared with families in early June.

Gearing up for STAAR

Building on the success of our TELPAS testing session, the Campus Testing Coordinators are fully involved in preparing for our Spring STAAR testing windows. We are checking over our STAAR testing protocols to ensure the same success that we had for TELPAS.

College, Career, and Military Readiness: Raina Ellis

CTE & PTECH

Youth Career Day & CRCA/Genesis Spring Career Fair - We had two very successful events that allowed our students to interact with business partners and seek potential employment.

Bastrop County Livestock Show - Our students exhibited their projects and animals at our local show on February 28th - March 1st. New sale records were set for both Grand and Reserve Champion livestock. Students use the money from these projects to fund their post-secondary education endeavors. We are so proud of the amount of time and hard work our students and Agriculture teachers pour into these projects.

Advisory Board Meetings

- PTECH - On Tuesday, April 1st, we met with our PTECH Business Partners to plan for the 25-26 school year. Dovetail, Texas Critical Systems (TCS), and Acutronic will host our Advanced Manufacturing student interns next year. Ascension Seton continues to be a great partner for our Health Science Academy students. They will continue to work collaboratively with us and ACC to create experiences for our Pharmacy Tech and Health Science students.
- CTE Auto Advisory Board - We held our Auto Advisory Board meeting on Monday, March 24th at our state of the art Automotive Shop at BHS. Sames Ford and Discount

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Tire were on hand to discuss the opportunities and support they provide for our ACC Automotive Career Academy at BHS.

CCMR & Counseling

- SAT School Day - We recently gave the SAT to all juniors. This initiative allows us to provide a free testing opportunity during the school day, making the test accessible for all students. We provide the same opportunity to seniors in the fall.
- Counselors have successfully met with every student and loaded all course selection for secondary students for the 25-26 school year. They will now collaborate with administrators to create master schedules for next year.
- Career Days at Elementaries - all of our elementaries host a career day, or career week throughout the year. We've had great success with community business partners and parents who volunteer to showcase their work to our students.

Digital Learning & Library Services: Chris Lairscey

STEAMFest 2025

The Digital Learning department is preparing for the K-12 [STEAMFest](#) event on Saturday, May 3rd, at Bastrop High School. This district-wide initiative will feature student project showcases, competitions, and interactive activities in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math. Volunteer support is currently being solicited from internal and external stakeholders to ensure the success of the event; interested individuals can find more information and sign-up details [HERE](#).

Verizon Innovative Learning Schools Partnership Update

We are pleased to report that Bastrop Middle School and Cedar Creek Middle School have been accepted into the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools (VILS) partnership. This partnership will provide significant resources and opportunities for students and staff at these campuses. A more comprehensive overview of the Verizon Innovative Learning Schools initiative will be provided at the upcoming school board meeting on April 15th.

Special Programs & Services: Derek Eberly

Proactive Planning for Student Success: The SPS Department is actively engaged in planning and developing resources to support the diverse needs of students, with a focus on effective transitions. Transitions include conducting data reviews and brief meetings for students who are transitioning from one campus to another (Elementary to Middle and Middle to High School). The brief meetings support students with more complex needs to ensure the receiving campus is ready to support the student.

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Evaluations: We continue our record breaking trends in the number of initial evaluations we've completed this school year. We anticipate completing at least 656 evaluations from August to June this school year versus 476 last year. The increase is attributed partially to the Dyslexia students who, by law, have to be tested for special education by the end of June.

Teaching and Learning: Jennifer Eberly

STAAR Reviews

We are in the final weeks of our all hands on deck approach to STAAR review. C&I has been working with assigned campuses to provide another layer of targeted intervention and extra support beyond what our awesome staff on the campuses are providing. This is a great opportunity for our students with positive feedback from the campuses.