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Re: Superintendent's School Board Report

Board Goal 1: Increase academic achievement across the district.

- Official MAAP Results were released in September. There will be a full report at our meeting in October. Internal calculations suggest we have done very well. We do not want to publicly release results until the embargo is lifted.
- First Benchmark at High School on September 6 in Alg I, Bio I, Eng II, and U.S. History.
- ELA, Math, and Science Benchmarks in elementary.
- ACT 30: Comprehensive plan to address ACT scores. Plan will involve a strategic implementation starting at 5th grade to increase our ACT scores overall and the number of students scoring a 30 or higher on the ACT assessment. We have meetings with principals. We have also had meetings with representative from ACT. There are some very good resources that are offered by ACT. A detailed presentation will be provided at our next meeting by Dr. Thomas.
- All of our new early elementary teachers are receiving training in phonics instruction.
- All principals have been trained by Paul Shelly in the new ELS benchmark assessment. We are all very excited about the data and reports that will be provided by this new assessment.
- Teachers and principals have been receiving training in the I-Ready toolbox.
- The new interactive boards have been getting installed. Teachers are very excited about the potential of these new interactive boards.

Board Goal 2: Provide a safe, secure and orderly environment in all schools.

- We want to thank our SRO team and our SSO team for a job well done during the time period when we received the threats on the middle school and the high school.
- We are reviewing our response to that event and making adjustments.
- All safety protocols and active shooter trainings have been directed by Mr. Cantrell.
- Blood Born Pathogen trainings are being conducted by school nurses.

Board Goal 3: Attract and retain all stakeholders.

- Connecting with and supporting new teachers.
- Innovative program design. We are connecting with community members during the district of innovation application process.

Board Goal 4: Maintain sound financial stability.

- We are starting conversations with department heads and principals about budgeting for 2020/2021 school year. We hope to refine our process for next year. Starting early will give us a better idea of needs as we plan for the budget.
- We are reviewing our committed funding accounts and planning for our projects.

Today, we have presented you with information on the interactive boards, the district of innovation process, the dual credit process, targeted support and improvements (TSI), summaries of legal and instructional consultant costs, an overview from two of our principals who attended NASSP, a dyslexia update, and an update on the district of innovation application process. There are obviously many more exciting things going on in the district as we start the new school year. We are open to any final questions board members may have regarding the start of school.

Thank you.

Dr. Picou