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Superintendent's Report April 17, 2025

Title Grants: We received some additional allocations in the three Title grants, so I worked with them to find a way to purchase some additional supplies for the grade school and middle school special education teachers. I also had enough to cover the cost of the health and Spanish curriculum.

Feedback from Grade School Math Curriculum: A grade school teacher told me that she has been very impressed with how well students are adapted to the new math curriculum. She said for the first time in years that her students are really understanding fractions in preparation for the IAR testing.

Bus Titles: Somehow in the midst of the high school office renovation, the titles for all of the district vehicles have been misplaced. This is a problem when it comes to returning our buses when they get the new one. I have had to make a few trips to Springfield to get new titles for the three buses and paid the fee to replace the titles. As we have need, we will slowly get the titles for the other vehicles. I don't want to spend money on replacement titles if they might happen to show back up.

Tax Levy: I finally received all three tax computation reports regarding the tax levy, and we were able to capture all of the money we requested AND lowered taxes. We based the levy on a total of \$202,882,564 total EAV, and it came in at \$204,640,995. This is an increase of \$40,531,513 from last year. Tazewell County was the only county to come in with a lower EAV than they estimated, so the tax rate in Tazewell County is 4.64055, while it is 4.572546 in Logan County and 4.559848 in Mason County. This is down from the 4.66 we predicted.

District Literacy Plan: We are required to have a District Literacy Plan in place, so I wrote a grant through ISBE to help fund sub coverage and after-hour planning meetings for those involved. We received the \$2000 grant, and we will start planning the first week of May. The team members will have a training they need to complete prior to our first meeting.

New Board Member Trainings: I meet with each of the new board members and provided a brief overview of the procedures and policies in place. I shared with them how to access BoardBook and signed them up for the required trainings through IASB.



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Staff Individual Meetings: I continue to meet with staff who have signed up for a 30-minute block to share thoughts and concerns. It has been a great way to get to know how to improve the district moving forward.

Budget Prep Work: I have meet with the administrators and directors about their individual budgets. It has been a great way to discuss the needs and direction for each department. I hope this helps me create a clean budget for FY26. This is a new practice I want to start to make sure that budget expectations are clear for everyone.

Parent Communications Meeting: On March 26th, Apptegy, our communication tool and website creator, came to the district to conduct meetings with staff and parents about how we can improve our communication and their tools. It ended up being a great way for parents to share concerns and insight. I have already worked to resolve some of their concerns, and we will be making some changes and creating new procedures for clear, consistent communication next year.