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TO: Board of Education

FROM: John R. Langton, Interim Superintendent

DATE: June 9, 2025

RE: Superintendents' Report

BACKGROUND

I provide the Board of Education with a brief report at each regular Board of Education meeting, highlighting District activities and information.

SUMMARY.

Benjamin Student Success!

We have much to be proud of in our Benjamin community. Our students thrive in our small school district as we focus on supporting all aspects of their development. It is also great to see them succeed as they move on to West Chicago Community High School. Thanks to one of our Speech Pathologists, Megan Dusing for sharing, as she attended the WeGo Senior Awards Night in May, as the parent of Lauren.

It is truly awesome to share the success of many of our Benjamin graduates who graduated highschool this year. There were approximately 550 students graduating from WeGo this year. Four years ago we sent 75 Benjamin students, which is roughly 14% of the total Senior class. The success of our students is impressive!

- ♦ 8 of the 36 (22%) seniors graduating with Distinction are from Benjamin SD25.
- ❖ 21 of the 53 (40%) seniors graduating with Highest Distinction are from Benjamin SD25.
- ♦ 14 of the 32 (44%) Illinois State Scholars are from Benjamin SD25.
- ♦ 17 of the 45 (38%) seniors receiving Individual Departmental Awards are from Benjamin SD25.
- ❖ 12 of the 20 (60%) Individual Outside Scholarships/Awards went to Benjamin SD25 graduates.

Thank you!

I am thankful for my short time serving as your Superintendent. While transitions can be challenging for any organization, we succeeded together because of the high functioning and overall capacity of the existing teams in our school district. We are fortunate to have two passionate school Principals who are committed to their schools' success and collaborations that benefit their students and families. Our teachers, instructional assistants, and the numerous other adults serving our students believe that all Benjamin students can succeed. They are all in! The Administration Center team, led by Dr. Filas and Dr. Salamone, is also focused on supporting all aspects of our students' learning. Thank you to the Board of Education for trusting my interim leadership and for working hard to expedite the search process for your next school district leader. Your commitment to this process will pay dividends for our community. I am confident that the future is very bright for Benjamin School District 25 under Dr. Patrick McGill's leadership!

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request(s)

We received two FOIA requests since our last regular Board of Education meeting. Solly Garcia responded within the required timeframe for each. The requests included:

- 1. FOIA Civic IQ Inc request on May 9, 2025
- 2. FOIA CJ Mills request on May 30, 2025

RECOMMENDATION(S)

None at this time.