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TO: Board of Education  
FROM: Dr. McGill, Superintendent  
DATE: September 15, 2025  
RE: Celebration of Access Graduates, New Teachers and Earned Tenure

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## **BACKGROUND**

It is a proud tradition at Benjamin to recognize the accomplishments of both students and staff. For our students, graduating from ACCESS testing marks a milestone that reflects their perseverance and readiness for the next stage of their academic journey. For our staff, the attainment of tenure represents their ongoing commitment to our students and community. And as part of this tradition, we also take the opportunity to welcome our new staff, who bring their talents to Benjamin.

## **SUMMARY:**

ACCESS Graduates - These students have demonstrated proficiency in the English language as assessed by the Illinois ACCESS assessment. These students and their families should be very proud of this academic achievement.

Mateo Ceja  
Emma Cygan  
Irene Gutierrez  
Georgia Jaramillo  
Jordan Le  
Marieli Mendoza  
Dhrushil Patel  
Melania Pushkar  
Mariam Ramzen  
Awwad Riaz  
Benjamin Sang  
Run Sang  
Nooray Syeda  
Skyler Toma

Tenured Faculty - The following educators have earned tenure by demonstrating their ability to facilitate excellent teaching and learning with Benjamin SD25 students.

Angelica Asencio, Evergreen LBS1 Teacher  
Karem Cruz Salazar, Evergreen TBE Teacher  
Elena Gjata, Evergreen Music Teacher  
Deana Greco, Evergreen Reading Specialist

Kristen Higgins, Evergreen 3rd Grade Teacher  
Jana Oliver, Evergreen Social Worker  
Megan Pacheco, Evergreen Kindergarten Teacher  
Taylor Schweizer, Evergreen 2nd Grade Teacher  
Renee Orr, Evergreen Art Teacher  
Julianne Seeman, Evergreen 4th Grade Teacher  
Suzanne Trotter, Evergreen LBS1 Teacher.

New Faculty - We're excited to welcome our new faculty to the Benjamin SD25 family.

Kailee Baldwin - Evergreen Elementary School - 4th Grade Teacher.  
Dana Baumgartner - Evergreen Elementary School - LBS1 Teacher  
Krissy Campbell - Benjamin Middle School - LBS1 Teacher  
Marisa Choate - Benjamin Middle School - Art Teacher  
Kelly Claude - Benjamin Middle School - .5 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher, 8th Grade ELA Teacher  
and .5 STEM TA  
Caroline Orr - Evergreen Elementary School - 1st Grade Teacher

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

We recommend that the board accept this award and recognition celebration.