



To: Board of Education

From: Adam Schilt

Re: August Board Report

Date: August 31st, 2025

The new year has begun, and we are excited about the opportunities and motivated by the challenges that lie ahead. For me personally, it has been a really fulfilling start. Although this position wasn't one I expected to be in at this time last year, I'm finding that the transition has not been as jarring as I expected. I also want to shout out Kaitlyn Gasparovich, who has transitioned into the AP role flawlessly. This update will mostly focus on our goals for the year and some of the beginning-of-year festivities at BMS.

Building Goals for the 2025-26 School Year

This year, we have two building goals:

One continues on with our work last year in increasing the knowledge and confidence of our educators in accommodating students with exceptional needs and closing the achievement gap between these students and their peers without such needs.

The other focuses on our Portrait of a Graduate durable skill of "reflection," and it states that every educator at Beach will demonstrate evidence of meaningful student self-reflection and self-assessment in their classes. We plan to scaffold toward student-led parent-teacher conferences in the coming years.

In addition, departments will be creating their own professional goals that align with one or both of these building goals. A detailed look at our goals can be found [here](#).

BMS Initial Data Dig

We are really proud of and excited about the progress we made last year. Below, I've included a graphic highlighting some of the amazing points of pride that we found in last year's data.

Test scores aren't everything, but they are something, and we couldn't be happier with the way our students "show what they know" on these assessments. Moreover, the systems and procedures we've put in place have been highly successful in decreasing absenteeism and significant behavior problems.



Points of Pride



In 2024-25, Chronic Absentee Rate fell from 15% to 11% (last year, this would be best in county for middle schools).



In 2024-25, suspensions decreased 32%, and students suspended at least once fell from 47 the year prior to 26.



In 2024-25, the median BMS student scored in the 75th percentile on NWEA Math and the 76th percentile in Reading.



In 2024-25, the average BMS 8th-grader scored in the 90th percentile in EBRW and the 75th percentile in Math. Both scores would be the top in the county in 2023-24.

WEB Orientation & Building a Community of Belonging

Led by our amazing advisors (Austin Elam, Hannah LaFleur, and Alex Soule, assisted by David Slusser), we had another successful 6th-grade WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) Orientation this year. Our 8th-grade WEB leaders were awesome with our 6th-graders, and clearly, this has translated into a smooth and positive start to middle school for them. We had a lot of 6th-graders brand new to the district this year, and they've fit right in without missing a beat. As one parent put it, "We are so impressed with what you all do here. This has been a great experience for our daughter so far."

Important Dates

- September 3 - First Staff Meeting
- September 8-12 - NWEA ELA Testing Window
- September 15 - 19 - NWEA Math Testing Window
- September 24 - CHS Marching Band Exhibition with Beach Band

Respectfully,

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Kaitlyn Gasparovich, Beach Middle School Assistant Principal