



## **Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District 103**

Memo

To: Board of Education  
From: Dr. Katie Reynolds  
CC: Dr. Scott Warren  
Date: May 15, 2025  
Re: Curriculum and Instruction Executive Summary

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### Amplify Adoption

The district has officially adopted CKLA Amplify as the new ELA curriculum for grades K–5, with implementation beginning in the 2025–2026 school year. For grades 6–8, the program will be piloted during that same year. K–5 pilot teachers received initial training in November, participated in ongoing coaching throughout the year, and visited neighboring districts—Libertyville District 70, Oak Grove School District 68, and Lake Forest District 67—to observe successful implementation. These districts have reported significant gains in ELA achievement since adopting CKLA Amplify. Teachers will receive their materials over the summer and participate in professional learning to ensure they are fully prepared for fall implementation. CKLA Amplify is grounded in the Science of Reading research, ensuring our instruction is aligned with evidence-based literacy practices.

### Piloting MAP Reading Fluency

This spring, we piloted the MAP Reading Fluency assessment in two classrooms across grades K–2 as part of our effort to identify a more efficient and informative alternative to the outdated Individualized Reading Inventory (IRI) assessments. MAP Reading Fluency is a computer-based assessment that measures several key components of early reading development. It assesses oral reading fluency, foundational skills (such as letter recognition, phonological awareness, and phonics), picture vocabulary, and comprehension. It is adaptive, automatically scored, and allows students to be assessed in a short amount of time using a headset with a microphone. The tool provides immediate, detailed reports that can support instructional planning and intervention decisions. Now that we have completed the pilot, the MTSS Coach and I will meet with grade-level teams to review the pilot data, assess its usefulness, and collaboratively determine whether MAP Reading Fluency is the most effective tool to replace the IRI assessment.

### District Literacy Plan Grant

The district applied for funding through the District Literacy Plan Implementation Grant, a program designed to support school districts and ROE/ISC offices in covering costs related to the development and implementation of comprehensive literacy plans. This grant helps advance efforts aligned with the Science of Reading and evidence-based literacy instruction. When awarded, our district will receive an award of \$2,250, which will be used to support professional development and planning efforts tied to the successful rollout of our new literacy initiatives.

### Marigold Mentor Celebration

The annual Marigold Mentor Celebration took place on May 2 at Half Day Brewery. This event celebrates first-year teachers and honors their mentors. New teachers receive a copy of the poem "Find Your Marigold," while mentors are presented with a marigold pin as tokens of appreciation.

### Summer School

Summer school is right around the corner! The program will run from June 9, 2025, to July 3, 2025, at Daniel Wright Junior High School for students in grades K-7. We currently have 661 students enrolled in summer school, with approximately 40 classes running each period.