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Superintendent Report November 2024

Building Update: The last few weeks have been overwhelmingly busy getting ready for the opening of the new gym. We are slated to complete the "punch list" on December 18th and hope to move in on the 19th and 20th. We will not have the gym available for practice until we return from winter break, so we can organize and put away everything before it is used.

Most of my time has been spent preparing to transition to the new building. We have worked hard to make sure we have everything we need to ensure a smooth transition.

We will communicate with families about the changes in drop-off and pick-up procedures once the new building is completed.

Health Life Safety 10-year Survey: This is our year for the 10-year survey, so in preparation, I attended a training session put on by ROE17 that covered what to expect and how to be successful in the compliance visit. We anticipate this visit happening in late January or early February.

ROE Compliance: The Regional Office of Education audits us on various measures every three years. I will compile the information they need to prove that we comply with state mandates.

Superintendent Evaluation: I will work on my evaluation documentation and submit it to the board by the January meeting.

Community Participation: Kyra Fancher, The Cougar, and I participated in the Reimagine Christmas parade. We decorated the district's golf cart, and we were very excited to see the Cougar in the parade. We will do this again!

Superintendent Mentor Meeting: I learned a lot about preparing for board elections at this meeting. Before the elections, I will host a "How to be a Board Member" workshop



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for those who will be up for election. I will review standard practices and provide an overview of the district and how the board operates. IASA supplied me with a series of topics to cover.

Also,, at this meeting, I learned that a district can count an "Interrupted Day" as a full day of attendance. If we get to school and have been in attendance for at least one hour and something happens, such as a power outage, snowstorm, etc., we will not have to make up that day.