

Teaching and Learning - Board Report

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Positive Talking Points:

Pillar #1: Teaching, Learning, and Relevance

- We are actively preparing for not only the closure of this year but a successful start to next year. This means ordering materials, setting up PD, and many other items.
- The Summer PD Catalog is a major shift in professional development for our staff. Each staff member will have 3 PD days, already included in their salary, to choose where they want to “professionally develop.” The catalog includes 22 unique options along with the ability to submit their own plan. This also includes criteria for having external PD paid for by the school district. The goal is for teachers to be engaged in PD that they find effective.
- Assessment scores (state testing) are rolling in. We currently have the new ACT scores and ACCESS testing scores. We anticipate the Pre-ACT scores by the middle of May and the Forward Exam scores before school ends this year.

Pillar #2: The Whole Student

- The first reading plans, per Act 20, went out a few weeks ago. We sent out 169 plans (a 10% decline from the previous 8 weeks). Our current issue is getting parents to acknowledge the plans. We are doing this through NextPath. The process will take a little while to work but progress is being made.

Pillar #3: Communication and Community Engagement

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Pillar #4: District Workforce

- We are working through the hiring of our new Mentors (using the new Mentor process) for the 2025-2026 school year. This process will culminate sometime in late May.

Pillar #5: Operational Excellence