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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Dr. McGill, Superintendent
DATE: January 12, 2026
RE: Superintendent Report

BACKGROUND

I provide the Board of Education with a brief report at each regular Board of Education meeting, highlighting District activities and information.

SUMMARY

Strategic Planning Update

The Benjamin Strategic Plan Team met on December 9th and reviewed data on the current performance of the district in the categories of student achievement, climate and culture, and finance and operations. The team then drafted a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) Analysis on the current state of Benjamin SD25. [You can see the full SWOT Analysis by clicking on this link.](#) This was shared with the entire Benjamin community last week and feedback has been collected. This will be shared with the team to finalize the SWOT Analysis and inform future work.

The Strategic Plan Team will meet again on January 22nd for our Vision Retreat. At this retreat, the team will determine where the District should be in the next 5-10 years, as well as determine our core values, mission, and vision.

Thank You to GSF and Paschen!

On December 26, 2025 a seal on the main water pipe going into the Evergreen failed and water began to flood the building. Fortunately, this was observed by our GSF staff who was able to notify authorities and get the water shut off. I would like to thank the members of our GSF team and the regional office for their quick support and clean up in a very challenging situation. I also want to thank FH Paschen who monitored the cleanup and ensured that we were ready to open school on Monday. We are very fortunate to have such great partnerships!

Congratulations to Benjamin Band and Choir and the Evergreen Music Program!

Both Benjamin and Evergreen had outstanding performances in December! I would like to thank Ms. Martin, Mr. Lewis, Mrs. Tepe, Mrs. Orr, Ms. Gjata, Mrs. Anthony, and Mrs. DeChristopher for their time, talent, and dedication to our performing arts programs.

SASED Board of Directors Meeting

I attended the monthly SASED Board of Directors meeting on December 17th. [Here is a link to the agenda.](#) There is just the usual business on the agenda. However, I am looking forward to their facility needs recommendations in the Spring, which is what John Langton has been working on with them.

Upcoming GPS Parent Series Events

- Ken Ginsburg, MD; Lighthouse Parenting: Guiding Teens to Develop Independence and Coping Skills to Navigate Their Own Journey, Tue Jan, 13 2026 @ Noon and 7pm CST
- Kirsten Jones; Empowered Athletes: Fostering Confidence for Peak Performance, Wed Jan, 21 2026 @ Noon and 7pm CST
- Jenny Anderson with Dr. Rebecca Winthrop; Checked-Out / Stressed-Out: Moving Kids From Disengagement to Drive, Tue Jan, 27 2026 @ Noon and 7pm CST
- Amy Blankson with Lauren Hasson; Superthinkers: Raising Tomorrow's Leaders Today, Wed Feb, 4 2026 @ Noon and 7pm CST

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request(s)

1. The District received a request from SmartProcure for contract-related information, including contracts or service agreements, names of contracting parties, the nature and purpose of each contract, contract start and end dates, total contract value, and any related amendments, extensions, or renewals for the following companies: Alice Training Institute; Navigate360; Snapwiz; Limnex/Liminex/Liminix; Omni Alert/OmniAlert; Raptor Technologies; Pear Deck Learning; Linewize; Lightspeed Systems; Securly; Bark Technologies; iBoss; GoGuardian; Gaggle; and PowerSchool.
2. The District received a second request from SmartProcure for general purchasing records from 7/5/2025 to the current request date of 01/06/2026.

The requests were responded to within the required timeframe.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

None at this time.