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To: Benjamin 25 Board of Education
John Langton, Interim Superintendent
From: Dr. Fitzgerald
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Topic: Learning and Teaching Report

BACKGROUND

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

SUMMARY

Reports

I am working with our instructional coaches to submit our district's Literacy Plan to the Illinois State Board of Education. The Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan published at the beginning of this school year serves as our roadmap to complete our district plan. The Illinois plan outlines a strategy to enhance literacy instruction statewide, ensuring access to developmentally appropriate and evidence-based instructional practices. The work we completed leading up to and since our ELA resource adoption forms the foundation of our plan and will illustrate how we are meeting and exceeding the standards set by the state of Illinois.

I have also begun work on a different state requirement called the PaCE Framework. PaCE stands for Postsecondary and Career Expectations. The PaCE Framework is meant to show how school districts starting in 6th grade and moving through highschool are preparing students for career possibilities. Some middle school activities would include attending a career exploration day and exploring highschool electives classes connected to different career paths. This process has also led to me connecting with a West Chicago Community HS administrator to collaborate not only on our Frameworks, but also to increase articulation between Benjamin and WCCHS as a whole.

Professional Development

On May 2, 2025 teachers completed the Savvas Elevate Science activation training. This gives teachers the tools they need to start exploring and planning their science lessons. The second training will be scheduled for the November Institute Day.

ABRE

Sarah Smith and I have been attending bi-weekly meetings with ABRE representatives to start prepping our ABRE Dashboard with data that can be used by teachers to help inform instruction. Mr. Martin has also continued ongoing communication with ABRE staff to assist in getting correct data access to

populate our dashboards. Currently we have STAR, HMH Growth Measure and IAR data on our ABRE Dashboard. As admin we have options to sort and filter data in different ways and continue to work with ABRE staff to increase these options. Sarah and I were both able to give a small preview of the ABRE Platform to our staff at a Staff Learning meeting recently. This week Abre was able to develop a new module for us called Class 360. This puts the data directly in teachers hands and allows each teacher to pull up their specific class data with different sort options. We are eyeing the October Learning Meeting as a good time to have ABRE train our staff in its full capabilities.

School Improvement Plan Update

Mrs. Smith and I will meet soon to start planning our School Improvement Plan Updates for the Board of Education at the June Meeting. We are waiting for the most current data updates to come in and look forward to showing our progress.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

None at this time.