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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Patrick McGill, Superintendent
DATE: May 11, 2026
RE: Superintendent Report

BACKGROUND

I provide the Board of Education with a brief report at each regular Board of Education meeting.

SUMMARY

Strategic Planning Update - Shifting into “Living the Plan”

We have begun to shift from developing our strategic plan (the what) to developing our systems and structures that will enable us to make progress on our plan (the how). I am very proud of the work that our principals have done to build the following systems and structures that will help us make progress toward our strategic plan goals.

[Here is a link to the Strategic Plan Committee Structure.](#) Each teacher will be required to serve on one of the four core strategic plan committees: Instructional Practice, Curriculum, Student Supports, and Student Engagement. The core areas of work for each committee is outlined in this document to help teachers rank their preference of which committee they would like to serve on, however there will be additional work and goals that will be eventually outlined by the committee itself next year. Teachers will also have the opportunity to join the other committees on page 2, but that will not be required.

[Here is a link to the Professional Development Calendar for 2026-27.](#) This calendar outlines the professional learning activities for the school year, including when Strategic Plan Committees will meet. In addition, it defines what each learning activity is, the purpose, and the facilitator. The purpose of a document like this is to provide clarity and coherence to the professional learning going on in the buildings and across the district.

***** Lots of Wonderful Events Happening in Benjamin SD25! *****

Benjamin Talent Show - I had the opportunity to attend the Benjamin talent show on Thursday, and it was spectacular! The students were amazing, and the teachers even put on a good show, which was a ton of fun. A big thank you to Chris Fernandez and Danielle DeChristopher for making this event possible!

Bengals Night - It was great to attend Bengals night this week! The choir performance at the beginning was wonderful, and I personally enjoyed the homemade cheese sticks and oatmeal raisin cookies. Thank you to the whole Benjamin team who put on this wonderful annual event!

4th Grade Visit to Benjamin - I had a chance to stop by and see the 4th graders visiting Benjamin as they prepare to attend the Middle School. They were filled with excitement and lots of questions! Mrs. Tepe and Dr. Fitzgerald, and their whole team, did a fabulous job! Students got an opportunity to meet with their future 5th grade teachers, they got a tour by the NJHS 7th graders, saw a performance by the band and choir, and got to ask all of their questions. Thank you to everyone at Benjamin who made this great experience for our students possible!

Fiesta Celebration - It was great to be able to attend the Fiesta celebration at Benjamin! The jazz band performed and students got to try a variety of different Mexican foods. Thank you to Mrs. Anderson for organizing this event!

Evergreen Tree Planting - A big thank you to the Village of Carol Stream for donating a Red Oak tree at Evergreen this week. The students in the Evergreen Club had a great time laying down mulch and their custom painted rocks. It was great to be a part of the ceremony!

PTA Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - Thank you to the PTA for sponsoring the teacher appreciation luncheon! This is a wonderful annual tradition that everyone looks forward to each year.

SASED Board of Directors Update

I am pleased to report that SASED has a couple properties in consideration for purchase that will bring services to one location. The plan is also cost-neutral and will be paid for with the existing money budgeted for leasing, as well as tuition. In the long run, this is a very wise decision for the cooperative. There has also been a draft of updated bylaws that will need to be approved by the Benjamin SD25 Board of Education at the June 8th meeting.

Teacher Appreciation Week!

Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week, and at Benjamin SD25 we have a lot to be appreciative for. We have wonderful caring and dedicated teachers who work tirelessly to create opportunities for our students and their families. Thank you for your passion, dedication, and love of our students and the community!

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request(s)

We received one new FOIA request from SmartProcure for general purchasing records from 12/30/2025 to the current request date of 5/7/2026. We will respond within the required timeframe.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

None at this time.