

DU PAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 13
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Bloomington, Illinois
Regular Meeting September 27, 2021

FOR INFORMATION:

Subject: **Superintendent's Report**

Student Presentation - Diwali

Tonight, the Board will hear a presentation from two sixth grade exemplar students, Roshan Desai, and Shaan Kothari, on the importance of Diwali and their proposal to consider observing the holiday in the school calendar. There will be an opportunity to ask questions following their presentation.

Return to Learn 2021 -

Due to additional mandates and changes in guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education, the District has developed a temporary remote learning plan for those students who are identified as being COVID-19 positive cases or close contacts to other students identified as the same. The requirement is that the District provides 2.5 hours of synchronous instruction a day during recovery or the quarantine period. The only exception to this guideline would be the kindergarten program, which would receive 1.25 hours of synchronous instruction as it is currently a half day program. This has been implemented and is in place at both the elementary and middle school levels.

Institute Day –

At the meeting, Mrs. Gabany will provide an update as to the agenda for the upcoming October 8th Teacher's Institute Day.

District Leadership Council -

This Council, which is comprised of 15 staff members, will begin their meetings in October. The group will begin by addressing norms and other issues to help facilitate greater communication and feedback between all schools. The council was a recommendation generated from the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan that the Board approved last month.

IASA State Superintendent Conference –

Beginning Wednesday, September 29 through Friday, October 1, the 57th Annual State Superintendent Conference will be held in person in Springfield. I will be in attendance and there will not be a *Thursday Letter* this week as a result of my absence from the District during this time. This will present an opportunity to learn from my colleagues to better address some of the challenges faced in communities outside of Bloomington. I will report my experiences to the Board in the October 7 edition of the *Thursday Letter*.