

MEMO

TO: Superintendent Gina Butters, Board President Paul Widdison, WSD Board Members

FROM: Sheri Heiter

DATE: February 21, 2023

SUBJECT: Latinos in Action - Board Presentation

Latinos in Action (LIA) is a year-long elective class that provides an asset-based approach to bridge the graduation and opportunity gap for Latino students. The goal is to empower Latino youth to lead and strengthen their communities through college and career readiness. Through the program, students focus on four foundational pillars: leveraging cultural and personal assets, excelling in education, serving the community and developing leadership skills.

At this time, the class is offered in five junior high schools and four high schools across the district. During the course, students learn to set SMART goals, tutor elementary school children, do service projects, get involved with school activities, learn about different Latino cultures, learn leadership skills and become college and career ready.

Latinos in Action students will perform a dance they have prepared for the upcoming LIA conference. Some students will also talk about the benefits of LIA and how the program prepares them for the world after high school. Melanie Malan, the Teacher Leader over LIA, will conduct the presentation.