



# Italy Independent School District

Department Board Report

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**MISSION:** The mission of Italy ISD is to maintain a safe and caring environment by partnering with families and the community to inspire lifelong learning for intellectual and personal success for all students.

**VISION:** Italy ISD will be a district that sees every child and creates a diverse learning environment to prepare them for an ever-changing world.

## Celebrations

- **Enrollment on the rise!**
- **Successful implementation of updated technology policies aligned with new state legislation.**

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## Upcoming Events/Activities

### **Subject: Summer Preparations and Legislative Compliance**

Dear Esteemed School Board Members,

I hope this message finds you well and energized as we continue the first half of the school year. I would like to begin by thanking you for your ongoing leadership and commitment to supporting innovation and excellence across our campuses.

Because of your guidance, our digital education initiatives are not only flourishing but are also fully aligned with the most recent state legislative requirements. This summer, the Technology Department has worked diligently with campus administrators to ensure a smooth start that balances innovation, student success, and compliance.

Key legislative updates incorporated into our planning include:

- **HB 1481 (Cell Phone Use in Schools):** District technology and discipline policies have been updated to reflect restrictions on personal cell phone use. Clear alternatives are in place through school-issued devices and structured

communication protocols, ensuring classrooms remain focused, equitable, and free of unnecessary distractions.

- **SB 10 (Consent to Counseling & Health-Related Services):** We have updated our digital documentation and parent communication platforms to align with new consent requirements. These enhancements provide families with clear, accessible, and secure channels for granting or withholding consent, ensuring compliance and transparency.
- **SB 2 (Parental Rights, Library Policies, and Financial Literacy):**
  - **Parental Rights:** Technology systems now support expanded parental access to student records, reinforcing family engagement and transparency.
  - **School Libraries:** Digital cataloging and filtering have been adjusted to comply with new library content review processes.
  - **Financial Literacy Courses:** We are collaborating with curriculum and instruction teams to ensure students have access to the digital resources and online tools needed to meet the new financial literacy course requirement.

Thanks to your support, students and teachers across the district are equipped with the resources necessary to succeed while ensuring we remain firmly in step with state law. With thoughtful implementation, careful preparation, and a continued focus on student growth, we are creating a learning environment where innovation, safety, and compliance work hand-in-hand.

Thank you again for your leadership and advocacy. It is a privilege to work alongside such a forward-thinking and student-centered board.

Warmest regards,

**Michael Steinmetz**

Executive Director, Technology Department