

To: Board of Education

From: Sheila Weihert, Director of Summer School

Re: Additional Enrichment Classes for 2025

Date: January 8, 2025

In November, I reported on our 2024 Summer School and shared plans and the course listing for Summer 2025. I let you know that I would submit two new courses for the Intermediate School. We need these courses to have enough spots for our students to enroll. Many classes have been operating at well over 100% the past three summers exceeding our typical class size.

The two Intermediate courses to add are:

Escape Room Challenge: Students will use problem solving, critical thinking, teamwork, and creativity by designing, building and solving escape rooms.

The Science of Superheroes: Students will conduct hands-on experiments to investigate superhero strengths such as flight, strength, elasticity, energy transfer, and sensory enhancements.

Additional High School enrichment course:

In addition to the two enrichment courses at the Intermediate level, I am requesting that you approve a **Personal Finance** enrichment course at the High School level. Here is the background on this additional request:

The State of WI passed new legislation requiring all Class of 2028 grads and beyond have a half credit of personal finance for graduation. To help alleviate some of the strain on our regular year staff and potential overloads, Tim Schell and Brian Borowski are requesting us to move forward with a summer course similar to Online PE. We are going to start the course on June 16 and end Aug 8 to give 8 weeks instead of the typical 6 weeks as there is much to cover in this class. We have other summer offerings that occur within this window as well. This class will be virtual and staffed by our own staff. It is our intent to offer this course by invitation to current freshmen that have not taken Dollars and Sense. They are the group of students that fall into this new legislative requirement.