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To: Benjamin 25 Board of Education
John Langton, Interim Superintendent
From: Dr. Fitzgerald
Date: June 9, 2025
Topic: Learning and Teaching Report

BACKGROUND

I provide the Board of Education, Superintendent, and the community with a report at each regular Board of Education meeting, highlighting District Learning and Teaching activities and information.

SUMMARY

Reports

Mrs. DeChristopher and I have submitted the district's Literacy Plan to the Illinois State Board of Education. The goals of the plan outline how the district will provide high quality, evidence-based literacy instruction, support educators in delivering such instruction as well as providing equitable literacy conditions so all students can learn. In addition there are portions of the plan that cover professional development and data progress monitoring. After submission of the plan, Dr. Filas alerted me that we were approved for the Literacy Grant from the Illinois State Board of Education. This \$3200 grant will help to cover some of our "Coachly" professional development licenses through Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.

Professional Development

I have created a professional development calendar outline for the 2025-2026 school year. This outline covers all institute, early release and school improvement days. Dr. McGill and the admin team will begin the process of prioritizing and filling in this calendar at our July 2nd admin retreat. This will ensure readiness for professional learning for next school year for all of our staff.

School Improvement Plan Update

Mrs. Smith and I are happy to present our School Improvement Plan Updates for the Board of Education at the June Meeting. Once completed, we will take the results to celebrate successes with staff and identify further areas of growth so we can create our new School Improvement Plan for the 2025-2026 school year.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

None at this time.