



Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District 103

Memo

To: Board of Education
From: Dr. Katie Reynolds
CC: Dr. Scott Warren
Date: December 5, 2026
Re: Curriculum and Instruction Executive Summary

Stevenson High School Placement Assessments

Eighth-grade students have initiated the process of taking their Stevenson High School Placement exams. The English Language Arts (ELA) and Spanish placement exams were administered in December.

Belonging Book Study

As part of our ongoing efforts to foster a strong sense of community and engagement, the District organized a book study centered on *The 5 Principles of Parenting* by Dr. Aliza Pressman. This marks the second year of the *Pages and Parenting* book club. This year, we had seven groups meet, with a total of 57 participants.

On Wednesday, December 5th, I hosted a district-wide meeting where participants explored connections between the book's principles and our district's practices. To guide the discussion, I posed the following questions:

- Which of the five principles stood out most to you, and why?
- How do you see these principles aligning with the values and mission of our school district?
- What specific aspects of the book do you think could enhance the school-home partnership?
- Are there particular principles that you believe should be emphasized more in our schools?
- What changes or initiatives would you suggest to reflect these principles in our curriculum or school policies?
- How can we support parents in applying these principles at home to complement what students experience at school?
- What challenges do you foresee in integrating these principles into our district's practices?

The discussions provided valuable insights and reinforced the importance of collaboration between families and schools in supporting student success.

Regional Office of Education Professional Development Reimbursement

The Lake County Regional Office of Education (ROE) provides reimbursement to districts that host on-site professional development workshops, with the amount determined by student enrollment. To offset the costs of the *Building Thinking Classrooms* workshop held on November 4, 2024, a reimbursement request, along with a summary of participant evaluations, was submitted to the ROE. As a result, the district will receive \$1,500.00 in reimbursement.