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To: Dr. Robert Schiffbauer, Board of Education

From: Dr. Phil Pakowski

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Subject: April Board Report

Spring Testing Updates

On April 15th all freshmen will take the PreACT 9, all sophomores will take the PreACT Secure at South Campus while all Juniors will take the ACT at Central Campus. A modified testing schedule will be run and students will be released following the completion of exams. Our staff has worked hard to prepare for testing and create a positive testing environment for all students. A special thank you to Angela Ferro, Meghan Bednarz, Sarah Bonner, Matt Shanahan, Michelle Schoolman, and Amy Hocking for coordinating testing for students that day. ACT and PreACT results will be shared with students electronically in May.

We are anticipating positive results for our students that completed STAMP tests in Spanish and American Sign Language. This year we also have a student taking the test in Chinese. Student scores on STAMP tests can be used to earn the Seal of Biliteracy, which can provide students with early college credit in the language in which they tested. We will be recognizing our students that earn the Seal of Biliteracy at a breakfast on May 1st at Central Campus.

The final set of tests for the school year, Advanced Placement Exams, will begin on May 4th and continue through May 15th. We will have 655 students taking 1138 exams during that two week period.

Evaluation Committee

The evaluation committee will meet in April to review the current evaluation plan and make suggestions for changes to the 2026-2027 evaluation plan. Last year changes were suggested to clarify language in the current plan as well as making any changes from the previous year permanent moving forward.

Master Schedule Update

Following the completion of sectioning and staffing meetings the master schedule is nearly complete for the 2026-2027 school year. This master schedule is run through our PowerSchool software and requires multiple attempts before being completed. Every effort is made to ensure classes are running at optimal times so students are able to take the courses they have selected and to allow for staff schedule changes to be minimized.