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Indian Knoll  
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The Superintendent News is to update the board and community on some of the many programs and activities occurring in the schools and the departments determined to help us accomplish the goals of the District Strategic Plan.

### **Goal #1: Student Growth and Achievement**

#### **School Improvement Plan Goal**

By Spring 2025, 62.3% of students will be at or above the 50th percentile on MAP Math from a baseline of 55.7% in Spring 2024.

Indian Knoll strives to continue the great work in math this school year. Our focus this year is on implementing guided math with purpose and fidelity, honing in on the specific needs of our students to close the gaps, challenge their learning, and help our students meet their individual goals.

We have begun this year by studying the district guided math checklist. Teachers completed a self-assessment using the checklist, and our Building Leadership team developed a professional development plan. Each month, we are focusing on one part of the guided math checklist to dig deeper into it through professional development.

Our building strategy for guided math is implementing math talks. Math talks support students with problem-solving, flexible thinking, oracy, and explaining/justifying. Students then extend this to writing about math, identifying strategies, and explaining how they solved a problem. This practice will prepare them for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) math test, which requires students to develop a written explanation demonstrating their understanding of grade-level math standards.

In a concerted effort to meet our math goals and our culture goal, our teachers are working towards engaging in collaboration rounds focused on math. This will give teachers an opportunity to collaborate with their colleagues while also supporting our building implementation of the guided math framework. I am excited about the great work the IK teachers and staff are doing and am looking forward to watching our Timberwolves grow.