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To: Benjamin 25 Board of Education
Dr. Patrick McGill, Superintendent
From: Dr. Fitzgerald
Date: March 9th, 2026
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

Science Feedback

I have sent an evaluation on our Savvas Science Adoption to Kindergarten through 5th grade to get their feedback on their first year with the program. I will be working with them to see what additional training and resources might be needed moving forward.

Assessment

Greg Martin has completed the training for the Illinois Assessment of Readiness for both Benjamin and Evergreen. We will begin testing the week of March 16th.

Social Studies Survey

I have sent out an evaluation of the TCI Social Studies pilot that we have been using for the past 6 months in Kindergarten through 4th grade. I met with the TCI representative on Friday to go over the feedback from our teachers. The feedback included more assistance with project based, standard coverage and some overlap with SEL and ELA instruction that can be aligned. We will extend the use of this resource for one year to get additional time for exploration and training.

Illinois Comprehensive Numeracy Plan

The Second draft of the Comprehensive Numeracy Plan came out on February 19th. There are three main goals of the plan. Goal 1 focuses on students building numeracy skills. Goal 2 focuses on Educators using evidence based numeracy instructional strategies. Goal 3 focuses on Leaders using targeted professional development and promoting a culture of data informed instruction in their schools. This second draft also includes a workbook for leaders for assistance in building the culture of numeracy and links for additional resources for each component of the plan. This plan is just guidance

for local school districts to use and adapt to their own districts. I have included a link to a visual that includes the three goals and the other components of the plan.

Numeracy Plan Goals

The 5Essentials Survey

The 5Essentials Survey is running between February 3rd and March 13th. Current response rates for Benjamin Middle School:

Students 50% Staff 89% Parents 11%

Evergreen Elementary School:

Students 100% Staff 88% Parents 14%

We are sending out reminders to parents asking for their input to get our parent input numbers up.

Learning Walks

Dr. McGill, Mrs. Smith and myself have continued the second round of our Learning Walks, visiting 5th grade, Evergreen Specials and P.E., Spanish and P.E. at Benjamin Middle School over the last month.

RECOMMENDATION(S)
None at this time.