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Mission: Strengthen Mastery, Collaboration, High Expectations, and Success for All Students.

To: Board of Education

From: Dr. Robert Schiffbauer

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Subject: May 2025 Board Report

## Graduation

We will graduate 755 students on May 18, 2025. Thank you to everyone that made the graduation ceremony possible.

## **Legislative Update**

The Native American Mascot Ban (HB 1237) has stalled in the Senate. We will continue to monitor. Foreign Language Requirement (105 ILCS 5/27-22) requires that all students entering the ninth grade in the 2028-2029 school year and beyond are required to complete two years of a world language as a graduation requirement. From the beginning, there were many groups opposed to the foreign language requirement. There are some serious concerns on the impact this would have on other areas such as CTE, Art, and Music. There are also significant staffing concerns as well. It appears that there may be some traction in Springfield to get this requirement overturned. We will continue to monitor.

## **EF High School Exchange**

EF High School Exchange is an organization that links students with host parents in the United States. EF is currently not a board approved provider and would like to be considered as an approved provider.