



Director of Learning

March 2025 Board Report

Teaching and Learning

Our staff continues to embrace the competency based education journey we are on with an open mind and enthusiasm. February 28, Institute Day, was spent working on *Inspire Science* (K-5) as well as competency work district-wide. I am very proud of the hard work and dedication our staff is displaying and excited about where this will lead our students! Our parent meeting on CBE (Competency Based Education) is scheduled for April 29th and there will be follow up meetings in Fall 2025.

Assessment

Students in second and fifth grade have completed the *CogAt* Assessment. This assessment is used as one piece in our gifted identification process. In addition, any students in grades 3-7, who were nominated for gifted consideration were administered the *CogAT* assessment as well. Parents and guardians received their child's results last week. The gifted identification process continues into April.

The *CogAT* assessment, which stands for "Cognitive Abilities Test," is a standardized test used to measure a student's learned reasoning and problem-solving abilities across three key areas: verbal, quantitative, and nonverbal reasoning, providing insight into a student's cognitive development and potential for academic success in school.

Professional Development

The next School Improvement Day (SIP) is March 12, 2025. Teachers will continue to work as GLT's or Departments on the Competency Based work from Institute Day, February 28, 2025. In addition, K-5 teachers will be meeting with Principal Johnson or Principal Little to begin planning for class lists for the 2025-2026 school year. And finally, District 66 is honored to have Ellyn Galinsky, author and expert on child development meet with our staff. This is due to the relationship Dr. Wise has with AASA and Ellyn.