

Memo

To: Board of Trustees
From: Rob Sauer
Date: April 9, 2026
Re: Superintendents Board Report

Updates

- The legislative session ended on April 2nd. A few areas to highlight:
 - HB 623 – **Moment of Silence** mandates a 60-second moment of silence everyday at the start of the day. Prohibits any “distracting display” so that all students can reflect, meditate, pray, or engage in any other silent activity. Prohibits any instruction on what to do during moment of silence, and mandates notification to parents/guardians for them to direct their child’s time during moment of silence. Applies to all grades, ages, etc. Applies to all public schools.
 - HB 515 – **Bullying/Harassment Notification**. Adds requirement that schools and districts adopt procedures to notify parents of both the alleged victim and alleged offender when an issue of bullying, harassment, or intimidation has reached the level of school suspension.
 - SB 1288 – **High Needs Fund** establishes a “high-needs” fund for students with disabilities. Schools and districts can apply for reimbursement if they provide a detailed list of eligible costs to fulfil the IEP, along with documentation of other sources of funding already exhausted.
 - SB 1339 – **Strategic Plans**. Repeals the CIP and all required information related to it. NO CIP or Strat Plan Due in FY2027. By September 1, 2026, the State Board of Education will adopt a matrix to evaluate each performance plan. Requires that October 1, 2027, each district and charter submit their Strategic Performance Plan to the Department of Ed. Beginning in 2028, the SDE will use the matrix to determine districts or charters that may need intervention on student performance.
 - HB 860 – **Parental Rights, Medical Decisions**. Amends code to state that non-emergency first aid services to minor children appearing to be sick or injured is

allowed. Defines such services to include dressing minor wounds, applying topical agents, providing fluids or ice, and performing checks to identify minor illnesses.

- **Inappropriate Online Behavior.** The law grants school districts and charters authority to provide disciplinary measures to students if they post any content online that harasses, threatens, or bullies any public-school employee or person. It does not matter if it occurs during or outside of school hours or on/off school property.
- I will be scheduling with principals to hold meetings with each of the schools to discuss the legislative session and what the impact might be for our district and staff. Debbie and I will also begin meeting in the next few weeks with the building representatives to work on the negotiation process. We will need to schedule a board budgeting workshop for sometime in May as well. The Department of Education will be hosting the Post Legislative Tour for our region on April 20th.