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To: Benjamin 25 Board of Education
Dr. Patrick McGill, Superintendent
From: Dr. Fitzgerald
Date: December 8, 2025
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

Professional Development

Highlights of our November 14th Teacher Institute Day included; Becoming more familiar with the Savvas Science online platform including how to more easily find resources connected with the learning units. We also learned how to navigate through content that was the most aligned to learning standards in the shortest amount of time, which is valuable when you are not teaching science everyday. Learning more about “Quests” which are alternative ways to cover units of learning involving more hands-on experiences and how to use certain aspects of Quests on their own. We also learned about U Demonstrate Labs which are an alternative to traditional assessments.

We also had a speaker on Language Rich Classrooms that shared ideas and strategies for incorporating language in a variety of ways. These strategies included getting students to speak more in the classroom with an academic focus in their conversations. These strategies help all students but can be extremely beneficial to our EL students.

Instructional coaches Mrs. DeChristopher and Mrs. Anthony gave a presentation on the Magic School AI platform for Educators. The platform includes more than eighty tools to assist educators including differentiation tools like the Text Leveler and Text Translator to adapt content for diverse learners and multilingual support.

Dr. McGill, Mrs. Smith and I have continued our Learning Walks visiting 6th grade and Kindergarten classrooms.

High School Articulation

I have been working with the principal of West Chicago High School to set up articulation visits for some of our teachers. These visits will take place in mid-to late January and will provide time for a class observation followed by a debrief/discussion with the department chair.

Data Preparation

Dr. McGill, Mrs. Smith and myself have been working on final preparations for our Strategic Planning presentations.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

None at this time.