



**To:** Board of Education  
**From:** Adam Schilt  
**Re:** August Board Report  
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The new year has begun, and we are excited about the opportunities and motivated by the challenges that lie ahead. Kaitlyn and I are excited to get back to work with our students!

### **Professional Learning with our Staff**

We've had a great start with our staff this year. We began the year with team bonding, collaboration, and opportunities to learn from each other. Staff began with a scavenger hunt across Chelsea, where groups competed for points while getting to know each other and our community better. Challenges were tied to the 4 Cs and required teams to see various locations across town. Congratulations to the team of **Katy Westley, Micaela Hanrath, Amielia Haas, and Zoe West** on bringing home the win!

Staff also engaged with "Core Explore Rotations," where groups rotated through 20-minute lessons in Art, Tech, and Music classes. Shout out to **Katy Westley, Ken Davis, Nathan Peters, Micaela Hanrath, and Brian Boos** for planning and leading these awesome sessions, which gave our building a shared understanding of how these classes align with the PoG and previewed the "learning summit" work we will do with our staff this year.

### **BMS Initial Data Dig**

We are really proud of and excited about the progress we made last year. Below, I've included a graphic highlighting some of the amazing points of pride that we found in last year's data.

Test scores aren't everything, but they are something, and we couldn't be happier with the way our students "show what they know" on these assessments. Moreover, the systems and procedures we've put in place over the last couple years have been highly successful in decreasing absenteeism and significant behavior problems.

- 1) In 2025-26, **Chronic Absentee Rate fell to 9%**, down from 11% last year and 15% in 2023-24. Once again, this reflects some of the most impressive data in the county among public middle schools.
- 2) Suspensions stayed about even compared with previous year, with 29 total students (~5.5% of total BMS population) suspended. This remains down from 47 students in 2023-24.



- 3) **Nearly 90% of BMS students** are involved in an extracurricular activity (club, sport, or organization) at school.
- 4) **8th Graders** continue to show mastery on the PSAT 8/9.

| PSAT 8 Data Over Time - Beach Middle School |      |                  |      |                  |
|---------------------------------------------|------|------------------|------|------------------|
| Year                                        | EBRW | EBRW Proficiency | Math | Math Proficiency |
| 2018-19                                     | 456  | 78%              | 473  | 68%              |
| 2020-21                                     | 453  | 76%              | 481  | 74%              |
| 2021-22                                     | 461  | 82%              | 474  | 66%              |
| 2022-23                                     | 454  | 75%              | 482  | 75%              |
| 2023-24                                     | 462  | 83%              | 478  | 73%              |
| 2024-25                                     | 476  | 90%              | 488  | 75%              |
| 2025-26                                     | 477  | 86%              | 484  | 77%              |

### **WEB Orientation & Building a Community of Belonging**

Led by our amazing advisors (Austin Elam, Hannah LaFleur, and Alex Soule), we had another successful 6th-grade WEB (Where Everybody Belongs) Orientation this year. Our 8th-grade WEB leaders were awesome with our 6th-graders, and clearly, this has translated into a smooth and positive start to middle school for them. We had a lot of 6th-graders brand new to the district this year, and they've fit right in without missing a beat.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- **September 16** - First Staff Meeting
- **September 8-11** - NWEA Math Testing Window
- **September 14-18** - NWEA ELA Testing Window
- **September 23** - CHS Marching Band Exhibition with Beach Band

Respectfully,

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