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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Dr. McGill, Superintendent
DATE: September 14, 2026
RE: Celebration of New Teachers and Earned Tenure

BACKGROUND

It is a proud tradition at Benjamin to recognize the accomplishments of our staff. Earning tenure reflects their ongoing commitment to our students and community. And as part of this tradition, we also take the opportunity to welcome our new staff, who bring their talents to Benjamin.

SUMMARY:

Tenured Faculty - The following educators have earned tenure by demonstrating their ability to facilitate excellent teaching and learning with Benjamin SD25 students.

Allison Carter, Evergreen Instructional Coach/MTSS
Jennifer Crane, Evergreen Social Worker
Heather Jimenez, Benjamin Middle School LBS1 Teacher
Stephen Lewis, Benjamin Middle School Music Teacher

New Faculty - We're excited to welcome our new faculty to the Benjamin SD25 family.

Ava Annecca - Evergreen Elementary School - Kindergarten Teacher
Lorena Klobuchar - Benjamin Middle School - Band Director
Erica Ruccia - Benjamin Middle School - LBS1 Teacher
Faith Schnabel - Evergreen Elementary School - PK Teacher

RECOMMENDATION(S):

We recommend that the board accept this award and recognition celebration.