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To: Benjamin 25 Board of Education
Dr. Patrick McGill, Superintendent
From: Dr. Fitzgerald
Date: September 14th, 2026
Topic: Teaching and Learning 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

Strategic Plan Work

On August 24th, we held our opening Strategic Plan Committee Combined Meetings for Engagement, Curriculum, Instructional Practices, and Student Support. The meetings were a success—bringing together staff from Benjamin and Evergreen to build connections, establish group norms, and review of the Strategic Planning Process so far. Additionally, our teacher leaders began gathering input to help shape committee goals and action items aligned with our strategic plan. Administrative staff has also started to have planning meetings with the teacher leaders to help plan for our September Strategic Plan Building Committee Meetings. The Curriculum Committee has been able to touch base with curriculum experts they have secured from the University of Illinois Chicago who will be speaking to the combined Curriculum Committee on the October 9th Institute Day to present on the curriculum review process. The Student Support Committee has also secured training on Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) for certain staff members and administrators in September through the Regional Office of Education. These same presenters will be providing a similar PD on the October 9th Institute day to the full Student Supports Committee members.

Instructional Resources

I have facilitated the arrival of instructional materials that arrive at the start of the school year and ensure they are delivered to the right location with the assistance of the maintenance crew. Additional ordering for print material and digital licenses were also completed based on additional needs and changing numbers.

Illinois Assessment of Readiness

Illinois Assessment of Readiness student reports came in from the state. These reports will be sorted by both schools and sent home to families. Initial reports show growth district wide in ELA and Math proficiency and Student Growth Percentile. A more comprehensive overview of student achievement including IAR and the Illinois School Report Card will be presented at the December school board meeting.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

None at this time.