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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Dr. Patrick McGill, Superintendent
DATE: September 14, 2026
RE: Superintendent Report

BACKGROUND

The superintendent will provide the Board of Education with a brief report at each regular Board of Education meeting.

SUMMARY

Opening Day with Faculty and Staff

We had a fantastic opening day with faculty and staff! I presented my annual opening day presentation that centered on situating everyone to where we have been, where we are going, and how we are going to get there. With a little fun sprinkled in. We also had a great safety and security presentation, teaching and learning updates, and we have our first strategic plan committee meetings! I am very proud of the work the team did to bring this all together and kick off the school year running.

A Great Start to the School Year!

It has been a wonderful start to the school year. There are lots of smiles, high-fives, sports, activities, and most importantly, learning! I am very proud of how both Evergreen and Benjamin have started the school year.

Quest Food Service

We have had a very successful launch of our new food service provider. It has been great to watch our students digging into fresh fruits and vegetables. This has been a big upgrade for our students and their families. We are confident that participation in our lunch program will continue to grow in the coming months.

Orchestra Interest Survey at Evergreen

Mrs. Smith sent an orchestra interest survey out to our K-3 families a couple of weeks ago with the question, "Would you be interested in enrolling your child in a beginning orchestra program at Evergreen?" We received 47 responses so far, and 80.9% of those responses reported "YES" that they would be interested in enrolling their child in the program. It is exciting to see this level of interest and we will continue our planning for a 2027-28 launch of a beginning orchestra program for Evergreen.

Introducing Securly Home: More Tools for Families

We are introducing Securly Home, a service designed to give parents and guardians greater visibility into and control over their child's school-issued computer while it is being used away from school. Through Securly Home, families will have access to tools that can help them better understand and manage their child's use of their school computer.

These tools include:

- **View online activity** – See information about your child's activity on their school-issued computer, helping you stay informed about how the device is being used.
- **Add additional filtering at home** – Parents can make the district's internet filtering more restrictive when the computer is away from school. District-blocked websites cannot be unblocked by parents.
- **Pause internet access** – Temporarily pause internet access on the school computer when it is time to step away from the device.
- **Create offline schedules** – Establish times when internet access is unavailable, such as bedtime, family time, or other times that work for your household.
- **Receive activity information** – Use activity information and reports to better understand how your child is using their school computer.

Securly will send parents and guardians a welcome email with instructions for accessing Securly Home and getting started. The email will provide the information needed to set up access and begin using the available parent features.

Upcoming GPS Parent Series Events (gpsparentseries.org)

- Blaise Aguirre, MD with Ross Szabo; When Kids Say “I Hate Myself”: How to Respond, Wed Sep, 23 2026 @ Noon and 7pm CST
- Dr. Ari Tuckman; Preparing Students with ADHD for Success, Thu Oct, 1 2026 @ Noon and 7pm CST
- Dr. Katie Rose Pryal; Your Kid Belongs Here: Insights on Parenting Neurodiverse Children, Wed Oct, 7 2026 @ Noon and 7pm CST
- Stephanie Malia Krauss with Dr. Tony Wagner; Next Steps: What Today’s Kids Need for Tomorrow’s World of Work, Thu Oct, 8 2026 @ Noon and 7pm CST
- Jennifer Breheny Wallace with Dr. Lisa Damour; Next Steps: Mattering: The Tension Between a “Never Enough” Mentality, Purpose, and Student Well-being, Tue Oct, 13 2026 @ Noon and 7pm CST

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request(s)

We had a few different FOIA Requests:

1. Marlon Anderson of Midwest Bus Sales requested records related to pupil transportation services and vehicle purchases or leases from 2016 through 2026, including applicable Board materials, bid documents, contracts, purchase orders, and award information.
2. SmartProcure requested records from January 1, 2022 - current regarding the District’s current contract with Sodexo, including general contract terms, costs, dates, and any related amendments, renewals, or approvals.
3. CT Mills of Public Info Access LLC requested records showing district-issued direct work telephone numbers, direct dial lines, or work extensions for employees currently serving in the District’s Central Office.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

None at this time.