

CHELSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Report

Beach Middle School ▾

Oct 5, 2026

CURRENT HIGHLIGHTS:

The first month of school has been a successful one. Students and staff have settled back into school routines, the first round of standardized testing has been completed (with over 95% of students tested for the fall NWEA), and we are in planning mode for 6th-grade camp!

NEW HIRES

- Carla Freeman, Abby Kuhn, Alison Koppelberger, and Ryan Michaud have really hit the ground running in their first few weeks at Beach. The ability to build relationships with students comes naturally to all of them, and it already feels like they have been part of the Beach team for quite some time!
- Ms. Kuhn (Math) and “Ms. K” (Science) are killing it in the classroom, both working in tandem with their respective 7th grade teams. I am hearing great things from students!
- Ms. Freeman and Mr. Michaud are integral pieces of our Student Services Team. Both have been huge contributors to our 6th grade “WIN Time” model, and their unique abilities to connect with students from various backgrounds have paid dividends over the first few weeks of school. The team has begun their annual “minute meetings,” where they are checking in 1-on-1 with every student in the building.

PROFICIENCY DATA

- [Spring standardized testing data](#) provides a “pulse check” and snapshot of how our students were performing in April 2026.
- Beach students consistently perform well above the state average in all subjects and at all grade levels. By 8th grade, 86% of our students scored “Proficient” or “Advanced” on the PSAT in Evidence-Based Reading & Writing, while 77% showed proficiency in Math. This ranks **3rd** and **1st** amongst middle schools in Washtenaw County, respectively. Beach proficiency ratings were also **1st in the county in Social Studies** and **2nd in Science**.
- This is just one data point among many, but we are proud of our kids and educators!

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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

We are kicking off “Student of the Month” with 8th-grader Shiv Fox, who demonstrates so much of what it means to be a Beach Bulldog. Throughout his time at Beach, Shiv has proven to be a leader not by standing out by being loud or ostentatious, but rather through the quiet qualities that we want all of our students to strive for in our Portrait of a Graduate: humility, kindness, a genuine concern for others and for the community of which he is part, and a desire to make the world a better place. And if you’ve never seen Shiv in action on a stage, this is a must! Congratulations, Shiv!

LOOKING AHEAD:

- October 12: No School
- October 14: Picture Retake Day
- October 20-23: 6th Grade Camp Week (both teams together)
- October 20: Fall Echoes Concert
- October 21: Fall Festival of Choirs (CHS, BMS)
- October 24-25: MSBOA All-State Auditions (Saline)
- October 27: 6th Grade Veteran Panel, Cross Country MHSAA Regional
- October 28: Orchestra Halloween Concert

Respectfully Submitted,

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