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Superintendent's Report August 20, 2026

Skyward, Apptegy, and FY27: The Skyward transition continues to be a steep learning curve. We have had many issues with syncing Skyward with our other programs that we use to communicate with our families, such as Apptegy. We believe the issue is resolved, but it will continue to be a learning curve as we navigate the new system.

Regional Safety Meeting: On July 30th, I attended the Regional Safety Meeting on the ICC campus. Our ROE partnered with the Peoria ROE to provide school leaders with information about safety concerns for our schools and students. Speakers from the FBI, the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, the Peoria County Sheriff's Department, and more shared updated information and resources to help schools ensure students are safe at school and at home. They also shared areas of concern as children are the subject of many online threats from outside groups and extremists.

Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents: On 8/3/26, we hosted the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium for training on "Crisis Management for School-Based Incidents: Partnering Rural Law Enforcement, First Responders, and Local School Systems." We had 26 people in attendance from all over central Illinois. Our administration and mental health professionals attended. Unfortunately, our local law enforcement could not participate, but we had a few state police officers in attendance. In the training, we covered incident planning and preparedness, proactive threat mitigation, incident response, incident recovery, vulnerability assessments, threat assessment management, and incident defusing and debriefing. It was a very beneficial training for our staff, but it was unfortunate that city and county officials were not in attendance to work together on a plan.

New Teacher Orientation: This year's orientation was held on 8/4/26 and 8/6/26. Laura Jasko led our group of teachers in a well-planned two-day event. The administration interacted with our new hires, and we were impressed with our candidates. On Thursday, 8/6, Todd Fox and Angie Ruebush led our teachers in "Teacher Boot Camp" and covered a great deal of information to help our new teachers succeed. Everyone who was involved in our training on 8/3 had nothing but good things to say about it. It was a valuable investment in our new staff. Todd



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and Angie will return on 9/30 to speak with the whole staff on classroom management and dealing with student behaviors.

Audit FY26: The auditors have been here all week 8/10/26-8/13/26). We do not need a separate federal audit in addition to our regular audit, so we were thankful for that. KEB has been great to work with, and they are very thorough. Katie has worked hard preparing for their arrival and their requests throughout the week.

Public School Carbon-Free Assessment Program: I met with a representative from this Ameren-sponsored program. They will come into our district and provide us with free assessments on ways we can reduce our energy use or use it more efficiently. Once the assessment is completed, we will receive a no-obligation plan. Through our partnership with Ameren, they are offering financial incentives for completing some of the suggested improvements.