



Italy Independent School District

Department Board Report

Meeting Date 4-21-2026

MISSION: The mission of Italy ISD is to maintain a safe and caring environment by partnering with families and the community to inspire lifelong learning for intellectual and personal success for all students.

VISION: Italy ISD will be a district that sees every child and creates a diverse learning environment to prepare them for an ever-changing world.

Celebrations: Testing STAAR Testing boom!

Subject: STAAR Season is Here & E-Rate Funding is Powering Our Next Phase of Innovation

Dear School Board Members,

As we enter the final six weeks of the school year, there is a strong sense of momentum across our district. With summer on the horizon, this is an exciting time to reflect on how far we've come—and where we're headed next.

Thanks to your leadership and forward-thinking vision, our digital learning initiatives continue to grow while staying aligned with state requirements. The Technology Department has worked closely with campus leaders and staff to ensure our systems not only support student success but also elevate instructional quality across the district.

Upcoming Focus: STAAR Testing

STAAR testing is now underway, marking a critical time for our students and educators. We are fully prepared to provide reliable technology, secure systems, and responsive support to ensure a smooth and successful testing experience. These assessments play an important role in measuring student progress and guiding future instruction.

Looking Ahead: E-Rate Funding Impact

Exciting developments are on the way with E-Rate funding, which will significantly enhance our infrastructure, connectivity, and access control systems. This program supports schools in improving technology access and network capabilities, helping us create faster, more reliable digital environments for learning.

Continued Innovation

Our commitment to continuous improvement remains strong. We are expanding the use of instructional technology to:

- Increase student engagement
- Support differentiated learning
- Equip teachers with innovative tools and strategies

These efforts are preparing our students with the digital and problem-solving skills they need for the future.

Through strategic planning and collaboration, we are building learning environments that balance innovation, safety, and accountability. The progress we've made is a direct reflection of your unwavering support.

Thank you for your dedication and leadership. It is an honor to work alongside a board so deeply committed to student success and innovation as we finish this school year strong.

Warmest regards,

Michael Steinmetz

Executive Director, Technology Department