



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Jan 26, 2026 - Regular School Board Meeting
Category	3. Administrative Reports
Subject	3.1 District Administrator Report
Type	Reports

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Subject: January District Administrator Report, Dr. Beth Paap

District Mission: *To provide a respectful and nurturing environment for each student to grow.*

District Vision: *Valuing the individual learner, our focus is centered on evidence based student outcomes, cultural engagement and community connection.*

Strategic Goals (2022-26)

- **Student Success**
- **Student & Staff Health and Wellness**
- **Effective Collaborations & Partnerships**
- **District Excellence**
- **Efficient Use of Resources**

1. District Overview

January marks the midpoint of the school year and a key transition from first semester reflection to second semester focus. Across the district, our work this month centers on maintaining instructional momentum, supporting student attendance during winter months, and preparing for upcoming assessments, programming, and facility-related decisions.

2. Curriculum & Instruction

- **Assessment Planning:**
 - Testing windows for MAP and Forward exams have been reviewed with District Assessment Coordinator Colleen Beagan and administration.
 - **ACT testing is scheduled for March 10.**
 - Testing results will be made available to teachers and administrators for data review that will drive instructional planning.
- **Graduation Update:** Four (4) high school seniors are slated to graduate at the end of first semester.

3. Academic Achievement

- **Special Programs & Partnerships:**
 - **Honors Banquet – May 20:** The culminating celebration and feast for graduating seniors, in partnership with the Red Cliff Tribe. Planning is underway.
 - Continued emphasis on culturally responsive celebrations tied to student achievement and completion.

4. Operations Summary

- **Facilities / Referendum Project:**
 - Planning is underway for the **temporary relocation of SDB Island School during renovation.**
 - Three locations are under consideration (two on the island and the mainland school building).
 - **Board action will be requested at a Special Board Meeting on February 9,** prior to the Committee of the Whole.
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5. Finance Snapshot

- Audit for the 2024-25 school year continues with progress, once completed, Erin and the administration will turn to budget planning for the 2026-27 school year.
 - Future cost considerations include online learning options, summer programming coordination, Athletic Director move from a 5 hours a week to a part time position beginning at the 26-27 school year.
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6. Personnel

- **Summer Programming:**
 - Posted the **Summer Programming Coordinator** position, with a preference for an internal candidate.
 - Programming will be located at the Rec Center (sailing program) and the Red Cliff Boys & Girls Club due to renovation and install projects.
 - Additional details will be shared once the Coordinator is on board.
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7. Community Engagement

- **Winter Camp (February 17–20):**
 - February 17: Kickoff with a **community feast**, including referendum updates and visuals developed by Kraus Anderson
 - February 18–19: Camp activities
 - February 20: Closing event at the school with a Pow Wow
 - **District Winter Edition Newsletter**
 - article submissions are in
 - layout work and printing finalized next week
 - in mailboxes the first week of February
 - In partnership with the Red Cliff Tribe, the District will host a **Senior Dinner on February 4th at Legendary Waters** to bring seniors and their families together to share important information related to the final semester and post-graduation steps.
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8. Policy & Program Development

- **Policy Work:**
 - Onboarding comprehensive *administrative guidelines* for all active NEOLA policies is underway, beginning with:
 - Student Activity Fund policies
 - Conflict (accusations) between students and staff and staff-to-staff

- Administrative guideline templates are available through NEOLA and will be used for alignment and consistency.
 - **Online Learning Options:**
 - Initial groundwork completed with Rural Virtual Academy via Medford School District.
 - Cost: \$285 per student per course per semester.
 - RVA is not accepting new districts until July 2027; reconnection planned for Fall.
 - **Universal Instruction**
 - [DRAFT scope of work](#)
 - administration will determine timeline
 - **Expansion of the Alternative Education Program?**
 - during administration/board workshop discussion of the number of students on the waitlist for middle and high school Alt. Ed program raised; with 25 students on the waitlists question of expansion raised.
 - Administration will determine next steps to determine feasibility of expansion.
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9. Upcoming Priorities

- **Act 20 / Early Literacy Coaching:**
 - Received information from Melissa Fiamoncini (CESA 12) during the December PAC meeting regarding DPI Early Literacy Coaching funds.
 - Mike, Angela Botka, and I met last week to review the application requesting a literacy coach.
 - **Application due to DPI by January 29.**
 - The coach's primary role would be to support and coach teachers on literacy pedagogy.
 - DPI will fund up to three coaches per CESA for two years.
 - **Summer School Planning**
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10. Board Action Needed in February

- **February 9 Special Board Meeting (just prior to the Committee of the Whole):**
 - Action requested on temporary school sites during SDB Island renovation. Three locations will be presented.

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