



An informational update from the Superintendent to the RSD 17 Board.

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Superintendent's Report, Jeffrey S. Wihbey, Superintendent of Schools



Message from the Superintendent

Board members received information from CABA that they will be offering a 2024 Summer New Board Members-Leadership Conference on August 8th from 8:00 to 5:00. Workshops will be offered for new Board members and separate workshops for existing members. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Kaiser for more information and to register.

Department Updates

Finance

- New Director of Finance & Operations, Alison Pierce, commenced work on July 1st.
- Director Pierce has met with Joanne Lund and Mike Belden from LEARN, as well as the LEARN Finance team. They have reviewed current policies and procedures, and Director Pierce is assessing and analyzing internal controls.

Operations

- First and second-round interviews were held on July 1st and 10th, respectively. Selection will be in mid-July, with placement anticipated by mid-August.
- School site visits are scheduled for the week of July 15th for Director Pierce.
- Director Pierce continues to maintain weekly Operations Meetings with Transportation, Technology, Food Service, and Facilities to improve operational communications.

Student Services

- ESY has officially started. The students looked eager to participate in summer learning.

Food Services

- Child Nutrition Program (CNP) Reimbursement authorization will be requested tonight for Director Pierce.

Talent, Accountability, & Human Resources



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- Summer responsibilities are underway to prepare for the start of school (setting up a mandatory training schedule, updating the all-employee handbook, onboarding staff, setting up benefit time for the new year, etc.).
- Open Enrollment was successfully completed on time for the new fiscal year.
- Hiring for the 24/25 school year is underway. The administrative team is working collaboratively with HR to obtain high-quality candidates who are a good fit for the district. New Teacher Orientation will be on August 21 and 22.
- The Professional Development and Evaluation Committee (PDEC) is meeting to prepare for rolling out the new Educator and Leader Growth and Support Plan.

Curriculum Office

- The Curriculum Council developed guidelines for selecting supplemental resources. In the fall, they will be shared with principals and teachers.
- Curriculum Coordinators gathered and analyzed academic, social-emotional, attendance,
- Curriculum Coordinators organized programming and registration for summer programming for incoming Kindergarteners and Sixth Graders.
- Curriculum Coordinators are working with teacher teams on writing and revising the curriculum throughout the summer.

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