



Stevenson High School Board Bulletin

A monthly message from the Board of Education

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Welcome to our Stevenson High School Board Bulletin, a monthly message from our Board of Education that will include key updates that impact student life at Stevenson. We are very pleased to share several key takeaways from our most recent board meeting below. Thank you for your engagement on these very important issues! We look forward to staying in touch.

Sincerely,
Stevenson High School Board of Education

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Our board meeting agendas often include many items for discussion. While you will always be able to review the agenda, meeting minutes and video recordings of these meetings on [our Board webpage](#), this Board Bulletin provides key takeaways for our Stevenson community.

- 1** Social emotional learning is fundamental to the teaching and learning experience at Stevenson. At the Sept. 20 board meeting, Chinese language faculty members of the World Languages Division presented on their work with students and how the intersection of social emotional learning drove deeper connections between students and teachers; improved learning among students and a more profound sense of belonging in the classroom.
- 2** One of the main purposes of the second phase of the East Building addition is to provide more space for the school's growing student body to participate in wellness activities, including physical welfare classes as well as co-curricular activities. As the project nears the end of construction, the board approved a recommendation by Assistant Superintendent Sean Carney to purchase \$856,000 of necessary fitness equipment, which will be used for physical welfare, athletics and co-curricular activities. The initial estimate for needed fitness equipment was approximately \$1.2 million; however, a cooperative procurement and bidding process enabled the District to find savings of nearly \$335,000.
- 3** Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Mark Onuscheck presented a series of action steps for the school's Wellness Initiative. Building on the district's strong social emotional programming, the Wellness Initiative will sharpen its focus on supporting students' "whole" (mental and physical) well-being through curricular and co-curricular education. In carrying out this work, the Wellness Initiative aims to give students the tools they need to self-regulate their mental and physical wellness — mindset, nutrition, movement, sleep and stress — beyond their high school experience.

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Superintendent Eric Twadell provided an informational update on the national, state and local bussing crisis that has challenged Stevenson. District officials have been working closely with bus transportation partner, First Student, to work through the staffing issues, and schedules and routes for students have begun to stabilize. Now that bussing is more reliable, the District is preparing to push out communication about First Student's bus tracking app First View. The app will be available to all bus riders, and more detailed information about how to access the app and its bus tracking information will be provided by the end of the month.