



# 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

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## 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** The Communication Arts Department faculty members who teach Academic Literacy 2 (AL2) presented the unique Social Emotional Learning (SEL) experiences they provide students in this course. While AL2 is designed as an intervention for students with a need to develop their literacy skills, the faculty members have put in significant effort to build students' sense of belonging in the classroom by focusing on the value of subject (literacy and reading) and connecting that content directly to their identities and values. Literacy is the foundation for all learning and provides students with the skills to become socially engaged young adults. Practical exercises, including digital portfolios, have helped bridge this gap in students valuing the course material. As a result, an overwhelming majority of students meet or exceed expectations in AL2. Skills developed through this course are carried over to students' other classes, as well, which can dramatically reshape a student's overall learning experience at Stevenson.
- 2** The Board of Education also received an update on Stevenson's latest efforts around the Wellness Initiative, led by Alex Stoller, Aaron Wellington and Eric Ramos. While much of the Wellness Initiative's programming is housed in the recently opened Patriot Wellness Center (PWC), the goal of the initiative itself is to create a culture of wellness throughout the student learning experience. The Wellness Initiative rests on four pillars of wellness — mindset, movement, sleep and nutrition — that are taught through PWC programming as well as curricular content in Physical Welfare. Headed into its seventh month of being open, after-school attendance in the PWC continues to be strong.
- 3** The Board also received an update on enrollment, which currently stands at approximately 4,542 students (as of early February). This data point is in line with projections shared by school demographer DecisionInsite. Additionally, projected enrollment for the following years are on pace to increase as predicted.