



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.

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On Monday evening, the Board had the pleasure of hearing from several members of the business education team and its journey through integrating social emotional learning throughout the curriculum. Since 2016, the team has worked to broaden its lens to focus on skills relevant to the students' financial values and linking it to their social emotional well being. By offering a course that is driven by students values, it allows for the opportunity to authentically integrate the SEL competencies of self awareness (how does this content relate to me) and responsible decision making (how can I make safe and ethical decisions for myself and my community). The impact of the team's work shows in the Student Voice Survey: Since the fall of 2016, the percentage of students who valued the subject of business education increased from 71% to 82%. The business education team feels this is strongly linked to the student choice incorporated into the curriculum along with the emphasis on how financial literacy in the long term will allow you to commit to yourself others, and your learning.

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In accordance with rules set by ISBE and the school code, school districts may abate Working Cash Funds (rainy day fund) to ensure other funds have a healthy balance. Following a first reading of a proposal by Assistant Superintendent Sean Carney at the April Board Meeting, the Board approved the abatement of \$7.1 million of the Working Cash Fund to go toward the Operations and Maintenance, IMRF/SS and Tort funds. These funds are being replenished following monies spent toward the Patriot Wellness Center.