



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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Representative Nabeela Syed and Representative Dan Didech attended the Board meeting to present a Congratulatory Certificate from the Illinois House of Representatives in recognition of being named among the top 50 High Schools in the country by *U.S. News & World Report*. As part of this ranking, Stevenson topped the list of best open enrollment high schools in the state.



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The Psychology Team from the Social Studies division presented on their current and future efforts around integrating principles of social emotional learning in AP Psychology. The course was developed to mirror the Portrait of a Graduate: developing a growth mindset while building knowledge in psychology; building grit, self-efficacy, resilience, and life-skills; fostering empathy, compassion, and respect for diversity in the local, national and global community and committing to reducing stigma. As a result of this work, the data shows a strong positive sense of classroom climate (96%) and student-teacher relationships (94%).

Currently, the team is focusing on building students' "self-management" by increasing the valuing of subject through conversations about real-life examples of psychology concepts. Moving forward, the team hopes to build on students' peer-peer to relationships by embracing the diversity of languages spoken and the specific connection to their development of language unit.

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The District was also proud to announce this year's nominees for the state's Those Who Excel awards, which honors educators who have made significant contributions to public education.

This year's nominees are:

- Educational Service Personnel: Debby Marquardt
- Student Support Personnel: Katie Bennett
- Classroom Teacher: Sam Figueroa
- Early Career Educator: Kristin Koe
- Team: Little Patriots team (Eileen Schopen, Faina Kaminsky, Brenda Thomas-Hill, Hayley Larsen)