



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

The Sophomore College Preparatory team with the Communications Arts Department presented on their Social Emotional Learning (SEL) initiatives. Their ongoing efforts are in response to Student Voice Survey results from the spring that highlighted students have a strong desire to do well in their class while feeling challenged as to how to authentically understand the value of the subject and its connection to their daily lives.

To create more authentic connections to the subject, the faculty members focused on selecting reading materials that were more accessible and showcased diversity. The team has created numerous opportunities for early success in reading and for student choice. They are already seeing early positive results from this action plan, in particular with a text called Fresh Ink where 95% of students liked or felt a connection to at least one short story within the text. The faculty will receive this fall's SVS later this year and look forward to continuing building on their early success.

2

Assistant Principals Wendy Custable and Anthony Reibel presented [the 2022-23 Student Achievement Report](#), a collection of student data from the SAT Suites of Assessments, college level experiences and social emotional learning as measured by the Student Voice Survey. Key findings from the report include:

- 2023 Juniors (Class of 2024) scored an average SAT score of 1214, compared to the state average of 964 and national average of 960. The SAT has long been

viewed as the standard for measuring college preparedness.

- 91% of 2023 Seniors graduated with at least one college level experience (CLE) (Advanced Placement, dual credit or articulated credit course). Research has shown that students with CLE are more likely to succeed in college and graduate in a timely manner.
- Results from our 2023 spring Student Voice Survey show that 76% of students feel a connection to their teachers and peers, putting Stevenson in the 99th percentile benchmarked against comparable schools. Our faculty are committed to students' sense of belonging, which is crucial to student success and engagement, positive behaviors and academic achievement.

3

The Board of Education also received the Class of 2023 Report, a comprehensive document that includes the known plans of 1,059 members of last year's graduating class. The Student Services Division distributes a survey and collects this data every year. Highlights from respondents include:

- 96% of the class is college-bound, with 87% attending four-year schools and 9.3% attending two-year schools.
- 34% of the college-bound students planned to begin their four-year college education within the state of Illinois.
- Below are listed the ten most popular four-year universities:
 - The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign [157]
 - University of Illinois at Chicago [52]
 - Indiana University [51]
 - DePaul University [42]
 - University of Iowa [27]
 - Purdue University [23]
 - Loyola University [22]
 - University of Wisconsin-Madison [21]
 - Illinois State University [20]
 - Ohio State University [16]