



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 AP US History team presented an update on their ongoing work to improve the SEL experience in their classes. The team's overarching goal is to transform AP US History into a course that cultivates student engagement, collaboration, choice and voice. The team recognized an opportunity to help students more deeply value the subject of US History.

To that end, they incorporated the History Fair Research Project, a year-long project in which students are given the choice to choose their own history subject, develop their own inquiry questions and self-direct their research. While the project has led to incredibly creative and thoughtful projects, the spring Student Voice Survey revealed a much more meaningful change in students' overall increase valuing of the subject.

2 The Board of Education also received the Class of 2024 Report, which details the post-secondary plans of last year's graduating class. Of note:

- 96% of the class is college-bound, with 85% attending four-year schools and 11% attending two-year schools.
- The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign remains our top school, with 136 students beginning their higher education this fall.

- Our ten most popular four-year universities are:
 - The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign [136]
 - University of Illinois at Chicago [60]
 - Indiana University [49]
 - Purdue University [38]
 - Ohio State University [34]
 - DePaul University [31]
 - Loyola University [30]
 - Illinois State University [24]
 - University of Iowa [22]
 - Michigan State U [18]