



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 During the October Board of Education meeting, the Driver's Education team opened their SEL presentation highlighting the diversity of students who take Driver's Education at Stevenson. For the presentation, the team focused on two unique student groups, one of which is composed of students for whom English is a second language (21% of DE students). The DE team incorporated a number of simple but effective activities to help students build solid communication skills, self-confidence and a sense of belonging with the hopes that students will bring those skills behind the wheel. For an introduction activity, students were asked to include road signs of where they were from and where they wanted to go/most felt connected to.

The team also presented on their SEL efforts with a second student group: juniors (57% of DE students) who experience various moments of performance anxiety throughout that year due to standardized tests. This presented a unique opportunity to incorporate education about stress responses and coping strategies, including breathing techniques and leaning on a social support system.

Based on data collected from the spring 2024 Student Voice Survey, students reported an overwhelmingly positive experience in Driver's Education.

2 The Board of Education received a summary of [the 2023-24 Student Achievement Report](#), a collection of student data from the SAT Suite of Assessments, college level experiences and social emotional learning as measured by the Student Voice Survey. Key findings from the

report include:

- 2024 Juniors (Class of 2025) scored an average SAT score of 1202, compared to the state average of 953 and national average of 952. The SAT has long been viewed as the standard for measuring college preparedness.
- 91% of 2024 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 2024 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. On a more granular level, students reported the greatest increase of classroom belonging and valuing of subject — both measures of student engagement.