



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

A team of Communications Arts faculty members presented to the Board of Education the latest on social emotional learning efforts in their sophomore accelerated English classes. Last year, their journey focused on the concept of **efficacy**. Why this focus? The team noticed many students were lacking learning habits that lead to success.

The team took action by identifying opportunities to help students practice their learning skills and assess the impact of those skills on their learning outcomes. They not only brainstormed their own ideas; they looked to other divisions for inspiration. The faculty used a wide range of exercises that promote practice and reflection. And they built a framework for measuring student efficacy using both "street data" and Student Voice Survey data.

This data pulled together tells a story of sophomores in accelerated English who feel very strongly about their ability to self-assess and own their learning habits and outcomes.

2

The Board of Education approved the abatement of \$14.8 million dollars from the Working Cash Fund and the transfer of those funds to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. This money comes from last month's sale of working cash bonds and will replenish O&M funds previously used for capital projects.

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The Illinois Association of School Boards recognized Stevenson's Board of Education for excellence in local school board governance. IASB's "School Board Governance Recognition"

program acknowledges school boards that learn and practice effective governance behaviors, including clarity of purpose, community engagement, leadership delegation through superintendents, progress monitoring and accountability.