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Dr. Jennifer Thomas
Superintendent

TO: Governing Board Members

FROM: Administration

RE: Governing Board Meeting

DATE: Wednesday, December 2, 2026

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Gages Lake School, Community Room

1. CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL (Dr. Mack)

Once a quorum is present, Dr. Mack will call the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Dr. Mack)

3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Mack)

Motion to Accept/Amend the Agenda - VOICE VOTE
Move the agenda be accepted/amended as presented.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - ACTION NEEDED (Dr. Mack)

Motion to Approve Minutes - ROLL CALL VOTE
Move approval of the public session minutes from the August 5, 2026 meeting.

5. SPECIAL RECOGNITION (Dr. Thomas)

5.1 2025-26 Employee of the Year

The 2025-26 Employee of the Year, Ashley Merkel, Laremont ELP Teacher, was announced in August at the opening institute day and will be presented to the Governing Board highlighting the positive impact of her role.

5.2 Board Appreciation

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (Dr. Mack)

President Mack will recognize any visitors at the meeting. The Governing Board is always interested in hearing from anyone who has a concern or issue regarding SEDOL programs and services. In order to ensure that everyone is heard, and at the same time, conduct the meeting

properly and efficiently, those wishing to address the Board are asked to observe the following guidelines.

1. Sign in at the meeting and complete the Public Comment Information Form.
2. Address the Board at the appropriate time as indicated on the agenda and when recognized by the Board President.
3. State your name and address for the record.
4. Comments should be limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes. The Board President may deny a person the opportunity to speak for more than 3 minutes. The President may also deny such opportunity to a person who has previously addressed the Board on the same subject.
5. Groups attending Board meetings are requested to appoint a spokesperson, if possible. The spokesperson should identify the group he/she represents and then briefly explain the concerns shared by the group. The Board President reserves the right to terminate a speaker's comments if they are repetitive or redundant.
6. Comments made during open session should not pertain to individual students or employees. Concerns regarding a specific student or employee should be presented in closed session.
7. The Board President or other presiding officer shall have the authority to terminate the remarks of any individual addressing the Board under public comment and to determine procedural matters regarding public comment not otherwise defined in Board policy.

7. SEDOL CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Thomas)

Administration will provide the Board with a progress report and presentation on the SEDOL Continuous Improvement Plan.

[CIP 26-27 SEDOL Continuous Improvemnet Plan EB Approved 8.27.26.pdf](#) 

8. Audit Updates - INFORMATIONAL (Mr. Shepherd)

Mr. Shepherd will update the Board on the status of the audits.

9. SEDOL 2015 BOND UPDATE - INFORMATIONAL (Mr. Shepherd)

Mr. Shepherd will update the Board on the 2015 Bond.

10. INFORMATIONAL

10.1 SEDOL Program Highlights (Dr. Jiménez-Captain)

10.2 SEDOL Foundation (Ms. Subry)

- Ping Pong for the Kids - February 7
- Laremont Trivia Night - March 6
- Pucks for Autism- June 4-6
- Golf Invitational - September 13
- 5K Run/Walk - September 18
- One Special Night - November 2027

10.3 SEDOL Events (Dr. Thomas)

11. OPEN FORUM - INFORMATIONAL (Dr. Mack)

Governing Board members are encouraged to suggest items for the next regular meeting.

Governing Board members are invited to make whatever comments they feel appropriate.

12. ADJOURNMENT (Dr. Mack)

2026-27 Executive Board Meeting Schedule *SEDOL Office Bay Room*

Dates to be approved at the July 23, 2026 Executive Board meeting.

Thursday, December 17, 2026

Thursday, January 28, 2027

Thursday, February 25, 2027

Thursday, March 18, 2027

Thursday, April 15, 2027 (***Special meeting on tentative budget***)

Thursday, April 22, 2027

Thursday, May 27, 2027

Thursday, June 24, 2027

Thursday, July 22, 2027

2026-27 Governing Board Meeting Schedule *Gages Lake School Community Room*

Wednesday, March 3, 2027 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 2, 2027 – 7:00 p.m.