


Board Presentations January 2024

Craig Benes, Superintendent



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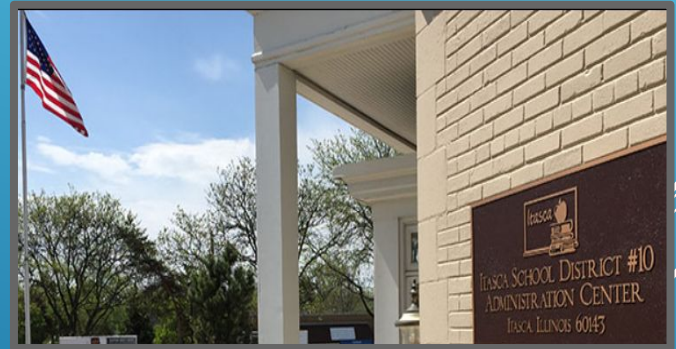
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Board Salutes

- ◆ Ashley Darling - Librarian, Peacock Middle
 - ◆ Adrienne Poulakidas - Resource Teacher, Franzen Intermediate
 - ◆ Marlina Lam - 1st Grade Teacher, Benson Primary
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New Chief School Business Official (CSBO)

◆ Tiffany Preuss



Benson School Improvement Plan

- ▶ Requirement for All Schools to Show Learning Goals and Progress
- ▶ Continual Process of Improvement & Celebration
 - ▶ Informs Practices and Interventions
 - ▶ Formalized Avenue to Implement and Monitor Progress
 - ▶ Allows for Analysis, Reflection and Adjustment

Benson Primary School Improvement Update


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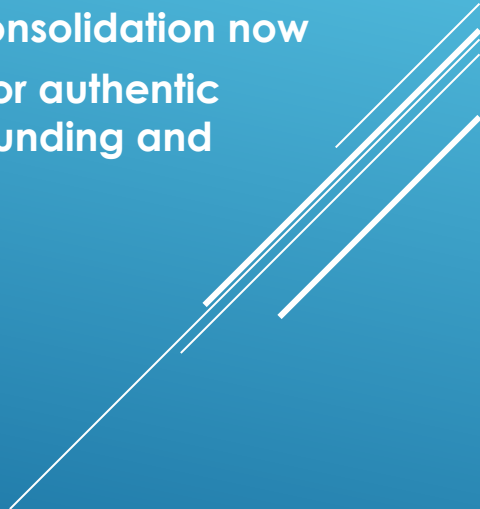
School District Consolidation Study

- ▶ **District Consolidation**
 - ▶ **ISBE**
 - ▶ **League of Women Voters Study**
 - ▶ **Requesting D10 BOE Help Fund a Study**
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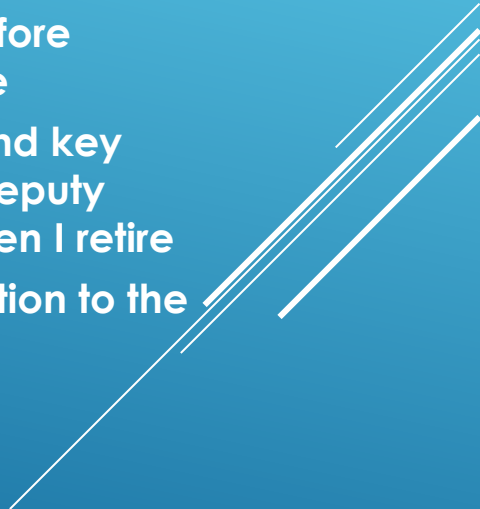
Takeaways

- ▶ **Other feeder districts are not pursuing the study at this point in time**
 - ▶ **The initiative may not align with District 10 Goals**
 - ▶ **Salary costs would be extraordinary even with proposed administrative consolidations**
 - ▶ **The Itasca Board of Education has been responsive to community stakeholders and developed unique educational programming**
 - ▶ **We are in the midst of several capital improvements that require significant attention**
 - ▶ **The Board of Education has developed a budget philosophy that protects the current and long-term needs of our students, families and staff**
 - ▶ **Local Board of Education leadership has been central to developing strong inter-governmental cooperation**
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Recommendation

- ▶ **Timing:** Our focus currently is with student learning, academic and social emotional, safety, capital development
 - ▶ Further independent study and significant community engagement and discussion would be required
 - ▶ Some feeder districts are not interested in further evaluating consolidation now
 - ▶ Given the potential costs of consolidation and the required time for authentic analysis, I recommend we do not move forward at this time with funding and participating in a proposed joint study
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Superintendent Succession Plan

1. **Current Superintendent retires from full-time work and Superintendent role June 2026**
 2. **Strong school districts develop transition and succession plans to support continuity**
 3. **Best practice is to evaluate any exemplary internal candidate before deciding to seek an alternative external candidate at a later date**
 4. **Recommend we convene a process for the Board of Education and key stakeholders to evaluate the appointment of Dr. Heidi Weeks to Deputy Superintendent for 2024-2025 school year and Superintendent when I retire**
 5. **The process would engage key stakeholders in providing information to the Board of Education to evaluate that recommendation**
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Capital Updates

- ▶ Continue to Work on Remediation of Punch-List Items
 - ▶ Some Elements Will Not be Accepted and Need to be Fixed
 - ▶ Plumbing Planning Continues
 - ▶ Bathroom Upgrades
 - ▶ Plan to Hold “Open House” for Recent Capital Work
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Attendance Initiative and Attendance Data

Attendance Letter

- ▶ Routine Communication and In-Person Meetings with Families Regarding Attendance
 - ▶ Attendance Plan
 - ▶ Supports for Success
 - ▶ Incentives and Earning Eligibility for Extra Programs

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2024-2025 Preschool Registration and Fees

- ▶ Recommend Tuition Increase to \$2,750.00/yr.
- ▶ Last Tuition Increase was 3-4 years ago
- ▶ Exemplary Quality Program with Highly Credentialed Professional Staff
- ▶ Program is Now 2 Classrooms with 4 Total Sessions
- ▶ Will Evaluate Funding and ISBE Programs for 2025-2026

