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DATE: October 19, 2026

TO: School Board Members

FROM: Matt Doyle, CES Principal

SUBJECT: CES Principal's Report to the CSD School Board

This report covers the period between the March and April board meetings.

Academic Excellence: Teaching staff completed fall STAR reading and math assessments for grades K-6 in September. Many students are operating below grade level in each subject; we are taking a holistic approach to help close the gap between the school's Grade 3 ELA proficiency and the 2029-30 target, based on Performance Growth Targets set in collaboration with NWRESD. In 2024-25, 32.5% of Grade 3 students were reading at grade level. Our goal is to have 45% of grade 3 students achieving this standard by the 29-30 school year. Charlie Sittloh led a dynamic staff session this month in helping staff identify achievement gaps and work toward student proficiency by setting SMART goals that will improve student STAR assessment performance.

School Leadership: In early October, the School Leadership Team met to discuss systems performance around academic progress as well as student behaviors that are impeding that progress in many cases. As noted above, many of the students who are not operating at grade level have also been referred for behaviors that are disruptive to their and their peers' learning . We are working as a team to support students to do their best, while also focusing on accountability for their actions.

Staff Development: On October 14th, staff participated in fall goal-setting. We focused on building goals that help teachers "plant" mileposts for student achievement and ensuring all classrooms have warm, inviting, purpose-driven classroom cultures using the CEL 5D+ Framework.

Infrastructure and Facilities: Will and his team worked hard to help Bobbie Stirling, our music teacher, move the music area to the stage in the Cardiff building. This will provide improved acoustics, more storage space, and an area that is more conducive to moving band progress forward in preparation for our winter concert.