



Superintendent Quarterly Update



Dear ISD staff, families, and students:

I hope this message finds you well. As we have completed the first quarter of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on our accomplishments and share some important updates regarding our educational community and the implementation of the four-day school week.

Attendance

We are very appreciative to witness the district-wide increase in student attendance. It is heartening to see students and their families recognize the importance of regular school attendance, and this collective effort not only fosters an enriched learning environment but also reflects a strong belief in the transformative power of education.

- Regular aggregate attendance in the ISD was 92.02% during the first 9 weeks of the 2022-2023 school year. We are at 93.24% for the first 9 weeks of the 2023-2024 school year, which is an increase of 1.22%.
- MSIP attendance is another measurement parameter used to track attendance, which is calculated differently than regular aggregate attendance. Our MSIP attendance is up 3.62% compared to this time last year.

Student Discipline

We are genuinely grateful and encouraged by the district-wide decrease in student discipline incidents. This noteworthy reduction is a testament to the hard work and commitment of our students, their families, and our dedicated staff who embrace the values of responsibility and mutual respect. This achievement underscores our shared commitment to providing a nurturing environment where every student has the opportunity to succeed without the distractions of disciplinary issues.

- Discipline incidents within the ISD are down 17% compared to this time last year, which also includes the fact that the number of long-term suspensions are less than $\frac{1}{3}$ of what they were at this time last school year.

Superintendent Quarterly Update



Teacher Absences

We appreciate our dedicated teaching staff and applaud their efforts in contributing to the recent decrease in teacher absences. This has not only positively impacted the continuity of our students' education, but has also fostered a more stable and enriching learning environment. We are truly grateful for the collective effort to maintain consistent classroom presence.

- Teacher absences are down 12.55% in the first 9 weeks of this school year, compared to the same period last year. From the end of the first 9 weeks to Monday of this week, the reduction in teacher absences is even greater, at 17.62%, compared to last year.

MCC adds additional College Classes for ISD students

- Following the successful implementation of four college classes for ISD students on non-school Mondays at Metropolitan Community College, MCC has graciously agreed to offer additional courses next semester to meet the growing demand.
- Beginning in the Spring, MCC will now offer seven courses exclusively for the ISD Early College Program. Interested students should contact their high school counselor.

I want to express my gratitude to each of you for your hard work, dedication, and resilience. Our ISD community thrives because of the collective effort of our staff, families, and students. Let's look forward to the upcoming quarter with enthusiasm and a continued commitment to excellence.

Thank you for your unwavering support.

Sincerely,
Dr. Herl