

Superintendent's Report

January 12, 2015

Chairwoman Diane Porter, members of the Board; it is my pleasure to call your attention to a few items of special interest.

First of all, congratulations to Ms. Porter, Ms. Duncan, Dr. Willner, and Ms. Horne.

Thank you to all seven of you for your service. I am proud to be part of the Superintendent/Board team.

The Panasonic Foundation found that 'real school improvement occurs when the school board and superintendent are unwavering in their vision of a better district and are conscious that they are mutually dependent for making that vision a reality'.

Research also points to the importance of the Board asking the right questions and focusing on the right issues — constantly pushing the system.

I appreciate the collaboration with the Jefferson County Teachers Association (JCTA) in developing agreements for staffing for the K-8 Waldorf-Inspired Maupin School, the K-8 Louisville Reach Academy at Atkinson, and Kennedy Metro Elementary.

Dr. Raisor will be bringing a recommendation for relocating the alternative school, Kennedy Metro Middle School. It is an important and necessary alternative school and will be relocated.

The State Auditor recommended improving our Internal Audit Services. The Board approved a contract with the firm, Dean Dorton. This is an example of how we are moving and improving. Dean Dorton will report functionally to the Board to ensure "the principle of independence".

Feedback is a valuable tool for student and employee growth. I appreciate the Board's investment in time in providing me with formative feedback. Our goal is for every student and every employee to be better tomorrow, than they were today.

Moving Board meetings occasionally to a school site takes the important governance work of the Board to the center of the universe — a school. We will only focus on schools that have the infrastructure to support them. Those sites can be found throughout the district. Meetings will, of course, be televised.

Chairwoman Porter, at this time, I recommend the consent calendar for the Board's consideration.