



Assistant Superintendent Report September 2026

From Preparation to Implementation

The 2026-2027 school year is officially underway, and Bellevue Independent Schools has had an exciting and productive start! Since welcoming students back on August 19, our focus has shifted from preparing our systems to actively implementing, monitoring, and strengthening them across both schools. The first several weeks have provided opportunities to see our planning come to life in classrooms while also gathering important information about student needs and growth areas.

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Teachers are continuing to implement our districtwide GVC work, with an increased emphasis this year on student engagement (cognitive, emotional, and behavioral). Our goal is to ensure that the GVC becomes more than a collection of documents. It should serve as a practical tool that supports teachers in answering our four essential PLC questions: ***What do students need to learn? How will we know if they have learned it? What will we do when they have not learned it? What will we do when they already know it?*** This work will continue throughout the year through PLCS, early release professional learning, coaching cycles, and collaborative planning.

Fall MAP Assessment

Our Fall MAP assessment window provided important baseline data about where students are beginning the 2026-2027 school year. Students participated in MAP Growth assessments in reading, mathematics, and science. We also expanded to the use of MAP Reading Fluency in grades K-8. The most important process begins now... **using the information to make instructional decisions.** Teams are reviewing MAP results alongside classroom evidence, prior KSA results, and other student information to identify strengths, instructional priorities, and students who may benefit from additional intervention or enrichment.

We are also working to refine the overall assessment system so teachers have greater clarity around the purpose of different tools. This includes identifying when to use universal screeners, diagnostic assessments, and progress-monitoring tools such as MAP, MAP Fluency, MAP Skill Plans, IXL, and Khan Academy.

MTSS & Intervention Systems

Strengthening our MTSS remains a significant district priority. Now that students are back in classrooms (yay! 😊), we are identifying student needs early and ensuring that interventions are targeted, intentional, and monitored for effectiveness.

Our first round of academic MTSS and BASE (Behavioral, Attendance, Social-Emotional) team meetings are occurring this week and next.

Professional Learning / Educator Support

We recently learned of an opportunity through NKCES to support teachers pursuing a rank change through our School Based Mental Health grant. Funding from that grant will help to cover 100% of the tuition of a CEO Rank Change focused on social emotional learning, educator wellness, and/or mental health in schools.

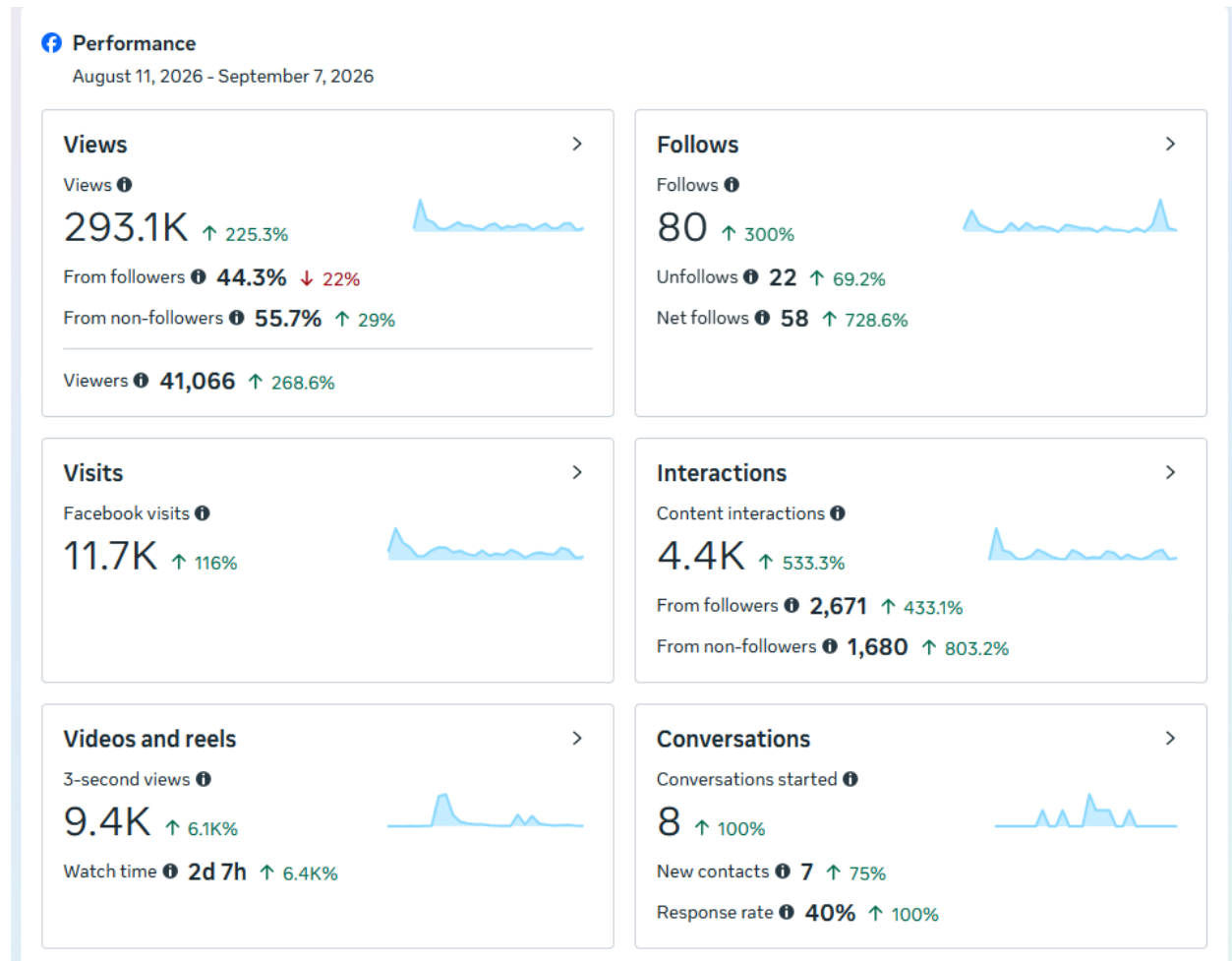
Congratulations to **Elisabeth Kramer, Ashton Pitzer, and Brandon Forshey** for being selected for this amazing opportunity! This provides another opportunity to build internal capacity while investing in our staff.

A big thank you goes to our SPF team who are continuing to support student wellness and prevention efforts across the district. On September 4, all students attended an engaging and inspirational assembly from former Harlem Globetrotter, Corey the Dribbler. On September 8, they helped us to recognize **988 Day**, helping to increase awareness of the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and the resources available for families and students.

Communication and Community Engagement

One of the highlights of the beginning of the year has been the continued engagement of our Bellevue families and community. Our opening events provided a strong start with 83% of families participating in our Back-to-School Bash and 77% participating in open houses. We continue to use the Bellevue Bulletin, Weekly ReVUE videos, district social media, website, community publications, and direct family communication (Class Dojo / IC) to celebrate our students and staff while

ensuring families have access to timely and important information. Recent communications have highlighted preschool, Girls on the Run, student opportunities, attendance, school safety week, community events, and the positive things happening daily throughout our schools. Here are our Facebook analytics for the past 28 days:



Important Dates:

- September 16 - SEB Screener Window
- September 17 - New to the Vue #1
- September 23 - Quality Control Day for Accountability
- October 1 - CSIP / CDIP Phase #1 Due

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