



Brookfield Public Schools

Office of Assistant Superintendent



Dear Brookfield Community,

November 18, 2022

The month of November includes important civic and community days of recognition that influence much of the work we do in school. We use election day as a professional learning day for faculty, hold programs to honor our veterans on Veterans Day and hold reflections and celebrations within classrooms, schools and offices as we lead up to the Thanksgiving Break. Athletic seasons come to a close with state championship competitions, grades get posted, and parent-teacher conferences are held throughout the month. All of these milestones that are part of the cadence of a school year are particularly poignant during this school year where we have reset and relaunched into post-pandemic life. Our students, teachers, and staff are working hard on academic, social, and emotional skill building. Below are a few highlights from November:

- **November 8th professional development day:** The professional development day allowed teachers to work within building teams on curriculum, instruction, and assessment as well as offered opportunities for some faculty to attend workshops outside of the district, including at a state-wide conference for physical education and health teachers as well as a music educators conference hosted at West Conn (the full schedule can be found [here](#)). Professional development days allow teachers time to focus on honing their craft in real-time to meet the needs of each student in our schools every day.
- **Using data to inform Instruction:** As part of the ongoing focus on student achievement, teachers have been working with instructional coaches and administrators to review assessment data (from fall testing, such as classroom assessments, Acadeince, and STAR) to make decisions on how to adjust instruction in order to support students in their academic skill development. The practice of using student data throughout the year to drive instruction also allows teachers to adjust assessments to ensure they are gathering accurate information on students' skills as well as inform curriculum adjustments for the future.
- **District strategic planning-purpose:** Throughout the fall, Brookfield Public Schools has engaged a committee of BOE members, teachers, administrators, and parents in strategic planning to help guide the District with goals and focus for the next 3-5 years (please see this [link](#) as reference to the previous strategic plan). Updates on the progress of the strategic planning have been given at recent Board of Education meetings and will serve as the basis for curricular, fiscal, and capital decisions for the upcoming years. In short, the strategic plan will be the basis for the roadmap to the future for Brookfield Public Schools. The committee will continue its work through the winter with the goal of having a fully-developed plan by the spring. Please keep an eye out for more information on the district webpage in the coming months.



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The highlights outlined above along with the classroom experiences, school-wide assemblies, community field trips and overall engaging learning environments make Brookfield a special place. The goal of Brookfield Public Schools is to meet the needs of each child everyday to help them develop the dispositions outlined in the Brookfield Vision of the Graduate “4Cs”: **critical & creative thinkers, communicators, collaborators, and changemakers**. I am grateful to be a part of a district that is focused on the future and provides resources to build off of previous success to achieve the goals we set for ourselves.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday!

Sincerely,

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