Re: Board Report for March 29, 2018

Members of the BCS Board of Education,

In recent weeks, we have completed 26 reviews of IEPs for students in both buildings. These IEPs represented one for each of our intervention specialists as well as our speech language pathologists. By reviewing these IEPs, we are fulfilling a portion of our goal within our Internal Monitoring and Review portion of our Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) and providing important feedback to our intervention specialists as to the quality of the writing of IEPs. The goal is to write IEPs that meet the needs of our students with disabilities and that are impactful in growing them academically, socially and emotionally.

The next step in this process is conducting IEP verifications where we go into classrooms to see that those same students, whose IEPs were reviewed, are receiving all of the services written in their IEPs. We are almost finished with the verifications. That data is being compiled and will be submitted to the state to check off as part of our Comprehensive Monitoring Review (CMR).

I am excited to share with you that I extended an invitation to Olivia Schmidt, Assistant Director, Monitoring and Supports for ODE’s Office of Exceptional Children and John Magee, Education Program Specialist and our lead for the CMR, to attend our District Leadership team meeting on April 25th. We have received positive feedback from their office regarding our work with the CMR and how we have tied it to our district Ohio Improvement Plan (OIP) and our SIP. Not only did they accept our invitation, Olivia indicated she hopes to bring Dr. Kim Monachino, Director of OEC for the meeting as well. That would be a tremendous honor for our district.

Finally, unrelated to my role as Director of Student Services, but directly related to my role as district liaison to the Crawford County Community Concert Association Board, we have successfully secured grants from The Shunk Foundation, The Community Foundation and The Timken Foundation for $27,000 to replace the grand curtain and the traveler and cyclorama in the BES Auditorium. The total cost could be just over $31,000 for the project and the CCCCA board has agreed to cover any remaining costs from its unrestricted auditorium endowment. This work will be completed over the summer.

As always, please contact me with any questions you may have regarding this information. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Massara

Director of Student Services