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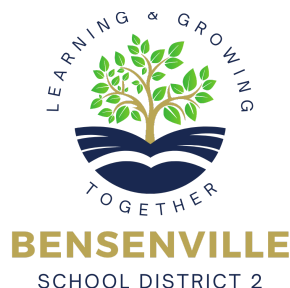
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BOARD BRIEFS: February 21, 2024 – Regular Meeting

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Celebration - BMS Dance Team: Congratulations to the BMS Dance team! The dancers competed against eight other schools at the Thomas Middle School Dance Invitational, and their Rihanna-themed pom performance earned them second place!

Celebration - Buddy Benches: Congratulations to the third-grade ACE students from Tioga and W.A. Johnson Schools! The students researched and developed a proposal to purchase "Buddy Benches" to install on their playgrounds and presented their idea to the Bensenville Community Foundation, which loved the idea and voted unanimously to fund the project. A "Buddy Bench" is a place students can go when they're feeling sad or lonely and need someone to talk to or play with. When a student sits on the "Buddy Bench," other students and staff will know the child could use a friend and will join the child and offer their help, support, and comfort. These benches will be a legacy for years to come.

Presentation - Safety & Security Update: Dr. McCluskey and Dustin Berman, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, reviewed important school safety practices implemented by the District over the past two years in collaboration with Bensenville's Police and Fire Departments and Emergency Management Agency, the Northern Illinois School Safety Administrators Association, and the DuPage County Regional Office of Education, and School Safety Task Force. Highlights include the completion of a District-wide safety audit, ALICE training, and implementation of standard response protocols for emergency situations throughout BSD2 schools. The ALICE Training principles provide staff and students the option to "run, hide or fight" when reacting to a threat. The District will review these safety and security updates during a parent information night at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, in the auditorium at Blackhawk Middle School.

Presentation - Summer School 2024 Plan: Dr. Anne Paonessa, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, reviewed the District's plans for providing traditional summer school, a new summer enrichment program, and its annual Kindergarten JumpStart program over this year's summer break.

BMS Construction Update: The Board approved five contracts for the renovation and expansion project at Blackhawk Middle School this summer. The contracts totaled about \$2 million and were the last major contracts to come before the Board for this project. Work on the project will begin over spring break with preparations for moving and storing furniture and supplies so that contractors can begin working inside the building as soon as summer break begins.

Convert Tioga Innovation Lab into Classroom Spaces: Due to limited space, ACE programming at Tioga has been provided in the school's innovation lab this year, with partitions used to create two temporary classrooms. This project will turn that space into two permanent classrooms outfitted with all of the furnishing, fixtures and equipment found in the rest of the school's classrooms.

2nd Reading & Adoption of Policy Revisions (2:220, 5:125 6:235): The Board approved changes to policies related to school board meeting procedure, personal technology and social media usage and conduct, and access to electronic networks.

Next meeting: The Board's next regular business meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 20, in the Lifelong Learning Center at the Educational Administration Center located at 210 S. Church Road in Bensenville.