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Welcome to our Stevenson High School Board Bulletin, a monthly message from our Board of Education that will include key updates that impact student life at Stevenson. We are very pleased to share several key takeaways from our most recent board meeting below. Thank you for your engagement on these very important issues! We look forward to staying in touch.

Sincerely, Stevenson High School Board of Education

KEY TAKEAWAYS

Our board meeting agendas often include many items for discussion. While you will always be able to review the agenda, meeting minutes and video recordings of these meetings on <u>our Board webpage</u>, this Board Bulletin provides key takeaways for our Stevenson community.

- The Board voted to authorize the sale of \$17 million in bonds to fund the remainder of the East Building addition construction project. As a reminder, this project is funded primarily through our fund balance with the remaining costs to be paid for through proceeds of the bond sale. The issuance of \$17 million in bonds will provide the funds necessary for the final payment for the project without significantly jeopardizing our cash reserves for the future. For more information about the bond sale, click here.
- Principal Troy Gobble provided an update on the State legislature's passage of State Bill 1577, which amends the school code to allow students up to five excused absences each school year due to mental or behavioral health concerns without a doctor's note. The Student Services Division will continue their work engaging students and families on issues related to mental wellness and follow up with individual families after two absences for mental or behavioral health concerns to ensure that students and their families receive the support and resources necessary to address any concerns.