

Staff Report



January 21, 2025

To Board of Education (Public Meeting)

From Sean Nosek, Superintendent/CEO

Re School Presentations – Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary & Yale Secondary School

This report is presented to the Board for information.

BACKGROUND:

To deepen the understanding and connection between the Board's activities and the district's core mission of preparing students for a lifetime of success, *School Presentations* will serve as a standard feature at Public Board Meetings and are scheduled for the next two years. This strategic initiative provides a dynamic and interactive forum for our staff and students to showcase innovative work happening in our schools, highlighting how efforts contribute to student achievement and align with operational plans.

The following schools will be present at the January 2025 Public Board Meeting:

Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary: Staff and students from Dr. Thomas A. Swift Elementary School will share how intergenerational interactions are helping students learn and grow. The school has been exploring how self-regulation supports academic success and has found that connecting students with both older and younger generations, like grandparents and babies, leads to positive results. Programs such as Chess Club, Cuddle Up and Read, and Roots of Empathy are building strong relationships that improve social-emotional skills and self-regulation. The presentation will showcase these programs and their positive impact on student development.

Yale Secondary School: Two students from Yale Secondary will share their experiences with the school's Student Leadership program. They will provide personal reflections on how the program has contributed to their personal development and future aspirations. One student will discuss how leadership opportunities have encouraged personal growth and brought positive change within their family, while the other will explore the program's role in fostering a strong, positive school culture and building skills for future success. Their stories demonstrate the meaningful ways student leadership empowers individuals and strengthens the school community.