

Memorandum

Zion-Benton Township High School District 126

DATE: March 18, 2025

TO: Board of Education

FROM: Dr. Jesse Rodriguez, Superintendent
Dr. Melissa DiGangi, Executive Director of Academics

RE: Title I Schoolwide Plans

The annual Title I Schoolwide Plan meetings for parents were held virtually on March 11, 2025, with both morning and late afternoon sessions scheduled to accommodate varying schedules. Additionally, one-on-one meetings were held for further convenience and feedback. During these sessions, participants received an overview of the Title I federal grant, including its history, purpose, and the District's strategic use of these funds to close resource, opportunity, and achievement gaps between low-income and non-low-income students. The District and School Title I Compacts were also reviewed, and stakeholder input was gathered.

The meetings provided valuable insights, and the District will incorporate parent feedback into its engagement and programming efforts moving forward. While these meetings focused on parent input, staff members shared their feedback more organically through discussions with department heads, principals, or executive directors.

By offering multiple structured and informal opportunities for stakeholder input, the District ensures that the allocation of Title I funds aligns with the needs of students, staff, parents, and the broader community while maintaining a strong connection to the strategic plan.

In compliance with federal requirements, the District updates its schoolwide Title I plans annually, which outline District and school programs. These plans detail how the District and its schools support student achievement through a comprehensive, well-rounded approach. Once approved, the 2024-2025 Schoolwide Plans will be available on the District's website and maintained on file in the Superintendent's Office, as required.

RECOMMENDATION: The Board of Education of Zion-Benton Township High School District 126 accepts the superintendent's recommendation to approve the 2024-2025 Title I Schoolwide Plans as presented.