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Hi,

Here is a brief summary of my Executive Director Report for tonight's board meeting for inclusion in the board notes:

- **School Year Preparation:** STRIDE is actively preparing for the start of the 2026-27 school year. This marks Dr. Skanson's 25th year in education.
- **New Staff:** New staff training was held this past week. STRIDE continues to attract strong talent, and the new staff group is promising.
- **Organizational Support Assistant:** Jamie Gabrielson has begun in the new Organizational Support Assistant position and is becoming familiar with STRIDE systems and processes.
- **Enrollment:** Enrollment continues to be monitored closely and is currently below projections, particularly in kindergarten. Recruitment and outreach efforts are continuing.
- **Teach Better Professional Development:** Chad Ostrowski from the Teach Better Team has completed sessions with the STRIDE leadership team and a K-8 academic representative group. He will return next week to work with the full staff on standards and curriculum alignment and the Grid Method.
- **Financial Update:** Dr. Skanson met with Kelly Rimpila to review the working budget. The financial outlook remains strong despite enrollment currently being below projections. STRIDE has several options available to adjust expenditures if necessary.
- **Staff Appreciation:** Dr. Skanson recognized STRIDE employees across the organization for their work preparing for the opening of the school year.

Thanks!
Eric

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