



Assistant Superintendent Report October 2026

From Implementation to IMPACT!

What an exciting month for Bellevue Independent Schools! As we move further into the 2026–2027 school year, we are beginning to see the impact of the intentional work our teachers, staff, and leadership teams have been doing over the past two years. The public release of our 2025–2026 Kentucky Summative Assessment (KSA) results has given us so much to celebrate, while also reinforcing the importance of continuing our work.

Our focus remains on moving beyond simply implementing systems to ensuring those systems positively impact student learning, engagement, and success. Across both schools, we are seeing evidence of stronger instructional practices, more intentional collaboration, and a shared commitment to continuous improvement.

There is so much to be proud of, and still so much exciting work ahead!

Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

Our Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum (GVC) work continues to be a major focus across the district. This year, we are placing increased emphasis on ensuring teachers are effectively internalizing their high-quality instructional resources (HQIRs), aligning instruction to Kentucky Academic Standards, and implementing meaningful engagement strategies that require students to think, discuss, and demonstrate their learning.

During our October Early Release Day (ERD), teachers shared engagement strategies they have successfully implemented in their classrooms. The focus was on learning from one another and highlighting practices that encourage active participation, academic discourse, and student thinking. This was another opportunity to reinforce that effective professional learning does not always mean introducing something new. Sometimes, it means learning from the great things already happening in our classrooms!

KSA Accountability Results: Celebrating Our Growth!

One of the biggest highlights of the month has been the public release of our 2025–2026 KSA accountability results! These results reflect the collective effort of our entire Bellevue team and provide meaningful evidence that our instructional improvement efforts are making a difference.

A few highlights worth celebrating:

- **Grandview Elementary moved from YELLOW to GREEN!**
- **Bellevue Middle School moved from ORANGE to YELLOW!** This represents significant improvement and a positive step forward for our middle grades.
- Bellevue High School maintained its YELLOW overall rating, while earning **BLUE (Very High) ratings in both Graduation Rate and Transition Readiness!**
- Grandview demonstrated an approximately 22% overall increase in reading and mathematics proficiency, while Bellevue Middle/High School demonstrated an approximately 13% overall increase in these areas, as highlighted in our district communications.

Our elementary students also demonstrated particularly impressive increases in social studies, writing, mathematics, and reading proficiency. Middle school students made meaningful gains in reading, writing, and mathematics as well.

These results are worth celebrating, but they are not the finish line. We have already begun reviewing the data with building leaders and teachers to identify instructional strengths, areas of continued need, and next steps. Our focus is not simply on accountability colors, but on understanding the individual indicators and student performance behind those ratings.

The most exciting part is that the work contributing to these results is already embedded in our district systems. Our goal is to **stay the course, strengthen implementation, and continue improving outcomes for ALL students.** You can view more here: [School Report Card](#)



BELLEVUE INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

ENGAGE **EQUIP** **EMPOWER**

GRANDVIEW ELEMENTARY



↑ +14.5
POINTS
FROM LAST YEAR



22% INCREASE
READING & MATH
PROFICIENCY

BELLEVUE MIDDLE SCHOOL



↑ +14.1
POINTS
FROM LAST YEAR



13% INCREASE
READING & MATH
PROFICIENCY

BELLEVUE HIGH SCHOOL



 **GRADUATION RATE**
BLUE
MAINTAINED

 **TRANSITION READINESS**
BLUE
INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY

WE ARE SO PROUD OF OUR INCREDIBLE STAFF & STUDENTS!
WE HAVE MUCH TO CELEBRATE, BUT WE WON'T STOP HERE!

Professional Learning / Educator Support

Supporting our teachers continues to be one of the most rewarding parts of this work! Through PLC visits, classroom observations, early release professional learning, and individual coaching conversations, we are focused on recognizing instructional strengths while identifying opportunities for continued growth.

Our October ERD reinforced the importance of student engagement and provided opportunities for teachers to share strategies that are working in their classrooms. We are encouraging teachers to be intentional about cognitive engagement, not just student compliance or participation.

We are also working collaboratively with building leaders to strengthen PLC processes without adding unnecessary initiatives or paperwork. Our commitment to staff remains clear: **do fewer things, better.** Rather than introducing new systems, we want to deepen the implementation of the systems we have already established.

It has been especially encouraging to observe teachers who are internalizing their HQIRs, thoughtfully anticipating student misconceptions, and using assessment evidence to plan instruction. These are the practices that will help sustain our growth.

Student Wellness, Prevention, and Engagement

Our Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) team continues to do incredible work supporting student wellness, prevention, and positive school culture.

Members of our SPF team recently represented Bellevue at the Kentucky Prevention Conference, sharing the important work underway in our district. Their efforts continue to emphasize prevention, mental health awareness, student connections, and the importance of strong school and community partnerships.

In recognition of World Mental Health Day on October 10, we also shared resources with families and our community, including Care Solace and other supports available to students and families.

Our work with CharacterStrong and social-emotional learning continues across both schools, including preparation for our fall Social, Emotional, and Behavioral (SEB) screening window. These results will help us better identify student needs and strengthen our proactive systems of support.

Beyond the classroom, Girls on the Run is underway at Grandview! Our participants are building confidence, developing healthy habits, strengthening relationships, and preparing for their November 5K. Programs like this provide meaningful opportunities for students to develop skills that extend far beyond academics.

Communication and Community Engagement

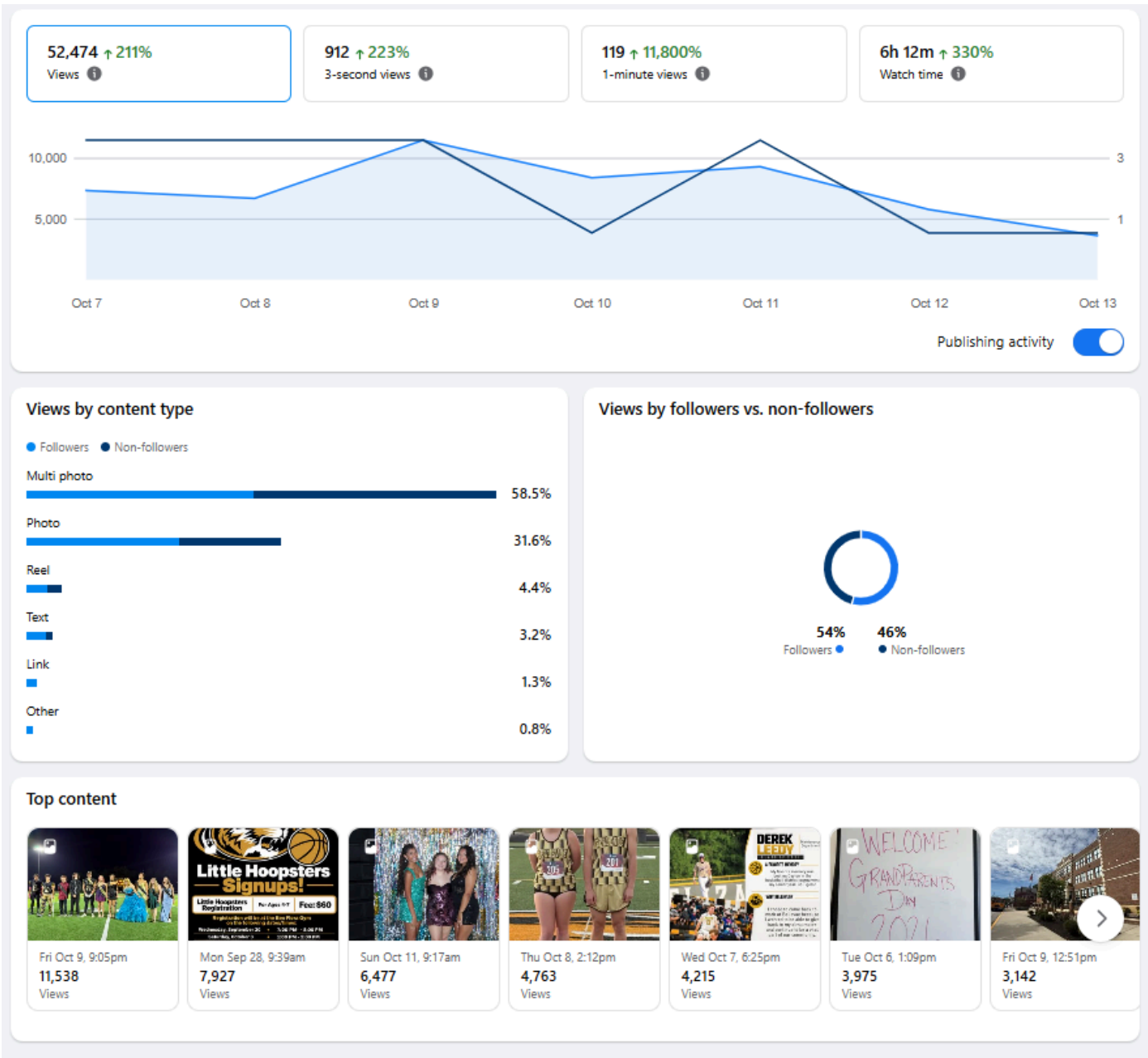
We continue to celebrate the many wonderful things happening across Bellevue through our Bellevue Bulletin, Weekly ReVUE videos, district social media, website, and direct family communication.

Recent highlights have included:

- Celebrating our districtwide KSA accountability growth and sharing a letter from Superintendent Middleton explaining the public release of results.
- Recognizing our outstanding educators through World Teachers' Day and National Coaches Day.
- Celebrating Grandparents Day at Grandview, with more than 150 grandparents joining us! Thank you to our PTO, Family Resource Center, and support staff for helping make the event possible.
- Highlighting alumni who have returned to Bellevue to serve as educators / coaches through our *Once a Tiger, Always a Tiger* series.
- Celebrating Homecoming Week, student spirit, and our school community.
- Recognizing students through athletic senior nights, student leadership opportunities, and academic experiences.
- Showcasing our seventh-grade students' visit to the LifeSciKY facility, where they explored chemical reactions, robotics programming, and precise scientific measurement. Bellevue was among the first schools to participate in this experience!
- Sharing resources and reminders related to mental health, school safety, student activities, and family engagement.

Our communication efforts continue to focus on more than sharing announcements. They are an opportunity to tell Bellevue's story, build community pride, recognize the people behind our progress, and strengthen relationships with the families we serve.

Facebook Analytics (Past 28 Days):



Looking Ahead

As we move into the next phase of the school year, our priorities remain clear: continue strengthening the GVC, use student data to guide instruction, refine our MTSS systems, support teachers through meaningful professional learning, and sustain the momentum reflected in our accountability results.

We have so much to celebrate, but the most important work is what happens next.

The goal is not simply to achieve GREEN or BLUE ratings. It is to create a district where strong instructional practices, student engagement, meaningful relationships, and continuous improvement are part of our everyday culture.

We are seeing the results of our work, and now it is time to build on that momentum!

Important Dates

- **October 14** - Volleyball Senior Night
- **October 15** - Public Release of KSA Data
- **October 16** - Football Senior Night
- **October 20** - District MTSS Meeting
- **October 26-30** - Red Ribbon Spirit Week
- **November 2** - Schools Closed (Scheduled Day Off)
- **November 11** - Veterans Day
- **November 21** - Girls on the Run 5K
- **December 7-11** - Winter MAP Screening Window

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