



EAST AURORA
SCHOOL DISTRICT 131

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Date: March 16, 2026
To: Dr. Robert Halverson, Superintendent of Schools
East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education
From: Dr. Ami Engel, Associate Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
Dr. Laura Erlenbaugh, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services and Differentiation
Subject: Panorama Education

Issue:

The district currently utilizes:

- Satchel Pulse an online platform that evaluates student social-emotional learning (SEL) and school climate;
- 5Essentials for state-required climate and culture data collected from students, staff, and families.

While both tools provide valuable data, maintaining multiple platforms requires separate administration, data management, and reporting systems. This fragmentation limits our ability to view student, staff, and family perception data within a unified framework and reduces efficiency in analysis and action planning.

Justification:

Panorama Education offers an integrated platform that allows the district to:

- Consolidate climate, culture, and perception data into one system
- Access real-time dashboards and disaggregated data views
- Align survey instruments to district strategic priorities
- Improve consistency in year-over-year data analysis

By transitioning both Satchel Pulse and 5Essentials data collection to Panorama, the district would create a more coherent and user-friendly system for gathering and analyzing perception data across stakeholder groups.

Board Policy and Past Practice:

East Aurora School District 131 Board of Education (BOE) Policies 6:15 and 6:65 state that the district will continuously monitor the quality of its work and assess student SEL.

Strategic Plan:

This proposal supports Strategic Goal #1, Educational Equity: East Aurora School District 131 will meet the diverse needs of all students by ensuring a safe and inclusive learning environment.

Cost:

The district currently allocates \$47,938 annually for Satchel Pulse. The proposed Panorama Education contract would total \$75,175, resulting in a net annual increase of \$27,237. The cost for Panorama would be grant-funded through IDEA and Title IV.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the transition from Satchel Pulse and 5Essentials to Panorama Education, with implementation beginning in the 2026–2027 school year.

Timeline for Decision:

April 7, 2026

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