

Executive Director's Report to the Board

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End of Year Leadership Focus

As we close out FY26, the leadership team will be spending significant time reviewing year-end data across academics, personnel, financials, and operations. Strong organizations can be susceptible to complacency when data that does not align with their reputation gets minimized. That is a pattern we are intentional about avoiding.

A second area of focus will be re-engaging stakeholders with the vision of the strategic plan. After several years of completing significant work, including the building expansion and the adoption of our classical education definition, there is a natural risk that these accomplishments begin to feel like isolated pieces rather than parts of a coherent plan. The leadership team will be looking at how to keep the larger vision visible and connected to the work families and staff see day to day.

Legislative Update

The 2025 legislative session concludes Monday, May 18. All substantive business must be completed by midnight Sunday. The session has been defined by partisan gridlock, and expectations for significant policy outcomes have remained low throughout.

The education committees were given a \$31 million budget target. As of this writing, it is not yet clear how that allocation will be used. There is some indication that a portion may go toward a hold harmless provision for compensatory revenue. If that materializes, it would likely benefit districts that faced losses under the updated formula but would not be expected to impact Nova directly.

Technology Service Transition

At the last meeting, the Board approved a contract to move our technology management services to Syand. Staff have begun meeting with their team to work through the details of the onboarding process. We are confident the transition can be managed well, but it will be a significant lift this summer and into the start of the school year. I want the Board to be aware that meaningful staff attention and capacity will be directed toward this work during that period.

Boosterthon

Nova held its annual Boosterthon on Friday, May 15. The weather was ideal and student enthusiasm was high throughout the day. Nova surpassed its fundraising goal, raising more than \$65,000. Thank you to Ginger Gabor for spearheading the effort, and to the principals and their teams for making the event such a positive experience for students.

