

# Accola Board Update: April 2026 – Learning In Style

## LIS Student Data and Enrollment Status

	March 2025	March 2026
Student Contact Hours	1904	1547
Unique Student Count	156	111
New Student Enrollment	27	9

Classes resumed Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> after spring break, and we went back to all in-person teaching. March 2026 continued the trend of fewer contact hours, compared to 2025, however the trend is slowing (26% down Jan, 23% down Feb, and 19% down Mar).

March 2026 continued the trend of fewer unique students compared to 2025 (15% down Jan, 26% down Feb, and 29% down Mar).

March 2026 continued trend of fewer new enrollments, but the trend is slowing (91% down Jan, 81% down Feb, and 67% down Mar). It does seem enrollments bottomed out in January and are slowing increasing month to month (9 new in Dec; 4 in Jan; 7 in Feb and 9 in Mar).

In March our Ignatius volunteer, Jim Carney, started a once-a-week conversation class. This is another **opportunity for students** to engage in speaking and add to the school’s contact hours.

## Student Safety

As of return from spring break, we continue to keep our front door locked, buzzing students in, however we no longer have volunteers monitoring the door. We continue to review our protocols and feel **confident in being ready** and able to handle an ICE encounter if needed.

## Student Support

We are winding down our inventory of food/necessities kits for students and are no longer doing home deliveries. We are moving through supplies by stocking our “free” table, allowing any student to take what they need. We are continuing to work through the funds raised through the Accola Response Fund and **have supported students** with rent relief, covering utilities and other direct financial support.

## Community Support

**UST:** The final case management clinic will be Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>. So far, the case management clinics have had **51 appointments with students**, with the top three needs areas being: Systems Navigation (SNAP, WIC Soc. Sec, etc.), Housing, and Employment. The final Community Connects Clinic will be Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> on the topic of loans.

May 16<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a Volunteer Recognition drop-in from 9 – 11 (short presentation at 10:00)

## Staffing Updates

We have received verbal confirmations that all teaching staff will be returning next school year. Janine Capelle has decided to step out of her role as co-director at the end of the school year. Elisabeth O’Toole’s role will be changing but how is yet to be determined.