

Superintendent Comments June 23, 2025

1. GCED LTFM Plan
I recommend a motion to approve the GCED LTFM plan as presented. Long Term Facilities Maintenance (LTFM) is a categorical funding stream that requires each district to submit a ten-year plan in order to access the funding. GCED is a bit different as it does not have any levy authority, but must still submit a plan. As a result, each member district must approve the GCED plan so they can submit their plan. I was part of the superintendent committee that reviewed the plan.
2. Approve Preliminary Budget FY26
I recommend a motion to approve the Preliminary FY26 budget as presented. It is always our practice to be conservative with revenue and liberal with expenditures. Part of the need to be conservative with overall numbers is the uncertainty of student enrollment as it can go either way. There is a separate page that includes a summary of the preliminary budget. Even though the overall deficit is nearly \$1,000,000, that number is a bit deceptive. The most important number is Fund 1, the General Fund. Lisa Rider will be able to provide an explanation. The board finance committee members are meeting before the meeting to review as well.
3. Approve EDIAM Resolution
I recommend a motion to approve designating Superintendent Bob Jaszczak as the Identified Official with Authority (IOWA) for the district. The IOWA is the person who provides access to secure MDE sites for district personnel.
4. 2025-26 School Calendar Update
I recommend a motion to approve a change to the calendar for the upcoming school year. It was discovered that parent teacher conferences were scheduled for Nov. 4, 2025, and that happens to be election day, that will not work. Emily Seefeldt will provide details.
5. 2026-27 School Calendar Update
I recommend a motion to approve a change to the 2026-27 calendar. Labor Day is Sept. 7, 2026. State law restricts schools from beginning school for students prior to Labor Day. The legislature just approved an exception for FY 27 and FY28 that will allow schools to start on Sept 1st.
6. Jefferson Building RFP
The site visit was held this week. There was representation from two entities, a resident of the neighborhood, and a former student who attended Jefferson at least 60 years ago. The two entities were the City and Creekstone. I don't know that a decision needs to be made at this meeting, but the question that needs to be asked is if the district is going to be willing to sell the building to another educational institution.