

Executive Director's Report to the Board

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Free School Lunches

As you may have heard, Governor Walz recently signed a law that will provide free school breakfasts and lunches for all Minnesota students at school participating in the federal school lunch program. Our Lower School currently utilizes the federal school lunch program, however, our Upper School does not. We are taking steps to transition our Upper School to the federal program so that all students can have access to the free meals.

Another impact of this law that we will need to carefully monitor is the capacity of our food service facilities. If the free lunches result in a drastic increase in the number of students who are eating school lunches, we will be pushed beyond what our kitchen was designed to do. Charter schools do not have a mechanism to levy for facilities like traditional public schools do so we may need to look at other options should this become an issue.

Academic WorldQuest Competition

Recently, Nova Classical sent three teams to the Minnesota state 2023 Academic WorldQuest competition hosted by Global Minnesota at the Mall of America. The teams placed 2nd, 11th, and 18th.

Mock Trial State Champions

Congratulations to our Nova Classical Mock Trial Team who are the 2023 High School Mock Trial State Champions! Many thanks to the Minnesota State Bar Association for making this competition possible. The team will move on to compete in the 2023 National High School Mock Trial Championship, Inc. hosted by the Arkansas Mock Trial Foundation in Little Rock, AR, May 18-20, 2023.

Give to the Max Funds

Last fall, Nova Classical received \$55,000 in gifts during our Give to the Max campaign. Prior to the campaign we shared that we would be using the funds for items that “enhance pride and the sense of community at our school.” We are starting to see the results of these generous donations. To date, the money has been used to purchase a branded table and create a welcome graphic with the languages from our school community. The Great Hall has seen the installation of a new projector and screen, virtue signs on the main wall and graphics on the stairs. A mascot has been ordered which should be ready for action at the start of next school year. Additional projects that are in the works with these funds are signage for the main exterior doors, a display case for student work and awards which will be located between the gym doors and hallway collages with photos of our students. We are so grateful for the generosity of our community members which has made all of this possible.