

# Superintendent's Report

*Regular Board Meeting*

*January 17, 2023*

# Tonight's Topics

- Introduction of Student Representatives
- MSBA State Conference
- Strategic Planning Update
- Legislative Updates
- Community and Schools Outreach Update

# Student Representative Introductions

Elsa Priest - East High School

Lauryn Molitor - Denfeld High School

Destiny Williams - Area Learning Center

Joniya Metcalf - Area Learning Center

# MSBA State Leadership Conference



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In addition to a shout out to Member Sadowski for receiving the Leadership Development Award for completing Phase I, II, III, and IV workshops, I was very proud to accept the President's Award for Member Oswald for members who have earned 300 points or more from MSBA training programs.

# Strategic Planning Update

# Strategic Planning Updates

Our strategic planning team met on November 16th to:

- Review / refine Desired Daily Experiences
- Review / refine Theory of Actions
- Continue developing the Vision Card
- Develop draft 3-Year Operational Plan

The team will meet again on January 4th to:

- Finalize the draft of District Vision Card
- Final draft of District 3 Year Operational Plan
- Key Messages

# Legislative Updates



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Today, Governor Walz announced his "One Minnesota Budget for Making Minnesota the Best State in the Country for Kids." Highlights include:

- 4% and 2% increases in the basic formula and linking future increases to inflation
- Special Education (50%) and English Learners (25%) Cross Subsidy Increases, as well as supports for other concerns, such as mental health supports
- Other departments have funding proposed that will assist our public schools. Those announcements should come later this week prior to January 24 when Governor Walz must present his full budget to the legislature.

# Legislative Updates

District lobbying efforts are very important at this time. Beginning next week, I will be meeting with a wide variety of legislators, as well as representatives from the governor's office.

There may be opportunity to testify related to proposed legislation, including House Finance Bill 336, relating to education finance; adjusting special education revenue for Independent School District No. 709, Duluth.

# Community and Schools Outreach

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One of my main goals for this year is to increase my time in schools and in the community to foster deeper relationships.

Yesterday, I attended the NAACP Celebration at the DECC and will be attending their Education Committee meeting later this week.

We are also continuing our Education After Hours Sessions. These sessions are being held in a wide variety of community centers and also focus on intentional inclusivity of historically underrepresented voices.

Prior to our next meeting, we will hold the following sessions:

1/17 - Homecroft Elementary

1/23 - American Indian Community Housing Organization

2/27 - Lakewood Town Hall