



# PIPESTONE AREA SCHOOLS District No. 2689

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## May 18, 2026 Board Report - Lisa Pease

- 1.) ACT: On April 7, 2026 we had 50 students take the ACT. The ACT consists of academic skill areas in math, science, STEM, English, and reading. While 36 is the maximum score, a score of 24 or higher is generally considered competitive, placing students above the 75th percentile. Four students earned a composite score of 24 or higher while 18 students scored a 20 or higher. The average composite score was an 18.
- 2.) Graduation Requirements Records: Our district can receive a monetary reimbursement for FRP students that take a nationally recognized college entrance exam such as the ACT. I have submitted the necessary information to MDE so that we can receive the reimbursement.
- 3.) Local Literacy Plan: Our Local Literacy Plan for the 2026-27 school year is due on June 15, 2026. Emily Speer (District Literacy Lead), Mrs. Moravetz, and I have been working to get that completed. The literacy plan includes things such as our goals for the 2026-27 school year, the screening tools we are using for grades K-12, intervention resources for students reading below grade level, a professional development plan, and how we have utilized our Literacy Aid Funding.
- 4.) DIBELS/NWEA: The testing window is open until Friday, May 22, 2026.
- 5.) LETRS Training: We had 5 staff members complete their LETRS Training within the past few weeks, so they are fully trained in the Science of Reading. We have 4 staff members that have completed Volume 1 and will complete Volume 2 throughout the next school year. Next year we will start a new round with new hires that have not been trained in the Science of Reading. We will need to continue to provide training until the colleges/universities implement Science of Reading training in undergraduate studies.
- 6.) Title I: The application window for FY27 opened at the beginning of May and the deadline for submission is June 30, 2026. Unfortunately, we were notified that our Title 1A funding will decline by approximately 14% from FY26 to FY27 (approximately \$40,000). This is due to a couple of reasons. First, the total amount of money granted to MN to be distributed to districts is down 7.1%. This is due to MN's decrease in the number of youths in poverty and an increase in other states. Secondly, the census reports that the US Department of Education provides to MDE indicated that our district had a decrease of 31 low-income students. Our allocations are based on counts and percentages of children based off a formula according to the census reports.