

### **August 10, 2026 Board Report**

- Thank you for your incredible support and partnership! Below you will find the Superintendent's Monthly Board Report.

### **Sharing Our Story**

***Did you know that every Minnesota Public School, including Jordan Public Schools is part of a trust fund?***

### **Here is a simple overview of Minnesota's Permanent School Fund:**

- The Minnesota Permanent School Fund (PSF) has supported public education since 1858. When Minnesota became a state, millions of acres of public land were placed into a permanent trust to help fund public schools.
- Today, the trust includes more than 2.5 million acres of land and 1 million acres of mineral rights. Most of these lands are in northern Minnesota. The fund earns money from activities like timber harvesting, mining, land leases, and other natural resource uses. That money is invested by the State Board of Investment so it can continue supporting students for generations to come.
- Over time, many of the original trust lands in southern Minnesota were sold for farming and development. Today, the remaining lands include forests, grasslands, farmland, mineral resources, and wetlands.

### **Proposed 2026 Constitutional Amendment**

- In 2026, the Minnesota Legislature passed a bipartisan proposal to update how money from the Permanent School Fund is distributed. Voters will decide on the amendment in November 2026.
- If approved, the amendment would:
  - Increase the annual distribution from about 2–2.5% of the fund to 4.5%.
  - Increase funding to an estimated \$33 per student each year.
  - Provide more stable and predictable funding for schools.
  - Not raise taxes—it only changes how the existing fund is distributed.

### **Who Benefits?**

- Every public school student in Minnesota would benefit, including those in:
  - Traditional public schools
  - Charter schools
  - Tribal schools
- Funding would go directly to school districts and schools with **no strings attached**, benefiting communities across urban, suburban, and rural Minnesota. The proposal is based on recommendations from a multi-year review of the fund and is designed to update it using modern financial best practices.

\*\*\*Information source- MSBA

In the upcoming months, we will share more information regarding this topic as it is our goal to make sure everyone is well informed!

### **Important Dates and Upcoming Events**

- Monday, August 10 - Regular Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- Monday - Friday, August 24 - 28 - Staff Workshop Week
- Monday, August 24 - Workshop Meeting, 5:30pm
- Thursday, August 27 - Back to School Conferences and Open House:
  - JES - 12:00-7:30pm, by appointment
  - JMS & JHS - 3:30-7:30pm
- Friday, August 28 - All District Breakfast, 7:30am, JHS Commons
- Monday, August 31 - First day of school Grades 5 & 9 on-site, Grades 6-8 & 10-12 Remote
- Tuesday, September 1 - First day of school for Grades 1-4 and Kick Start to Kindergarten, First day on-site for grades 6-8 & 10-12
- Wednesday, September 2 - Kick Start to Kindergarten (day 2)
- Thursday, September 3 - No School for Kindergarten students, Kindergarten Open House, 10:00am - 6:00pm
- Monday, September 7 - No School (Labor Day)
- Monday, September 14 - Regular Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- Wednesday, September 16 - JMS Curriculum Night
- Monday, September 28 - Workshop Meeting, 5:30pm
- Monday, September 28 - Friday, October 2 - Homecoming Week!

### **Enrollment Update**

- As of August 1, 2026: 1813 students - EC through grade 12.