Superintendent Report: First Days of School

I'm pleased to share that we are off to an excellent start to the 2026–27 school year.

During the first week of school, I had the opportunity to visit each of our school buildings and see our students and staff in action. I spent time walking through classrooms, hallways, cafeterias, and other learning spaces, and I can say each of our buildings is off to an amazing start. There was a great deal of positive energy, and it was wonderful to see students excited to be back and staff fully engaged in getting the year underway.

A few highlights from the opening days include the successful distribution of school supplies to students, helping ensure that all of our students had what they needed to begin the year ready to learn. We have also heard positive feedback regarding some of the changes and new options within our school meal program, which has been great to hear.

Most importantly, our schools once again feel like schools. They are filled with students learning, reconnecting with friends, meeting their teachers, and settling into new routines. Whether it was our youngest students experiencing school for the first time or our returning students beginning another year, there was a tremendous amount of excitement throughout Faribault Public Schools.

I also want to recognize our staff. A successful first week does not happen by accident. It takes a tremendous amount of preparation from our teachers, principals, paraprofessionals, food service staff, transportation staff, custodians, office staff, technology staff, and everyone else across the district. I appreciate all of the work that went into making sure our students had a positive start.

Overall, I could not be more pleased with what I saw during that first week. Each building is off to a strong start, and I am excited to see where we go from here as we continue working together to make this a great school year for our students, staff, and families.