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**October 12, 2026 Board Report**

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

**Busy October!**

- ***Homecoming was a great success!*** What a fantastic Homecoming Week! From student activities and spirited grade-level competitions to a wonderful Hall of Fame celebration, there was so much energy and excitement throughout the week. Most impressive was the incredible level of student participation and engagement—we saw some of the best Homecoming involvement we have had in years! It was wonderful to see our students showing their school spirit, supporting one another, and making memories together. A huge thank you to our students, staff, and families who helped make the week such a success!
- ***Annual Walk- Bike -Roll to School!*** We had a great time celebrating our Walk, Bike & Roll to School event! It was wonderful to see so many students and families participating and enjoying the benefits of getting to school on foot or by bike. A special thank you to our high school activities students for helping make the event such a success and for being great role models for our younger students. Throughout the fall, our students have also been learning about school and community safety, including walking and biking safety with JPS School Resource Interim Officer David Culpepper and bus safety with the team from Benjamin Bus. We are grateful to all of our district and community partners who work alongside us to help keep our students safe—both during the school day and before and after school!
- ***Feed My Starving Children!*** We were proud to host Feed My Starving Children at JPS October 6–9, bringing together our students, staff, families, and community volunteers for an incredible week of service. Together, they packed meals that will make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families around the world who are facing hunger. It was inspiring to see our school community come together to give their time, energy, and compassion to such an important cause. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this opportunity to serve others such a success!
- ***Kindness Month!*** October is Kindness Month at JPS! Throughout the month, our students and staff are taking time to celebrate kindness, encourage one another, and look for simple ways to make a positive difference in the lives of others. We'll continue with activities and opportunities throughout the month that remind us that small acts of kindness can have a big impact. We are excited to keep spreading kindness across our schools and community and to make it part of how we live out our commitment to Every Student, Every Day, Every Future.

***Reminder:* Minnesota's Permanent School Fund will be on the November ballot**

- 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.

**What Does this Mean for Jordan Public Schools?**
- In 2025, Jordan Public Schools received $123,985.15 from the Permanent School Fund.
- The estimated funding Jordan Public Schools would receive if this constitutional amendment passes would be $184,003.57.
- The change in funding distribution would lead to an increase of approximately $60,000 for Jordan Public Schools.

For more information on the Permanent School Fund and the constitutional amendment, you can visit: https://www.mnpsfamendment.org/

***Information source- MSBA

**Important Dates and Upcoming Events**
- Monday, October 12 - Regular Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- Monday, October 12 - JHS Choir Concert, 7:30pm

- Thursday and Friday, October 15-16 - No School: MEA
- Friday, October 23 - JHS Band Concert - 7:30pm, JHS Gym
- Monday, October 26 - Board Workshop Meeting, 5:30pm
- Thursday, October 29 - JMS & JHS Invitation Conferences, 3:30-7:30pm
- Friday, October 30 - JMS Invitation Conferences / Digital Learning Day Grades 5-8 and JES Professional Development (No School JES)

**Enrollment Update**

- As of October 1, 2026: 1804 students - EC through grade 12.