



# Superintendent Update

## October 8, 2026

# Vision



*Inspire dreams,  
build integrity,  
instill hope  
in our students, our staff, our families  
and our communities.*



# Mission

*Purpose of our work*

***Partner** with students, families and communities*

*to challenge all students to achieve their **greatest potential***

*and become informed and engaged citizens.*

# Look What We've Built Together



**District Goals**

**Superintendent and  
School Board Goals**

**Building, Program and  
Department Goals**

**Staff and  
Student  
Goals**



# Present and Connected

## **Staff led the way.**

Together, we aligned policy and classroom expectations to remove cell phones from the learning environment.

## **More space for what matters.**

Conversation. Attention. Collaboration. Relationships. Hands-on learning.

## **Technology with purpose.**

Technology supports learning and effective operations while ongoing investments in cybersecurity, data protection, network security, filtering, monitoring, devices, and infrastructure help keep our students, staff, and systems safe.



**Technology has an important place.**

**So do the moments when we choose not to use it.**

# FROM ONE VIKING TO ANOTHER



## AMPLIFYING IMPACT

*One Viking's creativity  
became a way to  
welcome another.*

### *Welcome, Little Viking!*

The design on this onesie was created by a North Branch Area Public Schools student, and we are delighted to share it with one of our newest Vikings.

May you always stay curious, discover what is possible, and be surrounded by people who notice what you bring and help it grow.

From one Viking to another, welcome to the Viking family.

**SKOL!**

North Branch Area Public Schools



# CAPTURING VIKING STORIES

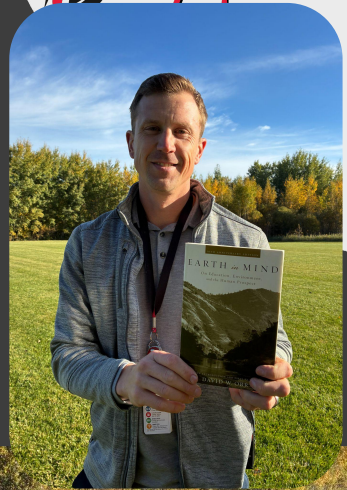


**The stories are already happening.**

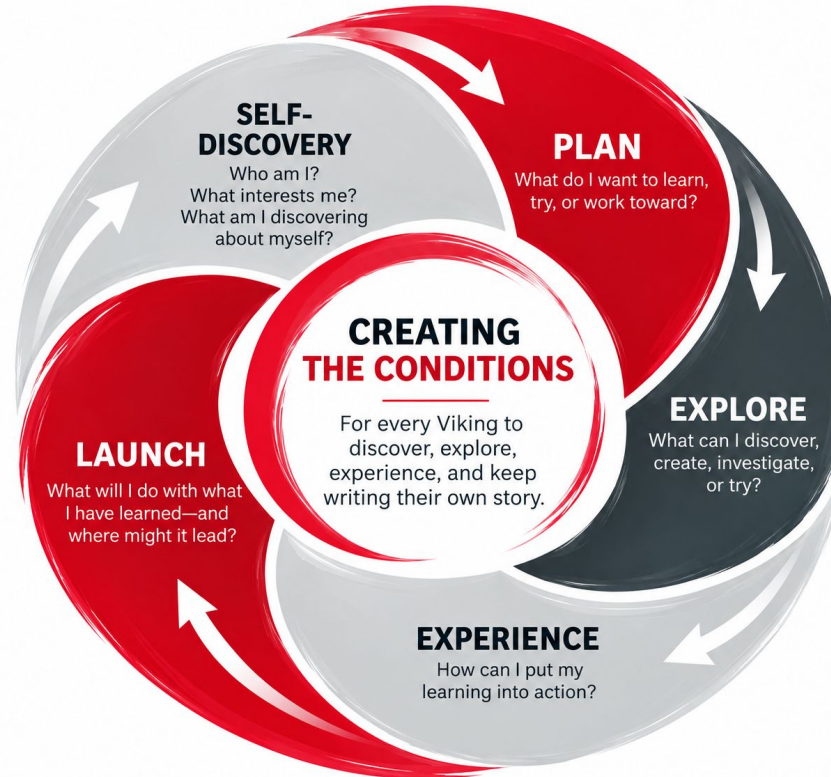
**Help us notice them.**

**Problem solving • Patience •  
Kindness • Persistence •  
Helping one another**

Thinking big



# WHAT DO WE WANT FOR EVERY VIKING?



# LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND US



## Residential Sites (13)

| Development                 | SF  | MF  | Apt |      |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Cedar Ridge                 | 71  |     | 175 |      |
| Chain Lake                  | 102 |     |     |      |
| Fox Run                     | 84  |     |     |      |
| Grand Point                 | 48  |     |     |      |
| Main Street Apartments      |     |     | 32  |      |
| Meadow North Townhomes      |     | 116 |     |      |
| Meadows Ridge               | 336 |     |     |      |
| Preserve at Spring Hill     | 37  |     |     |      |
| Riverside Villas            | 12  |     |     |      |
| Schoolside Village          | 43  |     |     |      |
| Sunrise Bluff 3             | 32  |     |     |      |
| Westside Commons Sr Housing |     | 34  | 70  |      |
| Wildridge                   | 39  |     |     |      |
| Total                       | 804 | 150 | 277 | 1231 |

## Commercial Sites (8)

Les Schwab Tires  
Members Credit Union  
North Branch Mall  
Chipotle/Starbucks  
North Branch Marketplace  
North Branch Old Fire Hall  
Boka Haven  
Westside Commons 3rd

## Industrial Sites (5)

Liuna Traning Facility  
Flashing By Design  
Schneller Auctions  
Frito Lay  
Interstate Business Park



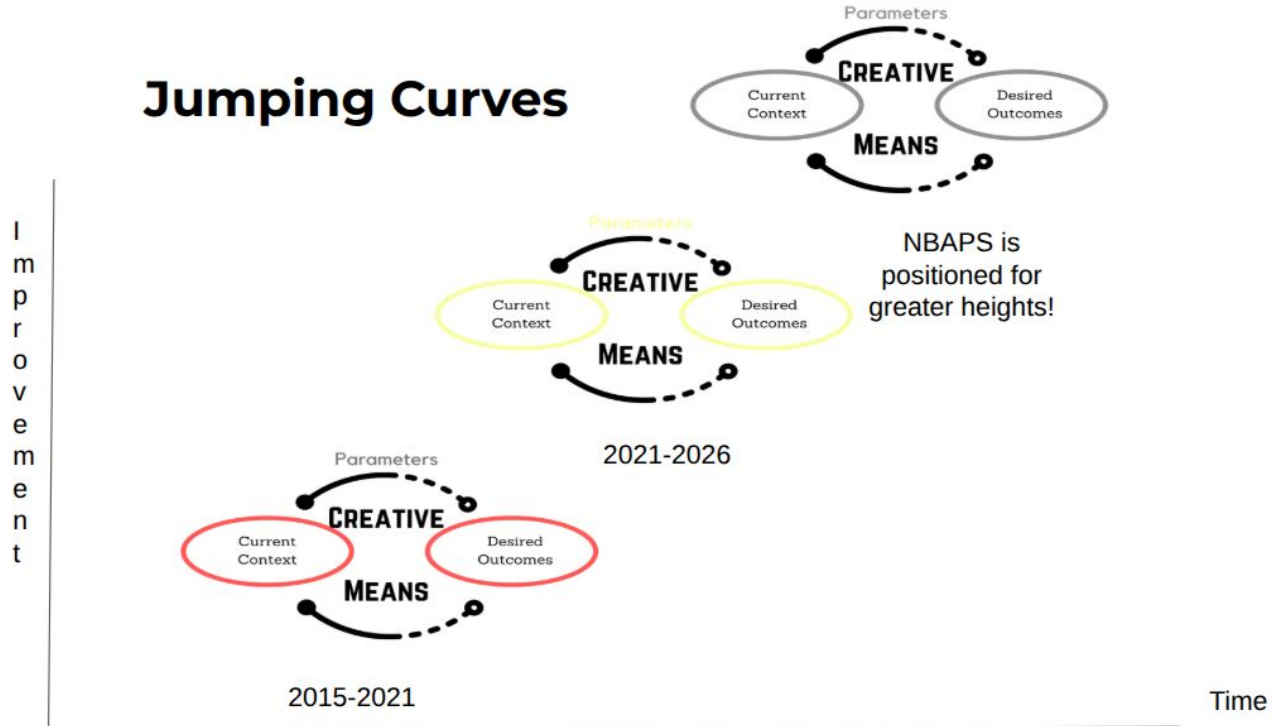
# WHAT ELSE COULD BE POSSIBLE?



# Progress by Design



## Jumping Curves



# Constitutional Amendment to Permanent School Fund: More Dollars for Today's Students



**The purpose of the fund does not change.** It continues to support Minnesota public school students. What is being proposed is a change in how the available funds are distributed.

**For North Branch, the proposed change is meaningful.** At our current enrollment of about 2,700 students, our distribution would increase by **about \$35,100.**

**We should be optimistic about that.** In a district where we work hard to direct resources as close to students as possible, \$35,000 can support real needs and preserve opportunities for students.

**At the same time, we should keep it in perspective.** This does not fundamentally change our financial picture or eliminate the need for thoughtful budget decisions. It is one additional resource within a much larger district budget.

**More dollars for today's students.** The proposal increases the portion of the fund being used to benefit today's students while preserving the fund for future generations.

# Special Education: Preparing for Less State Funding

Minnesota's Blue Ribbon Commission is looking at how to reduce the growing cost of special education statewide. The Legislature has already directed that future state budgets assume significant special education cost reductions beginning in 2027–28.



## What that means for NBAPS

Affirmed our Strategic Priority

- The Commission explicitly recommends sustained investment in Multi-Tiered Systems of Support outside special education funding.

Considerations

- We should plan for less special education funding, even though student needs and required services are not decreasing.
- That makes it increasingly important to look carefully at every dollar we spend on special education.
  - Our priority is to protect the resources that have the most direct benefit to students and classrooms.
  - That includes looking at staffing, purchased services, collaborative services and administrative/support structures.

### Our focus

As resources become tighter, we want as much of our special education investment as possible reaching students, teachers and classrooms.

# WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY



**FRIDAY,  
OCTOBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**



**St. Gregory's  
Catholic Church**

(38725 Forest Blvd)



**Meet at 7:05 am**



**Walk/bike starts at 7:15 am**

## WHY WALK & ROLL?



Spend time  
with  
friends



Get  
exercise



Have  
fun!



**NORTH BRANCH  
AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
Inspire Dreams, Build Integrity, Build Hope



**MINNESOTA  
SAFE ROUTES  
TO SCHOOL**





**Jewels  
and JEANS!**

**THE PERFECT 10 GALA**  
THE ANNUAL FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT  
ISD-138 NORTH BRANCH AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**SATURDAY  
October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Doors open at 5pm

**FEATURING**  
A.J. SPOFF

**Invisible Wounds Building**  
840 Lake St S  
Forest Lake, MN 55025, USA

Tickets (\$70) on sale now at  
[WWW.NBAEF.ORG](http://WWW.NBAEF.ORG)  
Purchase Deadline - September 28th

**THE ULTIMATE EVENING OF  
IMPACT AND ELEGANCE.**



**NORTH BRANCH AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION**  
Connecting Community: Empowering Education Since 2008

Dedicated to enhancing opportunities to achieve excellence  
for students of North Branch Area Public Schools ISD-138

**OVER \$33,000**  
AWARDED IN 2026 TOWARDS:

- LED Microscopes for Sunrise River Elementary
- Drone Maker Kits for Sunrise River Elementary
- Building Future Innovators - STEM Toys/Manipulatives
- Engaging Books for Early Literacy Learners
- Middle School - Fitness Initiative
- My First Book Club at Sunrise River Elementary
- DAPE Bicycles for the Physical Education Department
- Translator Devices to Support Elementary English Language Learners
- Outdoor Classroom Improvements for North Branch Preschool students
- NBAHS Aerial Drone Competition
- Community Service Projects at the Norse ALC
- Mentoring and Leadership Programs at NBMS
- Cyber Savvy Microbit Kits
- Attendance and Academic Motivation Project at NBHS
- Outdoor Adventures & Experience at NBHS
- 3D Printers for the NBMS Science Team

**Since 2010, the NBAEF has raised over \$666,623  
and the Endowment Fund has raised over  
\$317,000 in support of NBAPS ISD-138!**

**For more information  
[www.nbaef.org](http://www.nbaef.org)**

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