



Submitted by: Dr. Jenna Leadbetter, District Superintendent

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Board governance and policy

- **STOP School Violence grant:** I signed a letter of intent 10/20 to partner with MDE and Sandy Hook Promise on the FY26 grant, which would bring the Say Something anonymous reporting system and threat assessment training if awarded.
- **Deferred:** Policies 535/535.5 (service and therapy animals) to January 25 on counsel's advice.

Authorizer and compliance (Osprey Wilds)

- **Site visit:** 10/26 online program (virtual) and 10/27 Crosslake campus. The Osprey Wilds team observes tonight's meeting; Kelly Bittner, Jen Johnson, and Chair Griffin are interviewed separately.

Finance, facilities, and operations

- **Lease aid:** LAKES Foundation agreed to record FY26 at the MDE-approved \$812,490 and credit the \$43,362 overpayment to FY27.
- **Safety and security:** At the Board's request, the MN School Safety Center will conduct a Safe School Facility Assessment; I met with their team 10/23 and they plan to be on site before 11/20. Board members and community leaders will be invited to the table. The LAKES Foundation has asked for a joint board meeting before further security or remodel decisions.

Enrollment and ADM (as of 10/23)

- **Enrollment (headcount): 635 students.** In-Person PreK-8: 128 of 186 seats (69%). Online K-12: 507 of 537 seats (94%); Online 9-12 is at capacity. In-person is where seats remain: PreK 93%, K-4 73%, 5-8 59%.
- **ADM: 620.97** against the 636 the FY27 budget is built on. Enrollment is headcount; ADM is the funded average over the year, so the two differ.
- **Pipeline:** 3 new applications since last Thursday, 4 in process, 4 more expected; staff are following up with unresponsive applicants and steering K-8 inquiries to the in-person school. The year-end assumption of 682 enrollment / 636 ADM depends on in-person growth.

District personnel and organization

- **Leave transition:** Dan Fischer receives the Acting Superintendent binder in person 11/19; EDIAM access and board-meeting coverage are set.

District-wide teaching, learning, and student support

- **MnMTSS:** The DLT self-evaluation named Component 1 (infrastructure for continuous improvement) as our greatest need; the grant effort focuses there. The SY27 District Support Referral Form is live.
- **Energy Bus book study:** Moved to spring 2027 due to my leave.

Community, partnerships, and advocacy

- **Parent advocacy:** Two CCS parents are in the MACS Parent & Caregiver Advocacy Cohort for the 2027 session.
- **Grants:** Farm to Kids Full Tray application submitted with Kathy Faust (decision late January). Still seeking a grant source for a Type III vehicle.
- **Facilities use:** Community use-of-facilities policy and procedures are drafted; summer 2027 facility-use requests are on hold until the policy is adopted.
- **Media:** CheckBox Pro podcast interview 11/2; the Echo Journal has requested a profile on Crosslake Community Schools and its leadership.

Looking Ahead

- 10/26–27: Osprey Wilds site visits (online, then Crosslake campus) · 10/29: OW submissions due · 10/31: Annual Assurances · 11/1: Annual Report
- 11/5: Celebrate Crosslake Banquet (Mitch Swaggert, Staff of the Year) · 11/18: MSBA Charter Board Workshop · 11/19: Acting Superintendent handoff
- 11/23–1/15: Superintendent leave · 12/11: LAKES Foundation board · 12/14 and 1/25: Board meetings
- Campus community events: 12/4 Holiday Open House, 2/5 Cabin Fever, 4/8 Spaghetti Dinner