

# Independent School District No. 51 FOLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"Helping Students Succeed Every Step of the Way"

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## FES April 2025 School Board Update

#### **MCA Testing**

Third-grade teachers have been busy preparing students for the upcoming MCA Reading and Math testing. Students will complete the MCA Reading and Math assessments from April 15th to May 1st.

### **Student Placement for 25-26**

As FES begins the process of placing students and creating class lists for the 2025-2026 school year, I want to emphasize that this is a detailed and time-intensive process involving nearly all of our certified staff. We have provided parents with an opportunity to share their input regarding the type of classroom environment that would best support their child, preferences for student pairings, and any other relevant information we should consider.

In addition to parent feedback, our teachers take several important factors into account when making placements, including:

- Behavior and learning needs
- Gender ratio
- Class size
- Peer relationships
- Maturity and self-control
- Level of independence

The goal is for teacher teams to balance these factors carefully so that each classroom offers a well-rounded mix of talents, skills, and needs, ensuring an optimal learning environment for all students.

### **Congratulations!**

I would like to extend congratulations to all of our staff members who successfully completed the Online Language and Literacy Academy (OL&LA) Training, as required by the READ Act. This accomplishment reflects a significant commitment of both time and effort and speaks to their dedication!

### **Upcoming FES Events**

- 2nd Grade Field Trip to The Great Theater April 22
- PreK % Field Trip to Nick's Plants & Produce April 24 & 25
- 2nd Grade Field Trip to the MN History Center April 29
- Kindergarten Music Concert April 30 & May 1
- PTO Spring Carnival May 2
- 3rd Grade Field Trip to Bell Museum May 7
- 1st Grade Field Trip to the Mille Lacs Indian Museum May 8 & 15

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