



# Superintendent Update

November 13, 2025



# Vision- What we intend to create

*Inspire dreams, build integrity and 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.*



# Honoring our Veterans



# Strategic Planning Advisory Meeting



**The Advisory Committee met on 11/12/25. Discussion topics:**

**Building Goals & Updates** – Each site is advancing academic growth, positive behavior, and attendance goals through targeted supports, professional collaboration, and data-driven improvement efforts

**Facilities Study and Transitions** – A districtwide review confirmed capacity for growth; Sunrise nearing limits prompts moving grade 1 to the Education Center in 2026–27, creating a stronger early learning hub and optimizing existing space—no new building funds required

## **Consideration of Renewal of 2017 Capital Projects Levy**

Renewal of the 2017 levy would continue at the same tax rate to continue investments in technology, and facilities maintenance, data security and infrastructure in camera systems and network safety.





# The Win-Win of Partnership

The Minnesota Community Education Association recognizes teams whose exceptional work and innovative initiatives have made meaningful contributions to community education. Their dedication, creativity, and impact exemplify excellence in the field and inspire others to continue advancing community education across our communities. Tonight we celebrate the win-win of partnership.

Erica Bjerketvedt  
Kate Andersen  
Katie Malchow  
Lanay Miller  
Michelle Thomas  
Nancy Hoffman  
Sara Peterson  
Tara Hallberg

# Partnering to expand apprenticeship opportunities



- *MN Teachers Joint Apprenticeship Committee*
- *Upcoming Presentations:*
  - *Minnesota Rural Educators Association Conference*
  - *Minnesota School Board Association Conference*
- *Governance Matters*
  - National and state policies create the foundation for scalable workforce pathways
  - Advocate for governance frameworks that keep local implementation flexible and aligned with state policies.
  - Leverage NBAPS as a proof-of-concept site for other districts.
  - Serve as a model of how local governance can accelerate workforce innovation.



*North Branch Area Community Education  
Proudly Presents*



# Arts Fest

*Featuring over 200 crafters!*

*Please bring nonperishable  
food item for local food shelf.*

No strollers or pets please.

Take the *free shuttle* from  
middle school parking to and from  
high school. Shuttle time 9am-3:30pm.  
38175 Grand Avenue, North Branch, MN

Saturday  
November 22  
9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Located at the  
North Branch Area  
High School







## How NBAPS Makes Weather Decisions

### Our Priorities

- Keep schedules predictable and consistent
- Ensure the safety of students and staff

### What We Don't Do

- No early dismissals once the school day begins

### How We Prepare

- Monitor forecasts, radar, and local agency updates the night before
- 3:00 a.m.: Check conditions with 4.0 Transportation
- By 5:30 a.m.: Decide to
  - Run a normal schedule
  - Implement a 2-hour late start
  - Close school

### Communication

- Families notified by 5:45 a.m. via calls, email, website, social media, and local media

