

ISD 698 Floodwood School District

Superintendent Report



Mrs. Susan Hoeft

January 26, 2026

World Class Education

- IASC Executive Director/Special Ed Director Justin Sundquist has accepted the Special Education Director position for ISD 318 and will be leaving his position in IASC. Interviews for a new Special Education Director took place late in December and Mrs. MacKenzie Lehn was selected to fill the position. Mrs. Lehn will start on January 26, 2026. Mr. Sundquist will fill in as the Director of record until that time.

Safe and Nurturing Environment

- We have been experiencing moisture issues due to three steam traps that need to be replaced. Mr. Clark will be replacing them so that we can get the moisture under control.
- Superintendent Hoeft met with Mr. Jordan Pangrac, InGensa Senior Project Manager that will be supporting Floodwood's upcoming facility project to discuss timelines, communication, and facility committee meetings that will need to happen. The Voyageur Press was able to publish bids on 1/20/26. Mrs. Hoeft is reaching out to programs, activities that will be impacted by the school construction project this summer.

- The Food Service audit results came through with minimal corrective action required. The district has until February 6th to document corrective action. Site level technical assistance suggestions were also made and will be helpful moving forward. Overall this was a positive audit and our Food Service program came through well. Our team did a great job!

Opportunities for Students

- Superintendent Hoeft will be meeting with Student Council and Youth in Action on Monday, January 26, 2026. The intent of the two meetings scheduled with students will be to encourage student leaders to share information about what they feel helps and hinders their education as a rural student in a small school.
This information will be helpful in planning for the 2026-27 school year and future strategic planning.

Fund a 21st Century Education

- The Minnesota Department of Health Lead in Water grant request for \$20,000 was submitted. Thanks to the City of Floodwood Public Works Department and InGensa for helping Superintendent Hoeft gather some of the technical information required for the grant.

Community Engagement

- Superintendent Hoeft participated in the regional Community Education meeting on 1/20/26. Participation is up for both youth and adult classes throughout the Districts that are collaborating to deliver these opportunities to their community. It is exciting to see participation exceeding pre-Covid levels.

Communications and Marketing

- Updates will continue to be posted on the Facility project page of the district website. Here is a link to that page
<https://www.isd698.org/page/district-facility-assessment-information>