# **ISD 698 Floodwood School District**

## Superintendent Report



Mrs. Susan Hoeft

September 29, 2025

#### World Class Education

- Plans are underway to host a community event that will include building tours, updates on facilities projects and funding, a free meal, information about how to get involved with Communities that Care... all culminating with a band concert featuring our Floodwood students. Reserve the evening of October 23, 2025 for this event. A schedule of events for the evening, menu, and other details will be shared soon!
- The School Board working session will be moved from Monday, October 20, 2025 to Thursday, October 23, 2025 to allow the board to be able to assist with tours and work with InGensa to share information with the community.
- It has been a busy few weeks with back to back School Board meetings this month. Thank you to the Administrative team and our wonderful school board for your hard work understanding the needs of the district facilities and making a plan to address those needs.

#### Safe and Nurturing Environment

• Mrs. Walsh recently submitted an application for a Cyber and Building Security Grant through the Minnesota Department of Education. We were notified on Thursday that Floodwood is

eligible to submit expenses up to \$40,000 to be reimbursed by this grant.

Mrs. Walsh has already submitted the cost of our Cyber insurance and we will be researching costs associated with building security upgrades.

 Floodwood school playground improvements are complete. Students have returned to the playground. Yeti will be monitoring grass growth and will reseed and water as needed. The Gaga Pit will be added once completed by Mr. Skripsky's shop students.

#### Opportunities for Students

• Superintendent Hoeft was notified that the Small Rural School Achievement grant that was submitted will be funded for \$18,914.00. This federal grant funds any educational activity with similar criteria as Title 1. The funds will be used to offset a portion of the cost of teacher salary for academic interventions.

### Fund a 21st Century Education

• New legislation will require school districts to have a cardiac response plan in place starting with the 2026-27 school year. Superintendent Hoeft has reached out to Wellness team members Mr. Bartsch and LPN Trotter to assist with plan development. Mrs. Hoeft is looking into a grant through MDE that would provide additional AED's, including a portable option for the activities department. The grant is due October 23, 2025.

#### **Community Engagement**

• The Communities that Care Steering team met earlier this month and has several community/parent engagement activities planned. A family bingo activity went home last week with students that encourages parent/child interaction and minimizes screen time. The steering team will be participating in online Communities that Care online training 11/5/25 and 11/19/25. Coordinator Mrs. Lindstrom will be completing the full facilitator training.

Anyone interested in being involved with this initiative, please contact Superintendent Susan Hoeft, shoeft@isd698.org or Principal Amanda Fjeld, afejeld@isd698.org.

Grant revenue will also be used to host monthly Family events that will include a meal.

## • Communications and Marketing

InGensa was able to prepare information and post 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