

Administration School Board Report

December 2025

State Special Education Funding

This information was distributed by DPI on November 17. The State Budget had approved special education payments of 42% for 2025-26 and 45% in 2026-27. Last year's reimbursement was 30.64%. If final payments for 25-26 are left at 35%, Cameron will receive \$833,450 in aide. This compares to the 42% payment of \$1,000,140 (-\$166,690).

Special Education Prorated Aid Rate and November Payment Information – First FY2026 Aid Payment for FY2024-25 Expenditures - The amounts for November 17, 2025, payment of Special Education and School-Age Parents categorical aid, the first payment of the year, have been determined. This year's November through March interim payments will use a proration rate of 35.00%. A slightly lower rate is used for these payments to avoid overpayment; the final payment in June 2026 will reflect each LEA's full aid eligibility at the year's final proration rate.

Baird Budget Model Workshop

I attended the annual Baird Budget Model workshop at Chippewa Valley Tech on December 4. This workshop occurs each year in November/December. It is designed to assist districts in NW Wisconsin in making adjustments to the model to provide improved accuracy on the 5-year forecast.

Checking Account FYI

We recently discovered a handful of fraudulent checks that were electronically deposited in banks in Minnesota from our checking account. The checks all originated from one check that was written from our account back in March. The total of all checks was under \$2500 and we have been reimbursed already by the bank. We are working with Community Bank of Cameron currently on transferring everything over to a new checking account. Our current account has been open for over forty years.

Building Project Updates

Most of the tiles in the high school hallways were removed over Thanksgiving break so that we could get a good look at the concrete. Our original plan was to put LVT in the hallways, but we are now planning to polish the floors and leave polished concrete as we have in other places. Long-term, our team believes this is the best plan for overall cost and more importantly maintenance.

Calendar Items

December 2	Admin Team meeting
December 4	Baird Budget Model update workshop @ Chippewa Valley Tech
December 10	Barron County Economic Development meeting
December 12	CESA11 PAC meeting
December 17	NEXUS planning meeting regarding remaining projects
Dec 24- Jan 2	Christmas Break