

Inspiring News, February 2026

The February edition of Inspiring News marks our first district-wide communication of 2026. We wish everyone a Happy New Year!

In the fourth quarter of 2025, the Board completed the annual monitoring process of our district policies, which guide our comprehensive oversight of student results and district operations. We also approved the annual audit report after receiving excellent news from an independent auditing firm, issuing the District a clean and unmodified opinion. The year-end financial summary confirmed continued stability--meeting financial targets as expected. At our December Truth in Taxation Meeting, the board approved the annual local levy below the state's maximum allowable amount. These outcomes reflect the strong, consistent work across the district to ensure financial and programmatic stability for 2026 and beyond.

The District also achieved some notable results in 2025 including:

- A 15-year high in enrollment, reaching more than 9,300 students. Student enrollment drives funding so strong enrollment helps to ensure financial stability.
- Completion of the Flight Plan 2035 academic visioning process. This process is unique among school districts and is key to making sure both current and future students are well prepared for success.
- The launch of the Eden Prairie Schools Hall of Fame to honor alumni, staff and community members whose stories reflect over 100 years of educational excellence.

As we begin the new year, the Board will begin work to review and update its Ends Policies--the core policies that define expected student outcomes. This initiative, discussed extensively at the board table over the past year, aims to align these policies with the District's Strategic Plan and Flight Plan 2035. This work promises to be challenging yet rewarding, as we collaborate with District leaders to plan, shape, and envision how to best prepare Eden Prairie students now and over the next 10 years.

In these challenging times, the strong collaborative relationship among the District, City of Eden Prairie, and Chamber of Commerce is more important than ever. We extend our sincere appreciation to the Eden Prairie community for its ongoing support and engagement, which enables Eden Prairie Schools to remain responsive, innovative, and committed to preparing and inspiring each student, every day!