



Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Schools

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Superintendent's Report 01/26/2026

MSBA 2026 Leadership Conference

All seven board members recently attended the 2026 MSBA Annual Leadership Conference. Linda Gohman was recognized as an All-State School Board Member. Board members Lori Hollenkamp and Thomas Zastrow were recognized for completing all phases of the MSBA "Learning to Lead" training within their first year of board service. The conference provided valuable information related to school governance, legal updates, effective communication, community engagement, and school improvement.

Current Events

Federal immigration enforcement operations continue in Minnesota as part of a Department of Homeland Security initiative known as Operation Metro Surge. This effort has involved a sustained federal presence in the Minneapolis–Saint Paul area and in greater Minnesota. It is currently reported that thousands of individuals have been detained or arrested statewide as part of this operation.

The district is monitoring potential indirect impacts on students and families, including:

- Changes in attendance patterns due to family concerns
- Heightened anxiety among students related to community events or family stress
- Increased questions from students or families about events encountered through news or social media

In response, the district continues to focus on:

- Reinforcement of standard safety protocols for arrival, dismissal, and daily operations
- Ensuring that any outside agency activity on or near school property is coordinated through administration in accordance with district policy
- Providing staff with guidance on appropriate responses if outside agencies are encountered
- Communicating with families to support student engagement in learning

Staff have also been reminded to watch for a range of student reactions that can occur even when school operations remain routine, including anxiety related to family or community events, increased stress responses, distraction, or physical complaints such as headaches or



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stomachaches. Guidance has been provided on maintaining predictable routines and keeping the focus on learning.

Negotiations

At the time this report was written, the district has reached a tentative agreement with the teachers' union. Both district and union legal counsel are reviewing contract language and final details. Once this process is complete, the agreement will be presented to the School Board for approval.

Initial meetings have also been held with the clerical and support staff unions, during which proposals were exchanged. Individual contracts are currently under review, and the district is hopeful that progress toward agreements will continue.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 357-3605 or email me at dludvigson@lpge.k12.mn.us.

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