

# Report to the School Board

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By Elementary School Principal Dave Riebel

## Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- Meet and Greet conferences:

A big thanks goes out to all Elementary families for their participation in our annual start of the school year Meet and Greet conferences. We appreciate near total attendance that allows for students to be ready and excited to head to school on our first day.



- Great First Day!

Our first day with students started with an all-school assembly in the gym to welcome everyone back for a great year. A quick roll call of students and staff was followed by highlighting our LA CARES and L for Learning. We all did a lot of Learning during our first days getting used to routines and expectations.

- MCA Results:

Late August brings the annual Minnesota State Fair and also brings the release of the results of the Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCAs). The third, fourth and fifth grade students take online assessments in reading and math. Fifth graders also complete a science assessment. As a whole, our Elementary can be proud of these summative assessment results. Provided in the school board report for the district is a results over time spreadsheet, highlighting the grade level proficiency levels for the past eleven years. Also included is a NSEW chart which is a comparison to the grade level results of the districts surrounding Lewiston-Altura. **Go Cardinals!**

## Strategic Priority 2: Effective Staffing

- Staff workshops weeks – plural

The 2024-25 school year calendar contained six professional development days to start the year. The first two days on week one were appreciated as “work in room” time allowing everyone to focus on their own preparation needs. As a district staff, we participated in a district bus tour giving all staff an appreciation for the scope of our district and insight into the homes of our students. A thank you goes out to Cameron Riggs from the Army National Guard and to the School Board for hosting the all-staff lunch!

Our second week of workshop began with a traditional Monday agenda of mandatory trainings and staff meetings. Dominating the schedule for a large portion of our elementary staff was our Online Language and Literacy Academy (OL&LA) trainings brought forth by the Read Act. Staff progressed through the first three online, asynchronous training sessions. Six more sessions follow during the staff development days on our calendar.

## Strategic Priority 3: Finance

No report this month.

## Strategic Priority 4: Facilities

- A CARE ing staff!



Part of an emphasis on LA CARES in the Elementary building motivated some talented staff members to add to the décor of the elementary school main hallway. Thank you to Ms. Flathers, Ms. Heftman, Ms. Weaver, and Ms. Ruhoff for their artistic talents in useful decorations.



- Rooftop assessment

Mr. Buege conducted a walkthrough with measurements reviewing the two sections of the Elementary School roof that are slated for the solar panels.

- Power Outage

Members of Mi Energy responded to a low power / power outage that occurred sometime this past weekend, Sept. 7-8. An underground short was determined to be the issue. A temporary fix was put into place with plans for a new underground feed and transformer projected to be installed during the MEA break.

## Strategic Priority 5: Community Engagement



- Back to School Celebration!

What a wonderful turnout for the Back to School celebration at the crossings center. A fun night for all families get together as a community wrapping up a summer and heading into the school year. Thank you to the PLAY group, the Booster Club, and office staff for providing families with information during the evening.

