

ISD 698 Floodwood School District

Superintendent Report



Mrs. Susan Hoeft

October 27, 2025

World Class Education

- MDE Site visit scheduled with Assistant Commissioner Bobbie Burnham on Wednesday, November 12, 2023 from 10:30-11:30 AM. This was planned last year but she was ill and not up to travel.
- The Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness Team met this month and reviewed data related to the goals set for the 2024-25 school year. This information will be included in the Fall amendment as part of our Title 1 plan that Superintendent Hoeft will complete in November. See minutes from the CACR meeting in the board packet.

Safe and Nurturing Environment

- Mrs. Walsh and I have been in contact with our insurance carrier through MIST, Gallagher-Bassett to have an additional assessment completed this year as part of our annual review. Mr. Melton will be on site November 12, 2025 and will complete a Building Safety and Security Survey along with the annual visit assessment. There will be no cost for this survey.
- Superintendent Hoeft and Principal Fjeld met with the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) team this month for a SRTS Walk audit. The team laced up their walking shoes, slipped on

high visibility vests and took to the streets of Floodwood looking for hazards to safe walking and bike riding to school. The team kept our children at the forefront as we reviewed everything from signage, curb slope, ADA compliance, lighting, etc.

Many areas for improvement were noted which will inform the new Safe Routes to School plan and future investments in active living for students and community.

Mr. Gavin Bukovich from ARDC spent time observing student drop off and traffic around the school building as part of his day on campus with us.

Floodwood teaching staff also completed a survey with students to track how they got to school and returned home each day as part of the data collected for SRTS.

Opportunities for Students

- The administrative team meeting had a long agenda of items this month that produced great discussion. One item discussed was the idea of bringing back impactful assemblies for students. I had recently received information from the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) rep for our area regarding their One Pill Can Kill campaign.

<https://www.dea.gov/onepill>

This is an important topic that the DEA and Public Health are working with High Schools across the country to spread awareness about the dangers of fentanyl and synthetic drugs. Counselor Tucci and Principal Fjeld have been connected with the DEA resources and experts will likely be coming in to do an assembly for High School level students in the future. Superintendent Hoeft has been in contact with our partners at St. Louis County Public Health about a vaping assembly. They are looking for someone that could come in and share the dangers of vaping with our students.

Parents/Guardians would be informed prior to the assembly and there would be an opt out process in place in case they chose not to have their student participate.

Fund a 21st Century Education

- School Secretary Mrs. Skripsky prepared and submitted a grant for funding to replace the steamer in the kitchen. The

district will be notified in December if they receive the funding. Thank you Mrs. Skripsy!

- The Federal Government shutdown is still in effect as this report is written. Floodwood school district could potentially see a financial impact of -\$167,284 or 5.1% of the budget as a result of an extended shut down. See attached information that was shared from the MN Department of Education.

Community Engagement

- Community Event held Thursday, October 23, 2025 that included building tours, updates on facilities projects and funding, a free meal, information about how to get involved with Communities that Care and other district committees and culminating with a band concert featuring our Floodwood Band students.

- **Communications and Marketing**

Updates will continue to be posted 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>