



# Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Schools

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## Superintendent's Report 08/18/2025

### Facilities & Building Updates

1. **HVAC Project** – By the time of the board meeting, substantial completion of the HVAC project should be achieved. Commissioning will continue over the next month to ensure all systems function as intended, but staff should be able to begin moving back into classrooms and preparing for the upcoming school year.
2. **Track, Field & Turf Project** – The turf portion of the project should be completed by the time you read this report. Unfortunately, this does not change the overall completion timeline due to the required curing period for the track. The projected completion date remains mid-September.

### Beginning the School Year

1. New teacher in-services are scheduled for August 19 and 21. Special thanks to Magnifi Financial for providing lunch on the first day, and to all the businesses that donated items for our welcome baskets.
2. Our back-to-school theme this year will be *Remembering Your Why*.
3. First National Bank is providing breakfast on the first day of in-services.
4. Thank you to all staff participating in LPGE Speaks during in-services, and to Mrs. Cebulla for organizing this opportunity for staff to share their expertise and passions.

### Budget & Federal Funding

1. **Negotiations** – the committee has begun meeting for strategy and reviewing contracts for items that need review and adjustment.
2. **21st Century Grant** – We are still awaiting notification regarding funding. Until we hear otherwise, we must plan as if these funds will not be available. The 21st Century program has historically provided many after-school classes and programs at no cost. To continue offering these, we will now need to charge a fee, though it is unlikely fees will fully cover program costs. This funding impacts several areas:
  - **Activity Bus** – From September 2024 to May 2025, ridership ranged from 117 to 468 students, with monthly costs between \$861.92 and \$3,237.39, totaling \$18,613.82 according to Aksamit billing.
  - **Club Costs** – Advisor stipends and supplies.
  - **BOLT** – Two days of programming, including supplies and resources.



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- **Student Class Offerings** – Courses such as cooking or art-making.
- **Enrichment & Recreation** – Programs such as theater and robotics.

## Community Events

1. **National Night Out** – Thank you to all the families who participated in the scavenger hunt and football-throwing contest. Thanks also to Verizon for donating backpacks. It was a great community event.
2. **Long Prairie Latino Festival** – We had many visitors stop by the district booth to enjoy yard games. Thank you to all the parents and students who joined us for the festival and participated in the activities.

## Superintendent Evaluation

1. Board members will provide the executive committee with their recommended goals for the 2025–2026 school year for review. A proposed final draft will be brought to the September board meeting for approval. The final plan will be modeled on Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) guidance regarding effective evaluation processes.

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

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