



Superintendent Update

May 14, 2026



Vision

What we intend to create

Inspire dreams,

build integrity,

instill hope

*in our students, our staff, our families
and our communities.*



Mission

Purpose of our work

Partner with students, families and communities

*to challenge all students to achieve their **greatest potential***

and become informed and engaged citizens.

North Branch JROTC

The sky's the limit for high school elective

- One of only 3 Air Force JROTC programs in Minnesota
- Aviation curriculum includes navigation, weather, drones, and FAA pilot prep
- Students build leadership, problem-solving, and career skills
- Hands-on experiences include competitions, simulations, and aviation field visits
- Program prepares students for both civilian aviation and military pathways



Future Forward Day



NBAHS FUTURE FORWARD CAREER DAY
MADE POSSIBLE BY:



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



Career
Pathways
and Future
Readiness

Ag Grant Advances Agricultural Education



The Power of Agricultural Education

Agriculture provides hands-on, real-world learning that builds leadership, problem-solving, and career-ready skills connected to local workforce and community needs.



Summer Hands-On Learning with Real-World Impact

- Students gain authentic experiences through projects with local farms, businesses, and community organizations.
- Experiences build leadership, teamwork, problem-solving, and career-ready skills.
- Students explore pathways in natural resources, animal science, horticulture, and environmental stewardship.

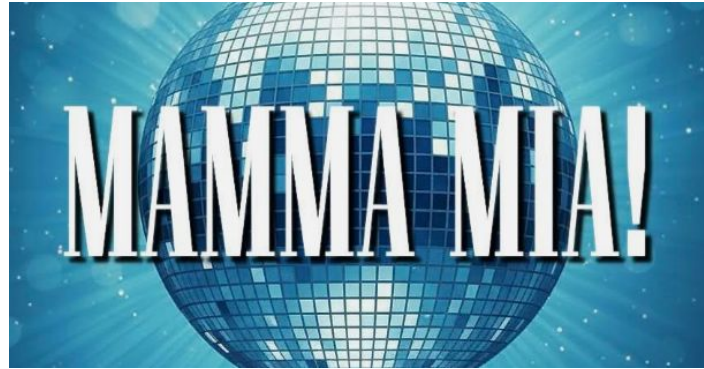
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Viking Music



**Student
Voice,
Identity, and
Belonging**

The Thrill of Theatre



Student
Voice,
Identity, and
Belonging

Native American Cultural Engagement



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**4TH ANNUAL
DRUM & DANCE
EXHIBITION**

Featuring Head Drums:
Wicahpi Hoopla
Star-hov Stingers

May 15, 2026
5:30-6:00 Meal
6:00-7:30pm
Exhibition &
Honoring Students

RSVP Here



Sponsored by:
North Branch Area Schools
Indian Education



North Branch Area
High School
38175 Grand Ave

Viking Hispanic Night



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Chalk the Walk for Hope Community Initiative



Community
In
Action

Walk and Roll to School



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NBAPS Class of 2026 Scholarship Night

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

Edelstein Auditorium

*Celebrating Viking dreams
realized through
achievement, opportunity,
and community support.*



- **North Branch Area High School**
- **CLASS OF 2026**
- **Senior Scholarship Program**
- Wednesday, May 20th, 2026
- Edelstein Auditorium

- **WELCOME**
Clint Link, Principal
- **COLOR GUARD**
PRESENTATION
AFJROTC Cadets
- **NATIONAL ANTHEM**
NBAPS Choir Students

- **PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS**
- **ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS:** Amanda Daeger and Jacob Truby
- **HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS:** Sarah Beckmann and Amanda Tessmer

• SUN DENTAL AND ORTHODONTICS Dr. Praya Shaffer	• KELLY JEANNE THOMPSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Tina Thompson	• FAIRVIEW LAKES VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION
• TIMOTHY THOMSEN STEM SCHOLARSHIP Maureen Thomsen	• DAWN DARST-LEFLAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Chris and Laura Darst	• FLORENCE BARNES NELSON BROTHERS MEMORIAL
• KNOWLEDGE BOWL Chas Sattendorf	• TOM FISK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP Kathy Fisk	• DR. MIKE AND KATHRYN WILCOX SCHOLARSHIP FUND
• NORTH BRANCH FIRE DEPT. RELIEF ASSOCIATION Kevin Gif	• CHISAGO COUNTY PHEASANTS FOREVER Dan Gnau	• HAMREN TEACHING
• STACY-LENT FIRE DEPT. RELIEF ASSOCIATION Ti Fontenot and Tim Serpico	• NORTH BRANCH QUARTERBACK CLUB Jennifer Nigbor	• GENE HAAS FOUNDATION
• SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION Charlie Holt and Chris Fedun	• PAPA CHARLEY (JAXA MIK CHARLEY) SCHOLARSHIP Charley Klipp	• NEIGHBORHOOD NATIONAL BANK
• MAX MALMQUIST SCIENCE & ENGINEERING Family Representative	• ALMELUND THRESHING COMPANY Teja Nelson	• GILBERT M. ORWOLL MEMORIAL
• NORTH BRANCH LIONS Jeff Tomlinge	• BLAINE HUNTER MEMORIAL SPONSORED BY ALMELUND Dale and Chris Hunter	• NORTH BRANCH AREA TRAVELING BASEBALL
• MINNCO CREDIT UNION Christine Duffy	• JOHN E. ALLQUIST MEMORIAL SPONSORED BY STACY LIONS Chad and Chris Johnson, Amanda Seamer, Brianna Brant, Jim Bernsche	• HAZELDEN BETTY FORD FOUNDATION
• EAST CENTRAL ENERGY Director: Rick Glavin	• COACHES ASSOCIATION Joel Santjer	• JEROME T. KRAWCZEWSKI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
• NORTH BRANCH AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE Clint Link	• PIED WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP Judy Weiss	• TRADES IN HONOR OF EVERETT NELSON
• AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS Camille Wentz, Tim Wentz, Tyler Anderson, Dave Schroetter, Phil Wendel, Anthony Gamez	• DUNWOODY ENGAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIP Lucas Edson and Dunwoody Representative	• ELEMENTARY EDUCATION IN HONOR OF DOROTHY NELSON
• NORTH BRANCH VIEW POST #524 Commander: Dirk Dobie	• THE REMAINING SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS.	• NORTH BRANCH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, THOR BERGSTRAHL MEMORIAL
• AMERICAN LEGION POST #85 Paul Johnson	• GIRLS IN MATH Kelly Stooßen	• LAKES REGION EMS
• NORTH BRANCH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION Jake Inreien		• PLTW MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING
		• LONG SPURS OF SUNRISE RIVER NWIT
		• NORTH BRANCH DENTAL
		• PRISM DESIGN & EMBROIDERY
		• STREATER FAMILY
		• EDELSTEIN FAMILY FOUNDATION
		• CLOSING REMARKS

Workforce Development



FORWARD TOGETHER

*Something big
is taking shape.*



Honoring Community Legacies That Strengthen Our Schools



North Branch Area Education Foundation

- Since 2008, NBAEF has supported students through grants, innovative programs, and enriched learning opportunities.
- Community partnerships and fundraising efforts continue to expand opportunities for North Branch students.
- Donors and volunteers help strengthen student success across the district.

Edelstein Family Foundation

- The Edelstein family's North Branch roots date back to the early 1900s, with a lasting legacy of educational support. The foundation has provided significant scholarship support for North Branch students.
- Edelstein Auditorium honors Ruth Edelstein (Ruth Easton), a North Branch native and Broadway actress.
- We will be recognizing representatives from the Edelstein Family Foundation as part of the June 1st High School Choir Concert.

Maximizing Impact Endowment Fund

- The fund honors Max Malmquist, a 1958 graduate, historian, and educator dedicated to learning and community.
- The endowment is focused on student scholarships and expanding opportunities for students.
- Save the Date: Golf Tournament at the North Branch Golf Course on Sunday, June 14th.

Community
In
Action

Viking Dreams Realized



Teacher Apprentices & Mentor/Journey Teachers



Claire Brown
Apprentice

Tina Moore
Apprentice

Chelsea Nethers
Mentor/Journey Teacher
Early Childhood Career Education Teacher

Apprentices & Mentor/Journey Teachers



Alexis Williams
Apprentice

Marlynn Moore
Mentor/Journey Teacher
Management Teacher

Apprentices & Mentor/Journey Teachers



Marissa Hale
Apprentice

Michelle Hinkle
Mentor/Journey Teacher
Special Education Teacher

Apprentices & Mentor/Journey Teachers



John Huggeman
Apprentice

Bechal Bailey
Mentor/Journey Teacher

Apprentices & Mentor/Journey Teachers



Christina Moore
Apprentice

Lacie Parks
Mentor/Journey Teacher
Early Childhood Teacher

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Melaysia Johnson
Apprentice

Lakisha Moore
Mentor/Journey Teacher
Special Education Teacher

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Michelle Hinkle
Apprentice

Shelley Barker
Mentor/Journey Teacher
Special Education Teacher

TEACH Scholarship Recipients





North Branch Leadership Driving Statewide Innovation

Teacher Apprenticeship Grant Awarded

- After more than a year of advocacy and collaboration at the state level, the Minnesota Teachers Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee (MNT JATC) has officially been awarded a \$3 million grant through the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry to expand registered teacher apprenticeship programming across Minnesota.
- Key outcomes include:
 - Expansion to approximately 28 participating school districts statewide;
 - Development of 7 new teacher licensure apprenticeship pathways;
 - Support for approximately 175 registered apprentices; and
 - Expanded university and teacher preparation partnerships.
- Funding will support apprentice tuition assistance, journey teacher stipends, program staffing, district onboarding, and long-term sustainability efforts.
- This work continues positioning North Branch Area Public Schools and Minnesota's teacher apprenticeship model as leaders in innovative educator workforce development and grow-your-own teacher pathways.

Recognition and Appreciation

Special appreciation to Representative Max Rymer, Board members MacMillan and Naegele, the Minnesota Teachers Joint Apprenticeship Training Committee leadership team, Dave Gryte (Union Representative) and Sara Paul (MNT JATC Co-Chair), and the Initiative Foundation for their advocacy, partnership, and support in advancing this statewide work.

Living out
our Mission
and Vision

Forward Together: Living out our Vision and Mission



Academic & Student Success

- 93% graduation rate (above state and regional averages)
- Structured Literacy Implementation

Financial Stewardship

- Four bond rating improvements
- Elimination of cash-flow borrowing

Student Opportunity

- Expanded apprenticeships, pathways, and workforce partnerships

External Investment

- \$800,000+ competitive grant funding secured since 2021

Scholarships & Community Investment

- \$1.2 million in scholarships for students and staff

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