



# PIPESTONE AREA SCHOOLS

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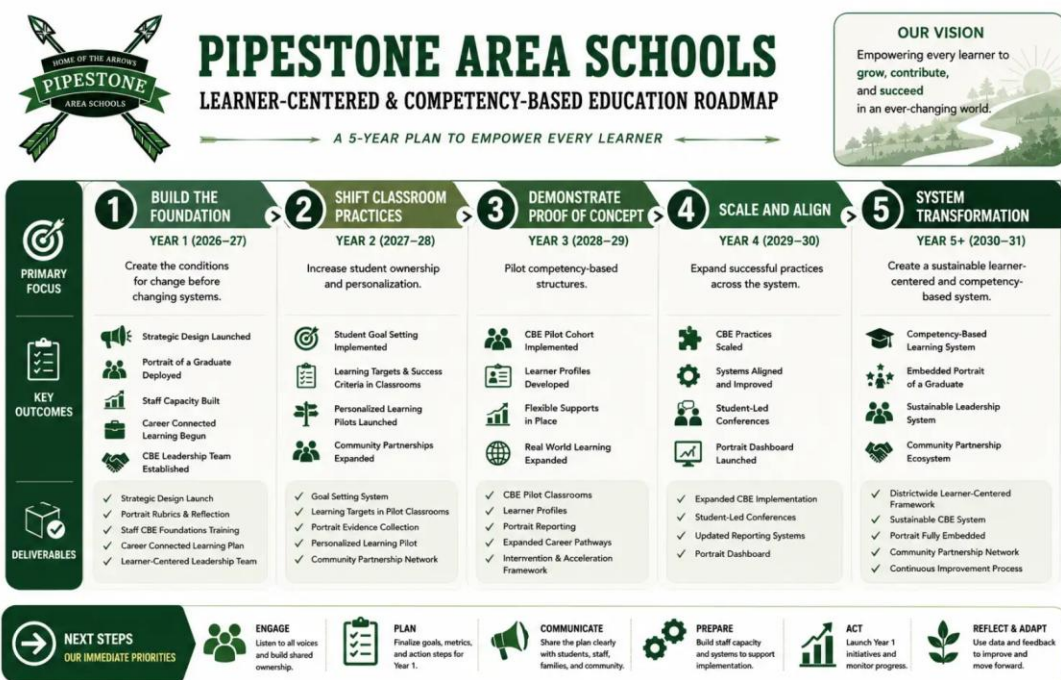
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## Superintendent's Report – Pipestone Area Schools

We are officially all in BACK-TO-SCHOOL mode right now! With the start of the new year, there are more students and staff on campus for activities, meetings, and events. While our last board meeting was only a few weeks ago, here are some items to share with the board.

1. **Staff Workshop Week** – The week of August 24 will be very busy. The entire week is dedicated to back-to-school activities for staff members. The schedule includes time for staff to prepare classrooms for the open house events as well as time for staff training and collaboration work. During my presentation I plan to provide an overview of our strategic design and a 5-year map for the work we are embracing as it relates to the Portrait of a Graduate and competency-based teaching and learning. Here is a graphic of the 5-year roadmap that will be shared with staff.



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2. **Roofing Project Phase II and Phase III** – The second and third phase of the roofing project is at about 90% complete. The most significant work left is completing some sheet metal work and flashing work. This work will happen in September and/or October. Tremco will complete their final walk through and ensure everything is as it should be. Overall, I have been pleased with the progress, the communication, and the outcome of the roofing project. I believe the board decision to address the roof was the right decision and will have a lasting impact on the district infrastructure.
3. **Start of the School Year** – As a reminder, we will be starting school before Labor Day this year. Given the later start to the Labor Day holiday, school districts were given the option to begin school prior to Labor Day. We have worked to communicate this to our families and community.
4. **Custodial Team Appreciation** – As you walk through the buildings you will see the result of the commitment and hard work of the custodial and maintenance teams. Their hard work over the summer months has prepared our facilities for the upcoming year. I appreciate their dedication, care, and concern to provide a safe, clean, and welcoming learning environment for students and staff. Please join me in thanking Len and those on his team for their work and effort.
5. **Fall Activities and Athletics** – There is great energy surrounding the start of our fall activity season. We want to encourage as many of our students as possible to participate in activities. Research demonstrates that students involved in school activities have greater rates of attendance, better academic results, and an overall greater connection to the school community. Please encourage participation and support the Arrows!
6. **Auditorium Carpet** – The auditorium is getting new carpet. The carpet is being installed as part of our budget plans. It will be a much-needed improvement to our facilities.
7. **Referendum Information** – Later this fall we will need to schedule some community sessions on the operating referendum. We know that there is a need to help inform and educate the community about the district funding and the basis for the referendum. Here is a graphic we created that demonstrates how the district general fund dollars are utilized in the district to provide the services, support, and programming we offer our students and community.

## HOW THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET IS ALLOCATED...





I believe that is all I have for now. I look forward to the weeks and months to come as I begin my 27<sup>th</sup> year as a school superintendent! #StayProudArrows!