

MENAHGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Board Members,

Mid-Summer is over it was a success thanks to our C and C. I'm hopeful you are enjoying the summer months. It's been a rainy stretch lately, but hopefully the sun is on the way back soon!

Our custodial and maintenance crews are staying busy getting the buildings ready for fall. The pickleball, basketball, and tennis court project is started and in the next couple of weeks will be paved—if Mother Nature cooperates. We're excited to see that work move forward.

This past June, President Trump recognized and celebrated Title IX—the landmark federal law that protects equal opportunities for female athletes and students—as part of a national Title IX Month acknowledgment. In a time when many conversations around athletics and equity have become divisive, this clear support for protecting women in sports is a breath of fresh air. We are proud to continue supporting programs that uphold these values right here in Menahga.

We've also been working on updates to the MHS and MES student handbooks for the 2025-2026 school year. These drafts are on the agenda tonight for your review. Our goal is to keep them clear, consistent, and reflective of current policy and practice.

On the HR side, we have a few personnel changes this month, including resignations. We're continuing to recruit and fill open positions so we're fully staffed and ready for the new year.

You'll also notice three policies on the agenda for review tonight:

- Policy 420: Communicable diseases and infectious conditions
- Policy 425: Staff development and mentoring
- Policy 601: Curriculum and instruction goals

These are part of our regular policy cycle to make sure we're in alignment with state guidelines.

We continue to receive generous support from our community through donations and grants, which we'll officially accept tonight. These contributions make a big difference for our students.

Looking ahead, I'm excited for the 4th Annual Community Pork Feed and adding Strategic Planning Session along with the all teams athletic meeting on August 4th. This has become a great tradition—a chance to gather, reflect on progress, and make plans for the future.

As always, thank you for your time, leadership, and commitment to Menahga Public Schools.

Have an awesome day!

Jay Kjos
Superintendent



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