

MENAHGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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"Home of the Braves"



Dear Board,

As I write this letter, I am filled with excitement as I prepare for a week-long vacation from the office. It's hard to believe that it has already been three years since we began our journey together in these board meetings.

The start of June was marked by an incredible collaboration involving over 30 of our staff members, who engaged deeply with data in relation to our strategic plan. Together, we developed a robust professional development plan aimed at addressing the goals and objectives outlined in that plan. This group successfully checked off some of our goals and made valuable recommendations for the strategic planning committee meeting scheduled for August. We look forward to presenting our findings to you at the July meeting.

I want to highlight that there was unanimous agreement among the staff involved that our entire team should receive training on effectively working with families and children from different socioeconomic backgrounds. This training would benefit all staff members—board members, teachers, paraprofessionals, transportation staff, building grounds, and clerical staff—and would have a powerful impact on our students. I fully support this initiative and propose that we utilize the 5.5 hours of instructional time that the legislative session has freed up to implement this training on Monday, October 20th. The training will include a poverty simulation and a presentation from a speaker who will provide tools for serving children from various socioeconomic situations.

The administrative team is diligently working on our restructuring efforts, and we will present the polished plan to you in July for your approval.

Attached, you will find the agenda for our June meeting.

Have a great week, and I look forward to our meeting next Monday.

Best regards,
Jay Kjos



The Mission of Menahga School District #821 is to build strong partnerships with stakeholders to ensure all learners succeed.