

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### October 15, 2024



#### **OUR MISSION**

Every student, every day will be empowered with learning opportunities for growth, creativity and curiosity, in preparation for their future in a global community.

#### **OUR VISION**

Duluth Public Schools provides an academically engaging, safe and inclusive environment with high expectations and responsible use of resources.

#### OUR CORE VALUES



Learning



Developing a love of learning through lifelong inquiry.

Excellence

Having high standards for all through accountability, integrity and authenticity.

Equity



Creating conditions of justice, fairness and inclusion so all students have access to the opportunities to learn and develop to their fullest potential.

#### Collaboration



Working in partnership with staff, families, students and community.

#### Belonging



Providing a welcoming and accessible environment where everyone feels safe, seen and heard.

# Topics

- Student Reports
- Professional Learning Updates
- Legislative Updates
- Superintendent Goals
- Budget Reduction and Realignment Update
- Community Schools Grant Expansion
- Other

## **Professional Learning Updates**

• We celebrated Indigenous People's Day with a day of professional learning focused on inclusivity yesterday!



## **Professional Learning Updates**

Last week, I presented last week at the Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents <u>National Education Summit</u> with a group of colleagues that were past members of the Association of American School Administrators <u>Urban</u> <u>Superintendents Academy</u>.

Summit Session



AASA/USC Urban Superintendent Academy Alumni Panel: The Impact of Communities of Practice on Transformational Student-Centered Leadership Dr. Maria G. Ott, Dr. Rebeca Andrade, Michael Essien, Dr. Mary E. Libby, & John Magas

# Legislative Updates

- Survey sent to board members asking for input on 2025 legislative platform
- Met today with the MASA Legislative Committee
- Board members submitted multiple proposals to MSBA
- Many our district priorities are aligned with other organizations throughout the state. Ensuring our voice is at the table continues to be important.

## Superintendent Goals for 2024-25

• Element 1.d. Information for Decision - Making

• Element 2.e. Asset Protection

• Element 6.b. School Improvement

### **Budget Reduction and Realignment**

- Met with each of our labor partners
- Held follow-up meetings with their leaders
- Held part one of our Duluth Federation of Teachers Budget Quality Leadership Team
- Meeting with our principals by level
- Holding individual site budget meetings
- Planning student input opportunities
- Developing a web-based input opportunity

### **Community Schools Grant Expansion**

- MDE recently announced the awarding of grants totaling \$14.75 million to 25 schools
- Denfeld High School, Lincoln Park Middle School and Myers-Wilkins Elementary School received a total of \$1.8 million!

# Questions