

Executive Director Sarah McGuire Board Report

February 2023

Cooperative-Wide Updates:

- We are grateful to our School Board members for their service to Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative. February is Minnesota School Board Appreciation Month and we value the great work you do! Thank you for continuing to assist and guide CVSEC as we build a community that educates and supports students of all ages for four Member Districts!
- CVSEC has experienced a high number of inclement weather days. We had two additional closure days on February 22 and February 23. MDE requires at least 165 instructional days per school year. With our current closures and revised calendar, we are at 166 instructional days. In a meeting with our collective bargaining licensed and non-licensed leaders, we have a preliminary date to recommend adding to the calendar should it be necessary. We are exploring Flexible Learning for the 2023/2024 school year.
- Staffing discussions have begun for the 2023-2024 school year and will be presented to the Board in April with the preliminary 2023-2024 budget. We have been unable to fill 4 licensed teacher positions and 13 EA positions during the current school year. We anticipate staffing shortages will continue to impact student capacity and who CVSEC can serve safely.
- Graduation will be May 30, 2023, at 11:00 AM for ALEX and 1:00 PM for STEP. It will be held at The Legacy Golf Course Pavillion in Faribault.