



# Waterville-Elysian-Morristown

## ISD #2143

Greetings School Board Members,

I hope everyone has been enjoying their summer! Here are a few updates from the Middle School:

- **Sourcewell Educator Summit:** About 10 WEM leadership team members from across all three campuses attended the Sourcewell Summit at Breezy Point during the first week in July. We were able to listen to two wonderful keynote speakers who focused on “Beyond Grit: Embracing Passion and Perseverance to Gain the High-Performance Edge” and “UDL Now: Embrace Inclusion, Ignite Potential.” Leadership team members also were able to choose from a variety of breakout sessions of their choice that gave us both big picture takeaways and small tangible things to implement across our buildings. Topics included: Differentiation and Inclusion with Artificial Intelligence, Effective Classroom and Schoolwide Interventions, Effective Classroom Culture: Fostering Student Motivation, and many more! Along with attending these sessions our leadership teams met to reflect on our sessions, redesign our PLC philosophy and process, and plan out professional development opportunities. It was a beneficial, fun experience for everyone who was able to attend.
- **PBIS Exemplar School:** Our Middle School PBIS team once again was recognized as an exemplar school for the 2024-25 school year! Last year was my first year in the district and the way our PBIS team is organized and implemented throughout the year is the best I have ever seen throughout the 6 schools I have been a part of in my career. Hats off to our PBIS team and all our staff members for another successful year implementing our PBIS program!
- **Open House:** Plans are in place to host open house on August 27th from 4:00 p.m - 7:30 p.m. Grades 6 through 8 will attend a more traditional open house at the beginning of the night to check out their schedules and meet teachers. 5th graders will have a separate time designated just for 5th grade families that will feel more like an orientation than open house. We hope this new open house format will provide our 5th graders with a more structured and informative open house experience than years past.

Thank you,  
Myles Knutson