

Welcome from the Superintendent and School Board

Welcome to the third annual issue of *Inspire*!

We are so proud of everything accomplished during the 2025-26 school year. While it was challenging at times, especially for our broader Eden Prairie community, it was also deeply inspiring. Our community showed strength in coming together to support one another. There were outstanding student and staff achievements on both the local and national scale. We saw spirited engagement from families and community members to craft an innovative facilities plan. And daily we witnessed how no matter our individual lived experiences, we are united in our desire for excellence and our care for our students and our schools. We all work to inspire each student every day.

Last year, the district saw a 15-year enrollment high. Our growth and fiscally stable position — a promise kept and sustained for more than a decade — allows us to focus on our strategic priorities: authentic and personalized learning for each student, real care for student and staff wellbeing and an environment that fosters inclusion and belonging. This means low class sizes, exceptional academic and athletic performance, expanded hands-on learning and career pathway options and more. Families choose Eden Prairie Schools because of these unparalleled opportunities, which are available because of our stability and focus.

As more families choose our district, we see Eden Prairie becoming an increasingly more diverse community. The richness of that diversity shines through in classrooms, on stage, on the court and in the way students, families, staff and community members connect, share and learn. When grounded in a unified vision that prioritizes academic excellence, growth and future-readiness for our students, diversity becomes our strength. It sets the tone for how we work together to build the best version of our school community. We are better because we pair the richness of diversity with a common goal of an exceptional, inspiring education.

All of us in Eden Prairie help make this a reality. Throughout the year, members of our community, including students, staff, families, residents, businesses and partners, guide the work we do. From serving on committees to being mentors to joining community events like the Inspired Journey Summit and more, they bring important voices to the table, allowing the people of Eden Prairie to take ownership over the work of the district. If you're interested in getting more involved, we'd love to have you. You can learn about ways to partner at <https://engage.edenpr.org/become-a-partner>.

In the following pages, we invite you to read about the ways this work is strengthening Eden Prairie Schools. Thank you for the crucial role you play in the success of our district. We'll continue to soar together!