



Medford School Board Meeting  
September 2025  
Medford Elementary – Mr. Carlson

**Celebrations/Shout Outs:**

We had a blast at our Back to School Open House! It gave our families the opportunity to connect with one another and allow their children to prepare for a successful start to the school year. A special thank you to our Medford Elementary Parents Association for making this event so impactful for our community.

I visited with each classroom over the past couple weeks to introduce/review our Tiger Pride expectations throughout the school, as well as had the opportunity to meet each of our 40 new students to Medford Elementary this year!

**Bus Safety and Fire Prevention Week:**

Bus Safety Week: Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

Fire Prevention Week: Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

**Reading Corp Tutor:**

We have hired a Reading Corp. Tutor (Mary Fraser) who will support grades K-3 with implementing a reading intervention program that will focus on phonemic awareness and reading fluency with approx. 25 students.

**Staff Development Focus:**

During our staff development time, staff were able to explore the major shifts with the new Minnesota Math/ELA standards, including the anchor standards and standards for mathematical practice. Staff also reviewed our Pearson Benchmark data from the last three years, and were introduced to two key tools: The Benchmark Achievement Level Descriptors (BALDs) and the Minnesota Questions Tool (MQT). Grade levels will continue this work throughout the year and will also be aligning the new standards with our ELA curriculum.

**Holiday and Spring Concert Update:**

We will once again be having our elementary holiday concerts in November/December and our Spring concerts will be held in April.

**Open House/School Readiness:**

87% attended our Open House (85% last year)

96% attended their School Readiness conference (94% last year)

