

February Board Report 2026 Mary Donaldson, Special Education Director

Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress.

Working together is a success.



INCREASE ATTENDANCE/MAP SCORES

Attendance of special education children increased from 43% to 86% over the past three years in grades K-5

NWEA Map scores from Fall 2024 to Fall 2025 in Math K-5 increased an average of 2.5 grade levels and Reading 3.9 grade levels

GOAL TWO

Increase learning opportunities for special education staff and regular education staff through an established calendar of training. Topics based on a needs assessment of current special education staff and relevant to each building.

- *Parent Night February 16*
- *Wednesday Trainings*
- *Transition Implementation*

GOAL THREE

Integrate culturally relevant pedagogy through programs and practice to increase graduation rates of our students in special education.

Pursuing Grants for Implementation of Increasing Graduation Outcomes

- *Alaska Native Education (ANE) Program (U.S. Dept. of Education):*
- *Native Youth and Culture Fund (First Nations Development Institute)*
- *The CIRI Foundation (TCF) Project Grant*