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Goal 1: The District will strive to provide the best possible educational programs.

- Congratulations to the following Cardinals of the Week
 - Georgia Mundt
 - Addison Smith
 - Emily Bacilio
 - Noah Dahlke
- Congratulations to the following Cardinals of the Month for February:
 - Peyton Kessler
 - Emily Chick
- Congratulations to the following Cardinals of the Month for February:
 - Grayson Speltz
 - Taya Olson
- 7th Grade student Peyton Kessler was chosen to represent Winona County ASAP at a national conference in Washington D.C. the week of January 29. Congratulations Peyton!
- Brielle Borchardt was chosen to participate in the Minnesota House of Representative Page Program. She represented Lewiston-Altura from January 16-20 at the state capitol. Congratulations Brielle!
- Owen Sommer was selected as one of our two representatives for the Excel Award, and was selected as one of 36 state Excel winners. As an Excel winner, Owen will be recognized on 45TV during the broadcast of the 2023 winter tournaments and in an on-court award ceremony during the Class AA championship game of the Girls Basketball State Tournament in March.
- We began the new quarter on January 30. It is hard to believe that we have less than half a school year remaining.

Goal 2: The District will strive to hire, develop, and maintain the best possible staff.

- Please welcome Sheila McDermott as our new High School English teacher. Sheila is coming to us from teaching at the technical college level for over 20 years. We are working to credential her for teaching concurrent enrollment for next school year as well.
- Please welcome Mr. Dashawn Reed and Mrs. Nicole Gilow as paraprofessionals at the high school. Both come to use with experience in the field of education and working with students.
- Please welcome Yang Xiong as our new onsite technical support person. Yang has stepped in and done a great job with taking over midyear. Thank you to Tyler for his years of support at LA.
- We had a great staff development day on January 27 with Angie Ellsworth from SSC. She worked with staff on engagement, de-escalation, and support for staff.
- We were able to bring her back on February 8 to work with paras. On February 8, teachers were trained on MCA procedures, as well as continued work with proficiency scales that many teachers are completing and we are being asked to look forward for those that are ready.

Goal 3: The District will strive to maintain a positive emotional and safe climate for learners and staff.

- We are in the process of SnoBall week. Royalty was announced on Friday to kickoff SnoBall. SnoBall will culminate with a dance on Saturday.

Goal 4: The District will strive to maintain and improve the district infrastructure.

- Nothing to report at this time.

Upcoming Events

- February 20 – No School for Staff or Students
- March 7 – High School Conferences
- March 9 – Snow Day make-up day
- March 10 – No School for Staff or Students