



School Board Work Session
Tuesday, January 21, 2025; 5:00 PM
ECC Room 350

I. Determination of Quorum and Call to Order

II. Approval of Agenda

III. Discussion

A. Elementary Literacy Curriculum Adoption Recommendation: Benchmark Advance

Description: This report is intended to inform the Edina School Board on the recommendation for implementation of the Benchmark Advance program for the Edina elementary schools. In addition to defining the ELA curriculum review process, this report also includes information about the new Minnesota English Language Arts Standards in conjunction with the MN READ Act legislation approved by the Department of Education. The priorities in this report directly align to the goals established in the Comprehensive Literacy Plan approved by the school board in June of 2021.

Presenter(s): Bethany VanOsdel, Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning; and Jody De St. Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning

B. Achievement and Integration FY 2026 Budget

Description: The Achievement and Integration Program provides dedicated funding to support our district's efforts in increasing racial and economic integration while reducing achievement disparities. Each year the school district must submit an updated annual budget to the Minnesota Department of Education.

Presenter(s): Dr. Frannie Becquer, Director of Achievement Equity and Multilingual Learner Programming

C. DISCOVER Operational Costs

Description: We will be providing an overview of the operational costs for DISCOVER in Edina Public Schools.

Presenter(s): Dr. Stacie Stanley, Superintendent; Nate Swenson, Assistant Superintendent; Anne Marie Leland, Director of Strategic Partnerships; Jody De St Hubert, Director of Teaching and Learning; Mert Woodard, Director of Finance & Operations; and Paul Paetzel, Edina High School Principal

D. Superintendent Search Process Update

Description: Update on the superintendent search process.

Presenter(s): Governance Committee

IV. Action

A. Board Communication to Public

Description: In order to keep the public informed about the board's work around the superintendent search efforts, the board is planning to send out an email communication after the January 21st meeting updating stakeholders about the current status of the search efforts.

Presenter(s): Governance Committee

Recommendation: Approve communication to the public.

V. Leadership and Committee Updates

VI. Superintendent Updates

VII. Adjournment