

MENAHGA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear School Board Members,

As I write this note, I am down at the Capitol working to advocate for our students and our district. Today was a great day of conversations. Board Chair Howard, Director Kicker, Director Haverinen, and I had the opportunity to meet with Senator Utke and Representative Knudsen to share the needs and perspectives of Menahga Public Schools. Tomorrow I will be joining the Region 8 superintendents as we continue these conversations and work together to advocate for the students we serve.

March is the month when we begin building our budget for the upcoming school year. Over the next several days, Board Chair Howard, Dana, and I will be reviewing the first draft of the budget so we can begin shaping the framework before bringing it to the full board. Our goal is to present the board with a projected budget at the April meeting. At this early stage, the numbers are looking positive, and we will continue refining the details in the weeks ahead.

Because it is budget season, you may notice some recommended staffing adjustments as we align resources for the 2026–2027 school year. These recommendations will reflect both enrollment trends and our continued commitment to following the priorities outlined in our strategic plan.

Enrollment at Menahga Public Schools continues to remain strong, and I am proud of the work our staff is doing every day to align their efforts with the goals in our strategic plan.

Thank you for your continued leadership and support of our students, staff, and community.

Respectfully,

Jay Kjos,
Superintendent



The Mission of Menahga School District #821 is to build strong partnerships with stakeholders to ensure all learners succeed.