

To: Dr. Kris Von Wald
From: Dr. Todd Bloomquist
RE: The Valley School site visit (2/6/26)

Thank you for hosting our staff and school board members at this annual site visit as well as for your charter's renewal. We appreciated hearing from your staff, parents, and seeing the school in action.

During the visit you shared some wonderful highlights about the school:

- Student engagement
- Overall feeling about the importance of the school model
- Facility improvements, specifically the new multi-purpose building and kitchen
- Strategic priorities
 - Integrated and aligned curriculum
 - Full, effective use of the facilities
 - Enhance the school as a workplace connection
 - Increase the school's visibility in the community
- Rusted Gate farm partnership

You also expressed concerns that the school was working through:

- Funding is a continued issue for the school and the rate of passthrough dollars from the state is not sufficient
- Site improvement costs are expensive, particularly to build out the other half of the multi-purpose building
- Special Education and 504 supports are limited and there is a higher need
- Technology for students is lacking and needs more supports
- Could there be any way to share costs in partnership with the district; for example, loaning equipment or cost sharing of staff for site improvement

The afternoon was filled with excellent discourse and I believe both our staff and the school board members present have a more detailed understanding of how the school is doing as well the needs it is facing to serve the students.

Thank you again for hosting our time together, being such a gracious host, and having staff, parents, and board members present for the dialogue. We continue to be grateful for the partnership in serving families and we look forward to working together on your charter renewal in the coming months.