

Long Prairie-Grey Eagle Schools

A Small School with Big Opportunities for Each and Every Student!

Superintendent's Report 12/15/2025

As we enter the new year, our focus will shift to long-term planning. With the final audit numbers now available, we can begin making multi-year financial projections and resume negotiations with our bargaining units. We are also waiting for updates from the state on the future of Compensatory Aid, which remains our biggest financial unknown. Activity at the national level suggests we should not depend on federal funding increases in the foreseeable future.

Our business office continues to prepare for changes related to Paid Family and Medical Leave, as well as the ongoing adjustments required by ESST. These items remain moving targets, and we appreciate the staff's patience as we work through the requirements.

Strategic Planning

- **1. 2026–27 School Calendar:** We have received 67 staff responses to the calendar survey so far. There is strong interest in trying an evening—morning conference schedule to make parent-teacher conferences more accessible to families. Staff also responded positively to additional professional development days, as long as they are planned and organized well.
- **2. Parent/Guardian Input Survey:** We currently have 34 English responses and **12** Spanish responses. We will continue to encourage all families to participate. It is especially encouraging to see an increase in responses from our Spanish-speaking families, as this has been an area of challenge in past years.
- **3. Planning Sessions:** The administrative team is reviewing our school data and the current strategic plan. We are preparing to set targets and propose updates for the 2026–27 revision of the strategic plan. Much of our discussion is centered on the importance of student attendance and early childhood education, both of which have a major impact on long-term student success.
- **4. Professional Development:** We are coordinating with Freshwater to provide paraprofessional training on January 19th, in partnership with Sourcewell. These trainings have been very well received in the past, and we continue to hear positive feedback from staff.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 357-3605 or email me at dludvigson@lpge.k12.mn.us.

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