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Duluth **Public Schools**

Every Student. Every Day.

Superintendent's Report

January 20, 2026



OUR MISSION

Every student, every day will be empowered with learning opportunities for growth, creativity and curiosity, in preparation for their future in a global community.

OUR VISION

Duluth Public Schools provides an academically engaging, safe and inclusive environment with high expectations and responsible use of resources.

OUR CORE VALUES

Learning



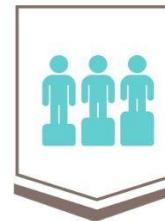
Developing a love of learning through life-long inquiry.

Excellence



Having high standards for all through accountability, integrity and authenticity.

Equity



Creating conditions of justice, fairness and inclusion so all students have access to the opportunities to learn and develop to their fullest potential.

Collaboration



Working in partnership with staff, families, students and community.

Belonging



Providing a welcoming and accessible environment where everyone feels safe, seen and heard.

Topics

- 2026 Student Representative Introductions!
 - Osiris Garcia Henderson- ALC
 - Tamia Bowles - Denfeld
 - Kalina Mattila - East
- Minnesota School Board Association Update
- Legislative Update
- Board Work Session Update
- Other

Minnesota School Board Association Conference Update

MSBA Conference Update



MSBA Conference Update



- Jill Lofald was recognised as a member of the 2026 MSBA All-State School Board! She was also elected unanimously as the District 11 Director on the MSBA Board of Directors.
- Sarah Mikesell was recognised for having received a Leadership Development Certificate for having completed all four phases of MSBA training.

Legislative Update

Legislative Updates



We are scheduled to meet with our local representatives on January 27th in preparation for the 2026 legislative session.



We facilitated the drafting of a joint letter from 11 state organizations urging bipartisan support for the reinstatement of protected status for schools related to immigration enforcement.



We are planning for our 2026 legislative session lobbying efforts, including the AMSD preview on February 6th, Duluth and St. Louis County Days on March 18th and 19th, and other opportunities.

Board Work Session Update

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We will be holding our next board work session from 4-7 PM on January 27th. We will be focusing on the following topics:

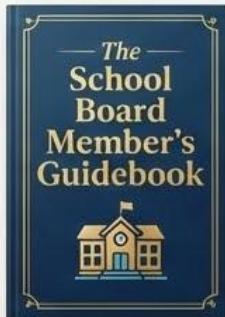
1. Legislative Platform
2. Book Study
3. Growth and Capacity
4. Budget



Book Study



Budget



In preparation for the book study, board members are reading Chapters 7 and 8 of our book, ***The School Board Member's Guidebook: Becoming a Difference Maker for Your District***.

Questions