



## **FES September 2025 School Board Update**

### **FES Open House**

Foley Elementary hosted its annual Open House on August 27. The event was very well attended, with most classrooms reaching or nearly reaching 100% family participation. Students had the opportunity to meet their teachers, locate their desks and lockers, and reconnect with friends and classmates. Families also enjoyed a meal in the cafeteria, helping to foster a strong sense of community and connection before the first day of school.

### **MCA (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment) Results**

Each August, we look forward to reviewing the MCA results from the previous spring. At Foley Elementary, our third graders complete the math and reading assessments. This year's scores are a point of pride for our staff and students:

- **Math:** 80% of students were proficient, compared to the state average of 58%.
- **Reading:** 69% of students were proficient, compared to the state average of 46%.

These results reflect the high-quality, intentional instruction delivered by our staff and the strong effort put forth by our students. We are proud of these these scores and remain committed to continuous improvement and alignment with state standards.

### **PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions & Supports)**

During the first week of school, our staff once again rotated students through PBIS expectation stations in key school areas including the playground, cafeteria, bathrooms, hallways, Media Center, and Office. This is the fourth year we have implemented these rotations, and they continue to set a positive tone for the school year. Students benefit from having clear, consistent expectations taught proactively, and staff members report that the activity provides a smooth and structured start to the year.

### **Workshop Week**

Our staff returned August 26–28 for Workshop Week, which provided valuable time for collaboration, planning, and preparation. Teachers worked hard to organize classrooms, finalize instructional plans, and get ready to welcome students and families back to school. The energy, teamwork, and professionalism displayed by the staff set the stage for a strong start to the year.

**Closing Note**

I would like to extend my appreciation to the Foley Elementary staff for their dedication, preparation, and enthusiasm as we began the school year. Their efforts ensured that our students were warmly welcomed and set up for success. We are off to a very positive start at FES, and I look forward to the months ahead.