

**NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138
NORTH BRANCH AREA EDUCATION CENTER, BOARD ROOM, ROOM C120
38705 GRAND AVENUE
NORTH BRANCH, MN 55056
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
APRIL 23, 2026
5:30 PM**

Remote Participation Notice: One or more School Board members may participate in this meeting remotely pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.02 or § 13D.021, using interactive technology. This provision applies to both regular business meetings and work sessions.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Superintendent's Report 2
- V. Work Session Topics 13
 - A. Viking Innovation: Choice Not Chance
 - B. Motion to Close School Board Work Session to go into a Closed Session – Negotiations (Pursuant to MN Statute 13D.03)
 - C. Motion to Reopen School Board Work Session
- VI. Adjournment



Superintendent Update April 23, 2026



Vision

What we intend to create

Inspire dreams,

build integrity,

instill hope

*in our students, our staff, our families
and our communities.*



Mission

Purpose of our work

Partner with students, families and communities

*to challenge all students to achieve their **greatest potential***

and become informed and engaged citizens.

JROTC Military Ball

- Cadets from three Air Force JROTC programs in Minnesota
- Designed to replicate a traditional military “Dining In”, a formal dinner followed by a guest speaker and a dance.



Students of Excellences Awards Ceremony



Congratulations to:

- Dylan Marthaler
- Annabelle Lattimore
- Mars Lairson
- Allen Everett



East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC) grant supporting Viking Banner Project



THE MAX IMPACT CHALLENGE FOR THE VIKING CLASS OF 2026

INVEST IN YOURSELF. HONOR A LEGACY.

WHAT IS THE MAX IMPACT CHALLENGE?

The Max Impact Challenge is a special opportunity for the **Class of 2026** to compete in teams of 3–6 for monetary team awards made possible by the legacy and generosity of Max Malmquist.

WHERE?

Tailgaters – on the event side
Lunch will be provided!

WHEN?

Wednesday, June 3rd | 11am–2pm
No school for seniors!

Graduating with a Plan

To be eligible for awards, your team will need to articulate the **value of ongoing learning** after high school. Your team will present to a panel of community leaders for monetary awards.

*It can be anything: college, career training, military, or workforce.
What matters is that you have a plan.*

Sign up today!

Talk to Paige Stevenson
Call or text: 651-674-1549
pstevenson@isd138.org



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Meet Max Malmquist

Lifelong North Branch Resident
1958 Valedictorian

Educator, Historian and Civic leader

After a lifetime of service, Max is giving back to invest in you.



Building Momentum Through Partnership



- “Forward Together” highlights a strong partnership between the school district, city, and industry, showing this is a shared community effort.
- The message builds anticipation (“Something big is taking shape”) while signaling real progress and forward momentum.
- The design emphasizes growth and planning, reinforcing confidence in thoughtful, long-term investment.
- Balanced logo placement ensures the district is clearly represented while honoring key partners.
- The piece will be displayed as a large-format (8’ x 16’) sign along the freeway in the industrial park, maximizing visibility and community reach.



From Awareness to Access: Connecting Students to Opportunity



Chisago COUNTY USA

CHISAGO COUNTY COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE

Wednesday, April 22nd
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

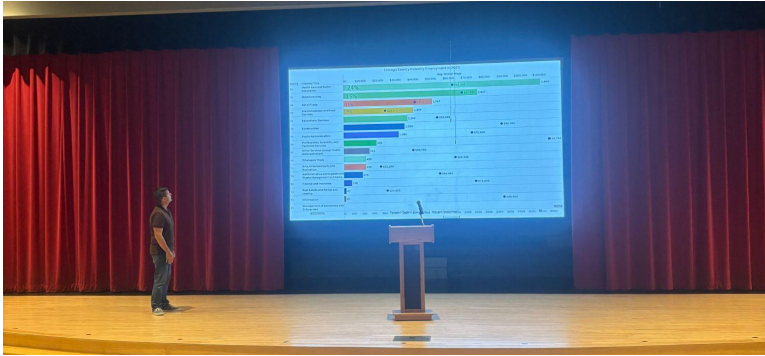
North Branch High School Auditorium
38175 Grand Avenue
Door #16

The Road Ahead
Post-Secondary & Career Trends in Chisago County

Kelly Asche
Center for Rural Policy & Development

Luke Greiner
MN Department of Employment & Economic Development

Joe Mulford
President of Pine Technical & Community College

The poster features a background of a blue and orange abstract design with a large white arrow pointing upwards and to the right, surrounded by smaller orange and blue shapes. The text is arranged in a clean, modern layout with varying font sizes and weights.

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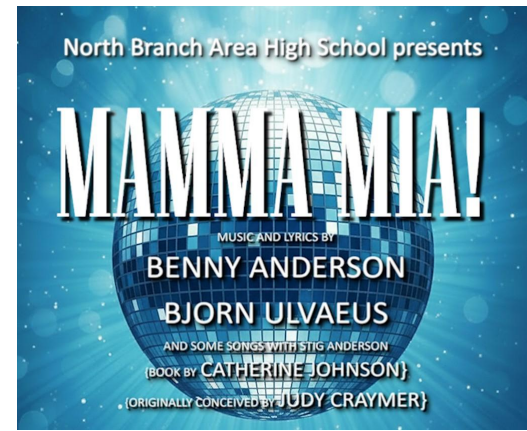
Students are making career decisions based on limited networks, while many high-value opportunities remain unseen. Real-world experience is the strongest driver of connection between learning and employment.



The Ultimate Goal

Ensuring every student graduates with a clear, actionable plan for their future.

Check out all the [choices](#) for high school students at NBAPS.



JOIN US IN FIGHTING HUNGER!

FILL THE SHELVES: FOOD DRIVE

Friday, April 10 - Friday, April 24

Norse ALC is hosting a Food Drive to help our local food shelf. Bring your donations and help us spread kindness!

Most Needed Items:

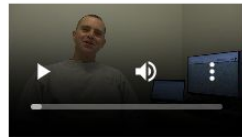
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- *Whole grain pasta, rice
- *Bags of potatoes, carrots, & onions
- *Peanut Butter
- *Hearty soups
- *Canned meats
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Drop-off Locations: Norse ALC-Brooker Building, North Branch Area Education Center, and North Branch Area High School

AVIATION HONORS GROUND SCHOOL* 11-12

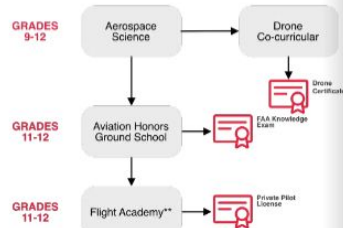
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Aviation Pathway



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COLLEGE CALCULUS 11-12

SEMESTER 1 #1181

Prerequisite: College Algebra or Precalculus, 2.8 GPA

College Level: 5 College Credits

Transfer course intended for bachelor programs in technology, engineering, mathematics, or science, including natural, physical and social sciences. Topics include limits, derivatives (including trigonometric functions), continuity, applications of derivatives to related rates, optimization and graphing, simple differential equations, Riemann Sums, basic integration techniques, definite integral and the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus. Students will become proficient with appropriate technology.



COLLEGE CHEMISTRY

SEMESTER 1 #1321

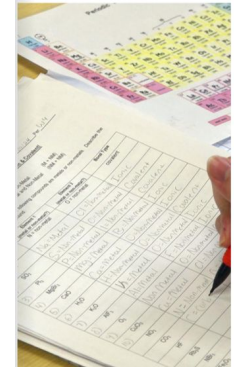
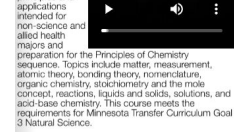
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College Level: 4 College Credits

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emphasizing elementary principles and applications intended for non-science and allied health majors and preparation for the Principles of Chemistry sequence. Topics include matter, measurement, atomic theory, bonding theory, nomenclature, organic chemistry, stoichiometry and the mole concept, reactions, liquids and solids, solutions, and acid-base chemistry. This course meets the requirements for Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal 3 Natural Science.







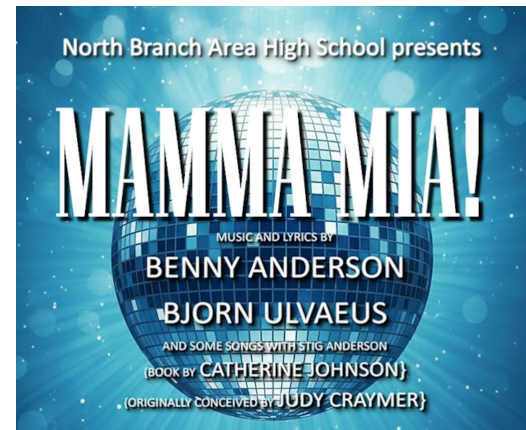
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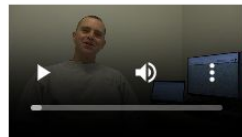
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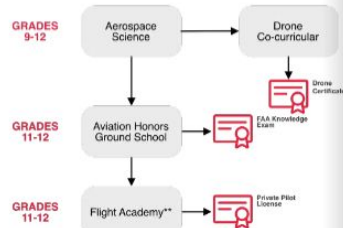
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Viking Innovation Demonstration



Innovating to help each student make choices that are beneficial to their future.

Sherrri Keller

Technology Integrationist & CTE Teacher

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Key Contributions:

- Leads the Viking IT student program
- Extensive experience with Apptegy & district communications
- Supports "Choice, Not Chance" through hands-on innovation

