



South St. Paul School Board - Work Session

Monday, March 9, 2026 5:00 PM

District Office, 104 - 5th Avenue South, South St Paul, Minnesota 55075

I. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

I.A. Early Learning/Community Ed (J. Zehnder)

I.B. Achievement and Integration Plan (N. Tourtelotte)

II. SCHOOL BOARD

II.A. Student School Board Representative Update

II.B. Public Relations and Community Engagement (Board)

II.C. Continuation of conversation on local impact of ICE enforcement (Board)

II.D. Committee Updates (Board)

- District 917
- AMSD
- Community Education
- Educational Foundation
- Finance, Facilities and Long-Range Planning
- Local Issues
- Policy
- SSP Open Foundation
- Superintendent Executive

II.E. Other Items Deemed Necessary by the School Board



School Board Agenda Item

Date: March 9, 2026

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Action Requested: None. Discussion Only

Attachment: None

Topic: Community Education - Early Learning and Adult Basic Education (ABE)
Presenter(s): Jeanne Zehnder, Director of Community Education Kristen Sammartano Weeks, Early Learning Coordinator Tom Umhoefer, ABE Coordinator
Background: This presentation will be an opportunity to share with the school board new programming in our Early Childhood and Family Education (ECFE), our new Early Learning Behavior Specialist, and an update on South Suburban Adult Basic Education (ABE).
Recommendation: N/A
Alternatives: N/A



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Action Requested: None. Discussion Only
Attachment: None

Topic: Achievement and Integration Plan Discussion
Presenter(s): Natalie Tourtelotte, Asst. Director of Ed Services/Amy Winter, Executive Director of Ed Services
Background: We are required to create and submit a new 3-year plan to outline our use of state Achievement & Integration funds over the next 3 years. We will provide an overview of the program purpose and requirements and discuss the goals and strategies that we are planning to include in our 3 year plan. Board approval is required as part of the plan so this will be on the March 23, 2026 agenda for approval.
Recommendation: N/A
Alternatives: N/A



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Action Requested: None. Discussion Only

Attachment: None

Topic: Student School Board Representative Update
Presenter(s): Chloe, Fenet, and Monty
Background: <p>The Student School Board Representative will provide an update to the Board on recent student activities, perspectives, and topics of interest from across the district. This report offers an opportunity for student leadership to share highlights from their schools, provide insight into the student experience, and keep the Board informed on matters that are important to students.</p>
Recommendation: N/A
Alternatives: N/A



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Action Requested: None. Discussion Only

Attachment: None

Topic: Public Relations and Community Engagement
Presenter(s): School Board
Background: The School Board will review the upcoming Calendar of Events and explore opportunities to collaborate with students, staff, families, and the greater South St. Paul community to further the district's mission and vision.
Recommendation: N/A
Alternatives: N/A

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Action Requested: None. Discussion Only
Attachment: None

Topic: Continuation of conversation on local impact of ICE enforcement
Presenter(s): Board Members
Background: <p>At the previous School Board meeting, a proposed resolution regarding District practices related to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was included on the agenda for discussion and possible action. The item was ultimately not brought forward in order to allow the Board additional time to review and discuss the topic.</p> <p>This work session agenda item provides an opportunity for the Board to continue the conversation regarding the potential local impact of immigration enforcement on students, families, and the school district.</p>
Recommendation: <p>None. Discussion only.</p>
Alternatives: <p>N/A</p>



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Action Requested: None. Discussion Only

Attachment: None

Topic: Committee Updates
Presenter(s): School Board Members
Background: School Board members will provide an update for the following committees that they serve on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● District 917● AMSD● Community Education● Educational Foundation● Finance, Facilities, and Long-Range Planning● Local Issues● Policy● SSP Open Foundation● Superintendent Executive
Recommendation: N/A
Alternatives: N/A

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