Work Session

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 5:00 PM
ECC 350, 5701 Normandale Road, Edina, MN 55424

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II. **Approval of Agenda**

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III. Discussion
A. Preliminary Budget - Fiscal Year 2027 (DRAFT)
B. Spanish Dual Language: Program Overview and Middle School Placement
C. Board Year-end Letter

IV. Leadership and Committee Updates

V. Superintendent Updates

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VII. Adjournment

NOTE: School Board members may participate by interactive technology as permitted by Minnesota Statute 13D.02

III. **Discussion**

III.A. (DRAFT)	Preliminary Budget - Fiscal Year 2027	**Speaker(s):** Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

Board Meeting Date: 4/21/2026

Title: Preliminary Budget – Fiscal Year 2027 (DRAFT)

Type: Discussion

Presenter(s): Mert Woodard – Director, Finance & Operations

Description: The fiscal year 2027 budget was developed using the most reliable information available at the time, including but not limited to: audited financial data from fiscal year 2025, year-to-date fiscal year 2026 activity, the property tax levy that is already certified for fiscal year 2027, and information provided by the Minnesota Department of Education for fiscal year 2027. As more reliable information and data become available, the District will adjust its budget to reflect actual operations. Legislative changes, expected enrollment versus actual enrollment, projected staffing vs actual staffing, fluctuations to supply and material costs, and the timing of expenditures made against federal awards are just a few of the countless budgetary variables that can change during a school year.

The District administration will recommend the following budget for fiscal year 2027:

Fund	Revenues & Other Financing Sources	Expenditures & Other Financing Uses	Change in Fund Balance
General Fund	$ 180,768,565	$ 173,835,211	$ 6,933,354
Food Service Fund	5,400,520	5,171,080	229,440
Community Service Fund	14,713,482	14,429,692	283,790
Building-Construction Fund	9,095,000	50,000	9,045,000
Debt Service Fund	19,103,379	18,670,900	432,479
Internal Service Fund	920,000	920,000	-
Total All Funds	**$ 230,000,946**	**$ 213,076,883**	**$ 16,924,063**

Recommendation: There is no recommended action. The administration will formally recommend a budget for adoption at the June 2026 Regular Meeting.

Desired Outcomes from the Board: Compliance with District Policy 701.

Attachments:

1. **Preliminary Budget – Fiscal Year 2027 (hyperlink)**

III.B.	Middle School SDL Placement	**Speaker(s):** Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent

Board Meeting Date: 4/21/26

Title: Spanish Dual Language: Program Overview and Middle School Placement

Type: Discussion

Presenter(s): Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent

Description: Administration will present a report providing the Board with data and information to support discussion related to middle school placement of the Spanish Dual Language program. The report summarizes what was gathered and learned through the review process and outlines the instructional, operational, and student experience impacts associated with placement at each middle school site. This information is intended to inform the Board's understanding and support future decision-making. No formal action is requested at this time.

Recommendation: No recommendation is being made at this time. This item has been prepared for board discussion.

Desired Outcome(s) from the Board: Please review the information and bring forth questions and comments regarding the proposal.

Attachments: SDL Program Overview for School Board

III.C.	Proposed Staff Year End Appreciation from Board	**Speaker(s):** Karen Gabler and Elliot Mann, School Board Members

Board Meeting Date: 4/21/2026

Title: Proposed Staff Year End Appreciation from Board

Type: Discussion

Presenter(s): Karen Gabler and Elliot Mann, School Board Members

Description: Annually, the board organizes some kind of year-end gesture to show staff our gratitude for their hard work and contributions to our success. Tonight's discussion is an opportunity for the board to initiate a conversation about what the board would like to do this spring to recognize our wonderful staff. Board members will be asked for ideas and the presenters will come with some previously generated ideas for the board to discuss.

Recommendation: Please come ready with ideas of ways to recognize our staff and be prepared to offer reactions and make a decision about proposed ideas.

Attachment(s): None

IV. **Leadership and Committee Updates**

V. **Superintendent Updates**

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VII. **Adjournment**