

Organizational and Regular Business
Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2026 6:00 PM Central

Deer River High School Media Center
101 1st Avenue
Deer River, MN 56636

Kyle Fairbanks: Present
George Gogleye: Present
Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent
LuAnn Robinson: Present
Pam Thompson: Present
Jon White: Present

Present: 5, Absent: 1.

1. Call to Order
Attendance: Jen Stefan, Ara Anderson, Crystal Purdie, Teresa Greniger, Deanna Hron
2. Seat Board Member/Oath of Office
3. Agenda Approval
Motion to approve agenda. This motion, made by Pam Thompson and seconded by Kyle Fairbanks, Carried.
Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Gogleye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
4. Organizational Items
 - 4.A. Election of Officers
 - 4.A.1. Chairperson
Motion to approve nomination and appointment of chair. This motion, made by George Gogleye and seconded by Pam Thompson, Carried.
Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Gogleye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
George Gogleye nominated Lloyd Kongsjord for Chairperson
 - 4.A.2. Vice-Chairperson
Motion to approve nomination and appointment of Vice-Chair. This motion, made by George Gogleye and seconded by LuAnn Robinson, Carried.
Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Gogleye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
George Gogleye nominated Jon White for Vice-Chair
 - 4.A.3. Clerk
Motion to approve nomination and appointment of Clerk. This motion, made by George Gogleye and seconded by Jon White, Carried.
Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Gogleye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1
George Gogleye nominated Pam Thompson for Clerk

4.A.4. Treasurer

Motion to approve nomination and appointment of Treasurer. This motion, made by George Goggleye and seconded by Pam Thompson, Carried.

Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

George Goggleye nominated LuAnn Robinson for Treasurer

4.B. Approve 2026 Regular Board Meeting Schedule

Motion to approve 2026 regular board meeting schedule. This motion, made by LuAnn Robinson and seconded by Pam Thompson, Carried.

Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4.C. Approve Resolution to Establish 2026 Board Member Compensation

Motion to Approve Resolution to Establish 2026 Board Member Compensation. This motion, made by George Goggleye and seconded by Pam Thompson, Carried.

Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4.D. Approve Resolution for 2026 Legal Counsel

Motion to Approve Resolution for 2026 Legal Counsel. This motion, made by Pam Thompson and seconded by LuAnn Robinson, Carried.

Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4.E. 2026 Designations; Authorizations; Appointments

Motion to approve 2026 Designations; Authorizations; Appointments. This motion, made by LuAnn Robinson and seconded by George Goggleye, Carried.

Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4.F. Approve 2026 Standard Mileage Rate

Motion to Approve 2026 Standard Mileage Rate. This motion, made by George Goggleye and seconded by Pam Thompson, Carried.

Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4.G. Resolution to Combine and Delegate the Routine Duties of Clerk and Treasurer

Motion to approve Resolution to Combine and Delegate the Routine Duties of Clerk and Treasurer. This motion, made by LuAnn Robinson and seconded by George Goggleye, Carried.

Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4.H. Approve Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Locations

Motion to Approve Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Locations. This motion, made by Pam Thompson and seconded by LuAnn Robinson, Carried.
Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5. Recognition of Visitors

No visitors present and no correspondence received.

6. Regular Business

6.A. Approval of Minutes, December 8th, 2025 Truth in Taxation, and Regular Business Meetings

Motion to approve Minutes, December 8th, 2025 Truth in Taxation, and Regular Business Meeting. This motion, made by Pam Thompson and seconded by Kyle Fairbanks, Carried.

Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.B. Approve Consent Agenda

Motion to approve consent agenda. This motion, made by Pam Thompson and seconded by LuAnn Robinson, Carried.

Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.C. Approval of Accounts Payable / Payroll / Transfers

Motion to approve Accounts Payable / Payroll / Transfers. This motion, made by Pam Thompson and seconded by George Goggleye, Carried.

Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7. Informational Items

7.A. High School Principal Report

7.B. Elementary Principal Report

7.C. Building and Grounds Department / Activities Program Report

7.D. Full Service Community Schools Program Report

Deanna Hron discussed the grants that were received and how those grants can be used.

7.E. Anishinaabe Education Coordinator Report

7.F. Boys and Girls Club / Community Education Program Report

7.G. S.T.E.P. Coalition Program Report

7.H. School Based Health Center Program Manager Report

7.I. Board Member Committee Report

7.J. Superintendent's Report

Paid family leave started January 1, 2026.

There was a third meeting for a four-day week, going through the process of working on the application.

Late Labor Day start next year so the state is allowing schools to start before Labor Day for the next two years.

We need three community meetings prior to the four-day week application submission, we are working on setting those up at different locations.

Will start working on the budget, we will be working with Ehlers and will share that information at the February board meeting.

There will be community meetings, and we will see what the calendar will look like and what the schedules will look like, and we will do a survey prior to the meetings to see input.

Will set a schedule to have department heads come and report to the board at the monthly board meetings.

7.K. Student Enrollment Data

8. Action Items

8.A. Approve Medica Foundation Grant & United Way Community Impact Grant \$10,000 each for Full Service Community School

Motion to approve Medica Foundation Grant & United Way Community Impact Grant \$10,000 each for Full Service Community School. This motion, made by George Goggeye and seconded by LuAnn Robinson, Carried.

Lloyd Kongsjord: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggeye: Yea, LuAnn Robinson: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

9. Future Meetings

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Pam Thompson second by George Goggeye, approximately 7:23 pm



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**ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE
AND OATH OF OFFICE**

ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

I hereby accept the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 317 for a term beginning the first Monday in January 2026 and expiring the first Monday in January 2029.

Signature

Date

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ITASCA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 5TH day of JANUARY 2026 by LuAnn Robinson.

Notary Public

OATH OF OFFICE

I swear/affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of this state, and that I will discharge faithfully the duties of the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 317 to the best of my judgment and ability.

Signature

Date

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ITASCA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 5th day of JANUARY 2026 by LuAnn Robinson.

Notary Public



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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES - 2026

*Most regularly scheduled meetings will be held the **second** Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at Deer River High School, unless noted.*

MONTH	DATE	NOTE
FEBRUARY	9 TH	
MARCH	9 TH	
APRIL	13 TH	
MAY	11 TH	
JUNE	8 TH	
JULY	13 TH	
AUGUST	10 TH	
SEPTEMBER	14 TH	
OCTOBER	19 TH	Third Monday, due to Indigenous People's Day
NOVEMBER	9 TH	
DECEMBER	14 TH	
JANUARY 2026	4 TH	1st Monday Organizational/Regular Meeting



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RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION

WHEREAS, Independent School District No. 317 is an independent school district under the laws of the state of Minnesota having the mission of dedication to develop life-long learners prepared to succeed in an ever-changing world; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors shall hold a regular monthly meeting to conduct everyday business of the district; may hold other meetings, such as special meetings, work sessions or public hearings, as necessary; and may attend meetings outside the district on behalf of, or as a representative of, Independent School District No. 317, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors deems it necessary to compensate its members for performing their duties in accordance with district policy, state rules and regulations and statutes, and;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of Independent School District No. 317, the School Board shall compensate its members as follows:

The Board of Directors annual salary for regular meetings shall be:

Director - Regular Meetings: \$3,000.00

Chair - Regular Meetings: \$3,350.00

Clerk – Regular Meetings: \$3,200.00

The above salary is based upon attendance at a minimum of nine (9) regular school board meetings. If absent for more than three (3) of the twelve (12) regular meetings there will be a 1/12th salary deduction for each additional absence. Absences for school board related activities are exempt, and;

The Board of Directors compensation for attendance at other meetings, including meetings attended outside the district, shall be established at \$45 per meeting, with a maximum of \$135 for all-day events, and;

The Board of Directors may incur expenses, such as mileage, lodging and meals, when attending meetings outside the district, and board members will be reimbursed for such expenses according to policy for employee expense reimbursement.

Attest:
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 317

Board Clerk
Dated: January 5, 2026



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**RESOLUTION TO SELECT LEGAL COUNSEL AND AUTHORIZE
SUPERINTENDENT TO UTILIZE SERVICES**

WHEREAS, Independent School District No. 317 is an independent school district under the laws of the state of Minnesota having the mission of dedication to develop life-long learners prepared to succeed in an ever-changing world; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors recognizes that there are instances when legal advice is in the best interest of the district, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to select the following legal counsel to provide legal services to the district:

1. Pemberton Law Firm (Fergus Falls, MN)
2. Ratwik, Roszak, & Maloney (Minneapolis, MN)

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to give and extend authority to the Superintendent to contact named counsel and utilize legal services on behalf of Independent School District No. 317, as needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of Independent School District No. 317, the district has selected legal counsel and authorized the Superintendent to utilize such services.

Attest:
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 317,

Board Clerk

Dated: January 5th, 2026

**ISD #317 – DEER RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA ANALYSIS FORM
January 5th, 2026**

2026 Designations; Authorizations; Appointments

ANNUAL DESIGNATIONS:

Description	2025	Proposed 2026
1) Official District Depositories	Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF), US Bank, Woodland Bank, MN Trust/PMA	Same
2) Approve Bank Resolutions/Authorizations	US Bank and Woodland Bank	Same
3) Authority for Electronic Transfer of Funds	Pat Rendle, Superintendent; Jennifer Drotts, Business Manager; Amie Hanson, Payroll	Pat Rendle, Superintendent; Jennifer Drotts, Business Manager; Amie Hanson, Human Resources Manager
4) Official Media Outlets	Grand Rapids Herald Review Deer River Public Schools Website	Same

ANNUAL DISTRICT

APPOINTMENTS:

Committee	2025	2026
Health & Safety - 2	Pam Thompson, LuAnn Robinson	
Negotiations - 3	Pam Thompson Lloyd Kongsjord George Goggleye	
Meet & Confer - 3	Kyle Fairbanks LuAnn Robinson Pam Thompson	
Facilities/Transportation - 3	Jon White Lloyd Kongsjord Pam Thompson	
Community Education - 1	Pam Thompson	
Budget & Finance - 3	George Goggleye Kyle Fairbanks LuAnn Robinson	

Policy Development/Review 3 Teams	Lloyd Kongsjord/Pam Thompson Kyle Fairbanks/George Goggeye Jon White/LuAnn Robinson	
DREA-Enriched Credit	Pam Thompson	

ANNUAL LIAISON

APPOINTMENTS:

Organization	2025	2026
MN State High School League	Jon White Lloyd Kongsjord	
Legislative	LuAnn Robinson	
Itasca Area Schools Representative (IASC)	Pam Thompson Kyle Fairbanks- Alternate	



UPDATED: IR-2025-128: IRS sets 2026 business standard mileage rate at 72.5 cents per mile, up 2.5 cents

Internal Revenue Service (IRS) sent this bulletin at 12/29/2025 03:44 PM EST



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News Essentials What's Hot News Releases IRS - The Basics IRS Guidance Media Contacts Facts & Figures Around The Nation e-News Subscriptions	Issue Number: IR-2025-128
	Inside This Issue
The Newsroom Topics Multimedia Center Noticias en Español Radio PSAs Tax Scams The Tax Gap Fact Sheets IRS Tax Tips Armed Forces Latest News Home	UPDATED IRS sets 2026 business standard mileage rate at 72.5 cents per mile, up 2.5 cents IR-2025-128, Dec. 29, 2025 WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service today announced that the optional standard mileage rate for business use of automobiles will increase by 2.5 cents in 2026, while the mileage rate for vehicles used for medical purposes will decrease by half a cent, reflecting updated cost data and annual inflation adjustments. Optional standard mileage rates are used to calculate the deductible costs of operating vehicles for business, charitable, and medical purposes. Additionally, the optional standard mileage rate may be used to calculate the deductible costs of operating vehicles for moving purposes for certain active-duty members of the Armed Forces, and now, under the One, Big, Beautiful Bill, certain members of the intelligence community. Beginning Jan. 1, 2026, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car, van, pickup or panel truck will be: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 72.5 cents per mile driven for business use, up 2.5 cents from 2025.• 20.5 cents per mile driven for medical purposes, down a half cent from 2025.• 20.5 cents per mile driven for moving purposes for certain active-duty members of the Armed Forces (and now certain members of the intelligence community), reduced by a half cent from last year.

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- 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations, equal to the rate in 2025.

The rates apply to fully-electric and hybrid automobiles, as well as gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles.

While the mileage rate for charitable use is set by statute, the mileage rate for business use is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes, meanwhile, is based on only the variable costs from the annual study.

Under the law, taxpayers cannot claim a miscellaneous itemized deduction for unreimbursed employee travel expenses, except for certain educator expenses. However, deductions for expenses that are deductible in determining adjusted gross income remain allowable, such as for certain members of a reserve component of the Armed Forces, certain state and local government officials, certain performing artists, and eligible educators. Alternatively, eligible educators may claim an itemized deduction for certain unreimbursed employee travel expenses. In addition, only taxpayers who are members of the military on active duty or certain members of the intelligence community may claim a deduction for moving expenses incurred while relocating under orders to a permanent change of station.

Use of the standard mileage rates is optional. Taxpayers may instead choose to calculate the actual costs of using their vehicle.

Taxpayers using the standard mileage rate for a vehicle they own and use for business must choose to use the rate in the first year the automobile is available for business use. Then, in later years, they can choose to use the standard mileage rate or actual expenses.

For a leased vehicle, taxpayers using the standard mileage rate must employ that method for the entire lease period, including renewals.

[Notice-2026-10](#) contains the optional 2026 standard mileage rates, as well as the maximum automobile cost used to calculate mileage reimbursement allowances under a fixed-and variable rate plan. The notice also provides the maximum fair market value of employer-provided automobiles first made available to employees for personal use in 2026 for which employers may calculate mileage allowances using a cents-per-mile valuation rule or the fleet-average-valuation rule.

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Resolution to Combine and Delegate the Routine Duties of Clerk & Treasurer

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.14, Subd. 1, empowers the School Board to combine the duties of the offices of Clerk and Treasurer of the School Board in one person in the Office of Business Affairs of the School District.

WHEREAS, the School District has decided to combine the routine duties of the Clerk and Treasurer in one person in the Office of Business Affairs.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Business Manager, Jennifer Drotts of the School District is designated by the School Board of Independent School District No. 317 to perform routine duties on behalf of the Clerk and the Treasurer of the District.

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

The following voted in favor: _____

The following voted against: _____

WHEREUPON the resolution was declared adopted

Date: January 5, 2026

Clerk Signature: _____



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At a regular meeting of the ISD 317 board of Directors on January 5th, 2026, member

_____ moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMBINED POLLING PLACES FOR CERTAIN MULTIPLE PRECINCTS AND DESIGNATING HOURS DURING WHICH EACH POLLING PLACE WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR VOTING FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS NOT HELD ON THE DAY OF A STATEWIDE ELECTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 317, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for school district elections are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The board hereby confirms those precincts and polling places so established by those municipalities.
2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the board may establish a combined polling place for several precincts for school elections not held on the day of a statewide election. The following combined polling places are hereby established to serve the precincts specified for all school district special and general elections not held on the same day as a statewide election:

COMBINED POLLING PLACE

King Elementary School
504 Fifth Street S.E.
Deer River, Minnesota

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 317 located in the City of Deer River and the City of Zemple; Deer River, Morse, Oteneagen Townships; and unorganized Deer Lake Township (57-26), all in Itasca County; and Torrey Township and unorganized Wahnena Township #5, in Cass County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE:

Ball Club Community Center
Ball Club, Minnesota

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 317 located in unorganized Ball Club Township (145-26), unorganized Winnibigoshish Township (146-

26), and unorganized Wellers McCormick Township, Itasca County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Jesse Lake Lutheran Church
44281 County Road 4
Talmoon, Minnesota

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 317 located in Bowstring, Lake Jessie, Liberty, Marcell, Sand Lake, Stokes and Wirt Townships, and unorganized Grave Lake Township (58-26 and 58-27), Itasca County, Minnesota.

COMBINED POLLING PLACE: Inger Community Center
Inger, Minnesota

This combined polling place serves all territory in Independent School District No. 317 located in unorganized Inger Township (147-26), Itasca County, Minnesota.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.09, the combined polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections not held on the same day as a statewide election between the hours of 12:00 o'clock p.m. and 8:00 o'clock p.m.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by

_____.

On a roll call vote, the following voted in favor: _____

and the following voted against: _____

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

STATE OF MINNESOTA

COUNTY OF ITASCA

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of Independent School District No. 317 (Deer River), State of Minnesota, hereby certify that the attached and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of the minutes of a meeting of the school board of said district duly called and held on the date therein indicated, so far as such minutes relate to the establishment of combined polling places and that the resolution included therein is a full, true and correct copy of the original thereof.

WITNESS MY HAND officially as such clerk this 5th day of January 2026.

Clerk

Regular Business Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2025 6:15 PM Central

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George Goggleye: Present
Lloyd Kongsjord: Present
LuAnn Robinson: Absent
Pam Thompson: Present
Jon White: Present
Present: 5, Absent: 1.

1. Call to Order

Crystal Purdie, Brent Schimek, Jennifer Drotts, Rachel Herring, Sherwin Obey

2. Agenda Approval

Motion to approve agenda. This motion, made by Pam Thompson and seconded by George Goggleye, Carried.

LuAnn Robinson: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, Lloyd Kongsjord: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

Motion by Kyle Fairbanks to add a donation from Leech Lake for girls basketball for \$1,000 to Action Item 6D

3. Recognition of Visitors

4. Regular Business

4.A. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Regular Meeting Minutes November 10th, 2025. This motion, made by Kyle Fairbanks and seconded by Jon White, Carried.

LuAnn Robinson: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, Lloyd Kongsjord: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

4.B. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve Consent agenda. This motion, made by Pam Thompson and seconded by Kyle Fairbanks, Carried.

LuAnn Robinson: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, Lloyd Kongsjord: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea

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4.C. Approval of Accounts Payable / Payroll / Transfers

Motion to approve Accounts Payable / Payroll / Transfers. This motion, made by Pam Thompson and seconded by George Goggleye, Carried.

LuAnn Robinson: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, Lloyd Kongsjord:

Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

5. Informational Items

5.A. Out of State Field Trip to Wisconsin

Rachel Herring and Sherwin Obey discussed the out of state field trip, attachments with informational items 5.F. Anishinaabe Education Coordinator Report

5.B. High School Principal Report

5.C. Elementary Principal Report

5.D. Building and Grounds Department / Activities Program Report

There needs to be a facilities meeting to assess and set up a plan for the roofing issues. Details in the attached board report.

5.E. Full Service Community Schools Program Report

5.F. Anishinaabe Education Coordinator Report

5.G. Boys and Girls Club / Community Education Program Report

5.H. S.T.E.P. Coalition Program Report

5.I. School Based Health Center Program Manager Report

5.J. Board Member Committee Reports

Two Board members, George Goggleye and Lloyd Kongsjord attended the four-day school week meeting today, along with staff, to discuss options and will have another meeting next week. They will report in January.

5.K. Superintendent's Report

5.L. Student Enrollment Data

6. Action Items

6.A. Certify Payable 26 Levy

Motion to Certify Payable 26 Levy for the amount of \$2,660,220.39. This motion, made by Kyle Fairbanks and seconded by Jon White, Carried.

LuAnn Robinson: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, Lloyd Kongsjord: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.B. Approval of Woodland Bank Line of Credit

Motion to approve Woodland Bank Line of Credit. This motion, made by Jon White and seconded by Kyle Fairbanks, Carried.

LuAnn Robinson: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Goggleye: Yea, Lloyd Kongsjord: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.C. Approval of Out of State Field Trip January 17th and 18th for Lacrosse event in Lac du Flambeau Wisconsin

Motion to approve out of state field trip for Lacrosse. This motion, made by George Gogleye and seconded by Jon White, Carried.

LuAnn Robinson: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Gogleye: Yea, Lloyd Kongsjord: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

6.D. Approval of Donations

Motion to approve donations. This motion, made by Pam Thompson and seconded by Jon White, Carried.

LuAnn Robinson: Absent, Kyle Fairbanks: Yea, George Gogleye: Yea, Lloyd Kongsjord: Yea, Pam Thompson: Yea, Jon White: Yea
Yea: 5, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

7. Future Meetings

8. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Pam Thompson and seconded by George Gogleye 6:55 pm

Truth in Taxation
Monday, December 8, 2025 6:00 PM Central

Deer River High School Media Center
101 1st Avenue
Deer River, MN 56636

1. Call to Order

Guests: Crystal Purdie, Jennifer Drotts, Brent Schimek, Rachel Herring

2. Annual Truth in Taxation Report

3. Public Comment Regarding Truth in Taxation Report

4. Adjournment

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Memorandum

To: Deer River School Board
CC: Amie Hanson
From: Ara Anderson
Date: 12/17/25
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Ara Anderson



Amie Hanson <ahanson@isd317.org>

New Hire

Brent Schimek <bschimek@isd317.org>
To: Amie Hanson <ahanson@isd317.org>
Cc: Pat Rendle <prendle@isd317.org>

Mon, Dec 29, 2025 at 1:46 PM

Please add to Consent agenda to Hire Anthony Goff

He will be filling the last spot open since the beginning of school for custodial .5 at HS and .5 at King

[Quoted text hidden]

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Brent Schimek
Activities Director
Head Football
Deer River High School
218.246.3410

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AGREEMENT

between

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #317 and GRANTS MANAGER

January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

Article I: Parties

The School Board of Independent School District No. 317, Deer River Minnesota (“District”) enters into this agreement with **Jaeger Jergenson** (“Employee”) who agrees to perform the duties of Grants Manager commencing on January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026.

Article II: Basic Provisions

Section 1: Basic Service

The Grants Manager shall faithfully perform the services prescribed by the District whether such services are specifically described in this contract or in a general job description and abide by the rules, regulations, and policies as established by the School Board. The Grants Manager reports to the Superintendent.

Section 2: Duty Year

The duty year shall be a twelve-month contract year as provided herein and the employee shall perform services on those legal holidays on which the District is authorized to conduct school if the Superintendent so determines. Employee shall be on duty during any emergency, natural or unnatural, unless excused by the Superintendent. Employee shall work 210 work days: 181 business days (to follow the district calendar) during the school year, and 29 business days during the summer including immediately after the school year concludes and prior to the start of the school year.

Section 3: Mutual Consent

This Agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement of the parties expressed in written form. The District shall have the absolute right to impose discipline on Employee for cause. Said discipline may include suspension without pay, demotion, or termination.

Section 6: Wage

Employee shall be a salaried employee and shall earn the following salary:

January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

\$65,344.00

Section 7: Renewal

In the event that the grant funding used to pay for covered items and services under this Contract is reduced or terminated, this Contract shall automatically terminate, unless both parties agree to a modification of obligations under this contract and/or contract is renegotiated.

Article III: Benefits

Section 1: Health, Hospitalization and Dental

Insurance benefits shall be those provided under the District's existing group insurance policies for the amounts listed below.

Health insurance

- Single insurance: District shall contribute up to \$770.00 per month - \$150 to VEBA/HSA, \$620 towards premium.
- Family insurance: District shall contribute up to \$1,200 per month \$200 to VEBA/HSA, \$1,000 towards premium.

Dental insurance

- District shall contribute up to \$64.29 per month for dental insurance coverage.

Section 2: Life Insurance

The District shall pay up to \$100 per year for the district group life insurance for a \$50,000 term life insurance policy.

Section 3: Long Term Disability Insurance

The District shall provide full payment for the group Long-Term Disability Income Plan.

Section 4: Retirement

Retirement benefits shall be those provided under the District's retirement policies. Current contribution rates in effect for the Defined Benefit and Defined Contribution plans that PERA/TRA administers. Retirement plan contribution rates are subject to change by the Minnesota Legislature.

Tax Deferred Annuity

Employees who are regularly employed and who have completed at least three (3) years of service with Independent School District #317 shall be eligible to participate in a 403b matching contribution plan. Independent School District #317 will contribute annually an amount equal to the amount contributed by the eligible employee to the 403b plan not to exceed the amounts shown in the following formula:

- 3-5 years of service in ISD #317 =\$600.00

Employees may also elect on a pre-tax basis to contribute to a 403b retirement savings plan through payroll deductions.

Section 5: Liability Insurance

The District shall provide an errors and omissions liability insurance policy covering employees in the amount of the current policy.

Section 6: Conferences and Meetings

The District shall pay all legally valid expenses and fees for attendance at professional conferences and meetings with other educational agencies in accordance with the grant when attendance thereof is required, directed, or permitted by the Superintendent.

Section 7: Expenses

Employee will be reimbursed for legitimate expenses incurred while conducting school business or business conducted with the approval of the Superintendent. Said reimbursement shall be consistent with District policy.

Section 8: Phone Stipend

Employee shall receive a cellular phone stipend in accordance with current District policy.

Article IV: Leaves

Section 1: Vacation

Employee shall earn 5 vacation days per year. Unused vacation is not available for payout. There shall be no accumulation or carry over of vacation days.

Section 2: Holidays

Employee shall be entitled to thirteen (13) paid holidays each contract year as follows: Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Friday following Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, the day after Christmas, New Year's Day, President's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Memorial Day and Juneteenth. Employee shall be given a floating holiday when Easter Monday falls on a day when school is in session.

Section 3: Sick Leave

Employee shall earn one (1) day per month, accumulated to 140 days maximum. Unused sick leave is not available for payout. The employee shall have immediate access to all twelve (12) days as needed during the year.

Section 4: Bereavement Leave

In the event of a death in the immediate family, up to four (4) days of sick leave may be used for bereavement. For the purposes of this section, immediate family is defined as spouse, the employee's or spouse's child, parent, step-child, brother or sister, grandparents or grandchildren, or the daughter-in-law or son-in-law of the employee. Two (2) days bereavement leave will be granted in the event of a death of an extended family member. One (1) day bereavement leave will be granted in the event of a non-family member death. Bereavement leave will be deducted from sick leave. Vacation days may be used in addition to bereavement leave specified herein.

This Contract shall be effective only upon the signature of the officers of the School Board after authorization for such signature was given by appropriate action of the School Board and recorded in its minutes.

In witness thereof, I have subscribed by signature on _____ (date).

Jaeger Jergenson, Employee

In witness thereof, I have subscribed my signature on _____ (date).

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Consent Agenda

January 5th, 2026

~Any Board Member may request that any item be removed from this consent agenda and moved to a regular agenda item~

- Appointments
 - Hayley Gullickson, High School DCD Paraprofessional, effective January 6, 2026
 - Jaeger Jergenson, Grants Manager, effective January 1, 2026
 - Anthony Key-Goff, Custodian, effective December 30, 2025
 - Taylor O'Shea, High School DCD Paraprofessional, effective January 6, 2026

- Resignations/Retirements/Terminations/Layoffs:
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- Leaves:
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- Contracts/Job Descriptions/Seniority Lists:
 - Jaeger Jergenson, Grants Manager, January 1, 2026 - December 31, 2026

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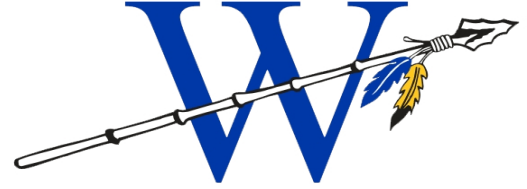
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Bank Total: 2 \$248,510.84

Report Total: \$248,510.84

TO: ISD 317 Board of Directors
FROM: Ara Anderson, DRHS Principal
DATE: January 5, 2026



Student Achievement:

- The end of Quarter 2 and Semester 1 is January 15, 2026
- Capti Dyslexia Screener will be administered to all students January 8 & 9. Thank you to Lisa Box for organizing and running this important screener.
- Band and choir concerts were held on December 9th and December 16th. Thank you to DRHS Music students, Mrs. Lenora Evans, Mr. Conrad Nickelson, and Mrs. Jenny Conrad for sharing your music and talents.

Safe, Welcoming and Trusting Environment:

- Winter Fest was held 6th and 7th hour December 19th. Teachers hosted events including ice skating, crafts, gym games, computer games, outdoor play, board games, movies, and snacks. Thank you to Mrs. Borgman and MN Honor Society for organizing this fun event.
- 12 Days of Christmas included dress up days, Santa vs Grinch dodgeball game, cookies and hot chocolate, a door decorating contest, holiday music and candy canes. Thank you, Mrs. Casey Grossell, and DRHS Student Council for organizing this fun and festive event.

Professional Development:

- DRHS Leadership team has set a building professional development goal that focuses on further development of teacher skills around the High Reliability Schools element Organizing Students to Interact. This will be a focus of PLC time the remainder of the school year.

Staffing:

- No posted openings currently.

Upcoming Events:

- 8th graders will visit MN North-Itasca on January 8th for Introduction to Career Pathways Day. Students will have the opportunity to rotate between up to eight pathway presentations delivered by IASC NEXT Career Pathways teachers.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Ara Anderson', written in a cursive style.

Ara Anderson
DRHS Principal



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TO: ISD 317 Board of Directors
FROM: Jennifer Stefan
Date: January 5, 2026

Resilient and Supported Students

Winter Benchmarking Data is being collected - Added the Capti ReadBasix this year

Grade Level Data Meetings - Week of January 26

High Quality Instruction and Equipped and Supported Staff

PBIS End of the Quarter Celebration and Assembly
Fancy Dining is January 15

CAREI Math training begins on January 22

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Stefan



TO: ISD 317 Board of

Directors

FROM: Brent Schimek B/G

Director

DATE: Jan 5 , 2026

Building and Grounds

Agenda items: None

Filled final Custodial position tonight when consent agenda approved

First time in two years it has been complete.



TO: ISD 317 Board of

FROM: Brent Schimek A.D.

DATE: Jan 5, 2026

Directors

Activities Report:

No Action items

MSHSL AAA Winners: Cole Edwards, Sara Stangler

School Board Meeting
January 2026

Student and Family Engagement

Participant in Cardboard Classic January 17, 3:00 pm

Collaborative leadership, shared power and voice

Presenting on SBHC to Friends in the Field (Blandin invitation)

Expanded, enriched learning opportunities

Continuing with Learning Academy 2 days a week/partnering with Boys and Girls Club

Integrated systems of support

Expanding dental services with Deer River Dental Clinic
Provided food and gifts to families through donations from various individuals and organizations including; Target, United Way, Itasca Co Sheriff's Department, First Call for Help and local individuals

Received to grants in past month
\$10,000 from Medica Foundation
\$10,000 from United Way

Anishinaabe Gikinoo'amaadiwin Board Report

January 5, 2026

Program Highlights & Activities (December)

Seasonal Activities Class

- On December 18th, students in Andrew Jackson's Seasonal Activities class participated in an ice fishing outing using the **decoys they designed and created in class**.
- This experience reinforced traditional winter practices, patience, and applied learning connected to cultural teachings.

Winterfest – High School

- Anishinaabe Education hosted a food event during **Winterfest at the high school**, serving **wild rice soup and frybread** to students in attendance.
- **LLBO District 1** donated the wild rice.
- **Tana Robinson** generously donated the frybread.
- This event supported student engagement, cultural connection, and community partnership.

FOCUS Academic Tutoring (Mid-Quarter Update)

- At mid-quarter, **86 students** in grades **6–9** were receiving academic tutoring through the FOCUS program to improve grades and academic progress.
- The end of the quarter is approaching on **January 15th**, and a **more detailed report** will be provided once final data is available.

Student Advocacy & Support Services

- The Anishinaabe Education Department has been working to **reconnect with the Dreamcatcher Program** to address the **disproportionate identification of Native American students in special education**.
- Sherwin Obey and the Anishinaabe Education Coordinator have made a concerted effort to **attend all IEP and manifestation determination meetings** involving Native American students to ensure culturally responsive advocacy and support.
- The department is also collaborating with **Full-Service Community Schools** and **Leech Lake Truancy** to address ongoing **attendance concerns among Native American students**, with a focus on early intervention, family engagement, and wraparound supports.

District Consultation & Professional Development

- The Anishinaabe Education team will attend a **training on January 7th from 11:00 AM–4:00 PM** at **Black Bear Casino and Hotel**.
- This training will serve as the **second Tribal Consultation of the year**.
- The District's **Affirmation of Consultation** has been **signed by both the district and the Leech Lake Education Division**, meeting consultation requirements.

Upcoming Events

Native American Heritage Night – January 13th

- The **Boys' Basketball Team** will partner with the Anishinaabe Education Department to showcase Anishinaabe culture.
- **LLBO District 1** will sponsor the meal for the players, catered by **Jim Michaud**.
- The **Leech Lake Honor Guard** will present the colors.
- **Ogitchiidaag Drummers** will perform the Flag Song.
- An **8-minute Traditional Wooden Stick Lacrosse demonstration** will take place during halftime.

Ogitchiidaag Club – Winter Round Dance Planning

- The Ogitchiidaag Club and Anishinaabe Education Department have begun planning the **10th Annual Winter Round Dance**.
- This year's theme will focus on **honoring students**.
- All school clubs and sports teams will be invited to participate.
- **Round Dance Date:** March 7, 2026
- The event flyer will be posted **no later than January 31st**.

Traditional Wooden Stick Lacrosse

- The Lacrosse team will attend an event in **Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin** on **January 18th**.
- This out-of-state travel has already been **approved by the School Board**.

S.T.E.P. COALITION

STANDING TOGETHER EMBRACING PREVENTION



Jan 5, 2025

School Board Meeting Agenda

DFC Grant

Project Coordinator: Breanne Kaanta

Contact: bkaanta@isd317.org

Events:

- **JH Winter Dance**
 - Originally scheduled for Friday, Dec 12
 - POSTPONED due to weather, will reschedule in February
- **Family Day at Mt. Itasca**
 - We sponsored a day over winter break at Mt. Itasca. Families from Deer River were given the chance at free entry and equipment rental.
 - About 80 people attended through our program!
- **Boys Night Out**
 - We will be hosting Boys Night on Thursday, Jan 15
 - 3 on 3 tournament, free haircuts, board games, snacks or a light meal

Budget Development Timeline: FY25-26

DATE	TIMELINE ITEM
November 10 th , 2025	School Board Meeting. Audit report
November 11 th , 2025	Admin Meeting
December 8 th , 2025	School Board Meeting
January 5 th , 2026	School Board Meeting: Organizational meeting Review the Budget Timeline.
January 13 th ,2026	District Administration: Identify proposed budget assumptions for next year
January 12 or 13 th ?	Ehlers Schedule Budget and Finance Committee meeting. LuAnn, George, Kyle
Possible Special Meeting?	School Board: Budget and Finance Committee – Agree on budget assumptions for next year
February, 2026	School Board Meeting: Budget Number goes to the Board for approval. Approve Resolution Directing the Superintendent to make Budget Reductions.
February, 2026	Admin Meet
February TBD	School Board Budget and Finance Committee: Work session – Review budget draft
March 4 th , 2026	Supt. and Union Meet
March 6 th , 2026	Building Administration Verbal notification
March 9 th , 2026	School Board Meeting: Adopt Preliminary FY27 Budget. Staffing Decisions
March 10 th , 2026	Staff Notifications Letters
April 13 th , 2026	School Board Meeting: Approve FY26 Budget & Revised FY25 Budget
May 11 th , 2026	School Board Meeting:

**Student Enrollment Summary
Nov 25-26**

Elementary Schools:

Grade Level	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	Total
King Elem.	40	47	58	56	55	54	57	367
DR Sped			1	1	2	1	1	6

Secondary Schools:

Grade Level	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
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DR ALP					1	3	2	6

Grand Total	797
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Patty Schimek <pschimek@isd317.org>

Re: Medica Foundation Grant Agreement

1 message

Jennifer Drotts <jdrotts@isd317.org>

Tue, Dec 30, 2025 at 11:41 AM

To: Deanna Hron <dhron@isd317.org>

Cc: Jaeger Jergenson <jjergenson@isd317.org>, Pat Rendle <prendle@isd317.org>, Patty Schimek <pschimek@isd317.org>

Deanna,

Can you download the grant and email it to me? After I logged into DocuSign and signed the grant in your name, it got emailed directly to you.

I did get Pat's permission to accept the grant.

Going forward, please note that you can not sign on behalf of the school ~ so please note we could not change the name of that grant so it is in your name.

After we get your email, I will have Patty upload this data for BOD approval and we need it for our files for the auditor. Also, let me know what you need from us to track the grant and please plan on doing the reporting. If you need help from me, please let me know.

Congratulations and Thank YOU!!

Jen

Jennifer Drotts
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On Mon, Dec 29, 2025 at 7:07 PM Deanna Hron <dhron@isd317.org> wrote:

FYI

Medica has awarded us a grant for \$10,000 to put towards full service transportation. Attached are the documents that need to be completed so they can send us the money..

Deanna
Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Heather Craig via DocuSign <dse_NA3@docuSign.net>
Date: December 29, 2025 at 8:05:13 AM CST
To: Deanna Hron <dhron@isd317.org>
Subject: Medica Foundation Grant Agreement
Reply-To: Heather Craig <heather.craig@medica.com>



Medica sent you a document to review and sign.

REVIEW DOCUMENTS

Hello!

Please find the attached Medica Foundation grant agreement for your signature. Please sign and return within 7 days. If another person in your organization is responsible for contract signatures you can forward this to them through DocuSign by using the "Other Options" drop down menu. Choose "Assign to Someone Else".

Attached is our Vendor ACH Election form which is needed to set up electronic

payments. If you are a new grantee to the Foundation, OR if your banking information has changed, please download and complete this form. Also, if your organization is a new grantee we will also need a copy of your W9 form. Return Vendor ACH form, bank letter(or voided check) and W9 to Heather Craig at heather.craig@medica.com. (These documents can be returned separately from the signed grant agreement.)

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Heather Craig

Sr. Grants Specialist

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Patty Schimek <pschimek@isd317.org>

Fwd: Community Impact Grant Award – 2026

1 message

Jennifer Drotts <jdrotts@isd317.org>

To: Patty Schimek <pschimek@isd317.org>

FYI

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From: **Deanna Hron** <dhron@isd317.org>

Date: Tue, Dec 30, 2025 at 5:07 PM

Subject: Fwd: Community Impact Grant Award – 2026

To: Jennifer Drotts <jdrotts@isd317.org>, Pat Rendle <prendle@isd317.org>

FYI

Full service received another small local grant.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kimberly Smith <kimberly@uwlakes.org>

Date: December 30, 2025 at 11:53:11 AM CST

To: Josiah Nelson <josiah@smartnorth.org>

Cc: Deanna Hron <dhron@isd317.org>, Molly Hiipakka <Molly@uwlakes.org>

Subject: Re: Community Impact Grant Award – 2026

Josiah,

Please disregard this email, which was intended for Jaeger. =)

Kim





Kimberly Brink Smith (she/her)

Executive Director

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From: Kimberly Smith <kimberly@uwlakes.org>

Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2025 11:03 AM

To: Josiah Nelson <josiah@smarthnorth.org>

Cc: Deanna Hron <dhron@isd317.org>; Molly Hiipakka <Molly@uwlakes.org>

Subject: Community Impact Grant Award – 2026

Dear Josiah,

On behalf of **United Way of 1000 Lakes**, thank you for participating in our 2026 Community Impact Grant cycle. We're excited to begin this

As we enter this funding cycle, we do so during a time of ongoing economic and political uncertainty. Like many nonprofits, United Way is s
Community Impact Fund, making careful and thoughtful stewardship more important than ever.

With that context, we are pleased to share that the **Deer River Full-Service Community Schools** have been awarded a grant of **\$10,000** pay

We will begin working on the grant agreement soon and ask that you connect with our team to discuss the parameters of your award. Toget

Thank you again for your partnership and for the important role you play in advancing opportunity, resilience, and well-being in our region.

With appreciation,

Kim





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