



Superintendent Update February 24, 2025

Enrollment Projections

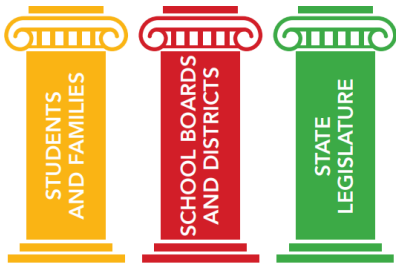
Grade Level	Resident	Open Enroll	Placements	02-20-2025	School
12	99	33	(23)	124	High School 597
11	148	31		172	
10	112	22		127	
9	148	27		174	
8	123	35	(2)	157	Middle School 480
7	134	31		165	
6	134	25		158	
5	123	32	(2)	155	Bear Cave Intermediate 443
4	123	30		153	
3	105	32		136	
2	120	31	0	151	Bonner Elementary 419
1	105	26		131	
Kindergarten	99	38		137	
Total	1573	393	(27)	1939	

FY26 Budget Planning Steps and Process

- ✓ February 14 Update and verify seniority lists - SAAP, SESP, SUE
- ✓ February 20 Projections for FY25 - over budget amount
Projections for FY26 - estimated revenues
Alignment targets for losses for FY25 to be within margins for FY26
- ✓ February 24 Board considers/approves Revised Budget for FY25
- February 27 District Leadership Team reviews staffing, supplies, subscriptions, vendor contracts
- March 18 Principals and directors review staffing by building
- April 14 Board Finance Committee meeting
- April 25 Principals and directors meet with individual staff members
- April 28 Voluntary staff meeting
- April 28 Board considers/approves budget alignments, non-renewal of staff positions, and/or discontinuation of programs

Celebrating Public Education Week (02/24/25 to 02/28/25)

Pillars to Strong Minnesota Public Schools



- Public education is essential and critical for our communities to thrive.
- Every day, our schools open their doors to students with unique dreams, goals and aspirations.
- In our classrooms, students are provided opportunities to develop essential skills and tools that prepare them for success for college, careers, and/or an educated workforce.
- Public education is one of the most important investments we make in our students and in the future of our communities.

A Unifying Voice for Public Education

- MSBA [One Voice](#) Initiative

What's Happening at the MN Legislature?

Legislative Session Returns to Regular Order

The Senate passed [SF334](#), on a unanimous vote. This bill extends the reduction in required instructional hours for elementary schools by one year and expands it to secondary schools, allowing time for mandatory Read Act training. SF 334 now awaits action in the House.

Committee Hearing Updates

Senate Education Policy

- The committee reviewed SF508, a bill requiring school districts to implement policies prohibiting cell phone use in grades K-8 and restricting their use in classrooms for grades 9-12. The bill includes exceptions for medical needs, students with an IEP, or cases approved at the discretion of the school principal. After discussion, the committee laid the bill over for further consideration.

Senate Education Finance

- This week, the committee continued its series of overviews on key topics. Members received a Read Act update, including a [report](#) from MDE and insights from teachers, curriculum leaders, and superintendents on their experiences at the district and classroom levels. Additionally, the committee heard an [overview](#) from MDE on the universal meals program.

Senate Taxes

- The committee heard a series of bills to allow specific school districts refundable sales and use tax exemption for construction materials.

House Education Policy

- This week the committee heard an [overview](#) from the Office of the Legislative Auditor regarding oversight of Feeding Our Future.
- The committee also heard, and passed on to the Education Finance Committee, [HF6](#), which allows districts to implement innovative programs without approval from the commissioner, transfer funds among accounts and funds, opt out of complying with specific laws enacted in 2023 and 2024, and amends provisions relating to the Read Act. The bill is scheduled for a hearing in the House Education Finance Committee next week.

House Education Finance

- This week the committee heard an overview from MDE on the [Governor's education budget](#) recommendations. The committee also heard public testimony, including input from education organizations, highlighting concerns over various budget reductions proposed by the Governor.

House Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development

- Legislation to delay the Paid Leave implementation date for one year was heard and passed to its next committee stop. Those testifying in support of the bill included the Becker School District superintendent, Jeremy Schmidt.

Important Legislative Dates

March 6	Updated budget forecast
March 31	Eid break
Week of April 14	Easter/Passover break
May 19	Constitutional adjournment
June 30	State fiscal year-end