



Executive Director Board Report

August 25, 2026

Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year

- We're excited to welcome students, families, and caregivers to our Open House this Thursday afternoon. It's a great way to kick off the year, connect with our school community, and build the relationships that support student success. This year we're welcoming our largest group of students and families yet, which speaks to the trust our member districts continue to place in our programs.
- Most of our staff returned last Monday, and this year our focus has been on staff communication. We know that teaming and working together offer the best opportunities for our students, so we spent some professional development time strengthening how we communicate and collaborate as a staff. Staff also received training in trauma-responsive practices, crisis prevention, and safe, dignified de-escalation approaches, so our students continue to be supported by well-prepared staff.
- We are bringing in one of our Top 20 trainers for professional development this year, giving our staff strong tools and strategies to set us up for success from day one.
- Our READ Act work continues. CORE cohorts wrap up by the end of this school year; we're starting a new LETRS cohort, and another LETRS cohort will finish certification this year. Lori Holm continues to lead this work and build out resources for our exceptional learners. All educational assistants will receive READ Act training during the school year.