

	D.C. Everest Area School District 6100 Alderson St. Weston, WI 54476 Phone 715-359-4221 www.dce.k12.wi.us Jeff Lindell, Ed.D. Assistant Superintendent of Learning	MISSION STATEMENT D.C. Everest Area School District, in partnership with the community, is committed to being an innovative educational leader in developing knowledgeable, productive, caring, creative, responsible individuals prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global society.
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TO: Dr. Casey Nye, Superintendent
D.C. Everest School Board

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DATE: September 16, 2026

SUBJECT: Summer 2026 Professional Development

Our staff focused on their own professional development over the summer to ensure continued growth in their practice. We had 143 staff members log 2,157 hours of PD over the course of the summer. In addition to content-specific PD, CPI, and CPR, our staff also focused on literacy, tech integration, special education, suicide prevention, 7 Mindsets, high ropes certification, and certification in the cooperating teacher role to support the next generation of teachers.

An additional focus over the summer was around ensuring safe and predictable learning spaces for our students. With the support of grant dollars, we have continued an implementation rollout of Responsive Classroom. Just over 50 of our staff attended Responsive Classroom training over the summer, in addition to a number of staff trained last summer. We are consistently hearing about the impact it is having on our classrooms with staff who have received specific strategies that help establish high-functioning classroom environments.

Our professional development over the course of the 26-27 school year will continue to focus on two high-impact strategic actions we believe will move the needle for students: enhancing our Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) to impact both academic and behavioral growth, and goal-aligned professional development.

Ultimately, our leaders and staff will continue learning together to strengthen teaching, learning, and leadership here at D.C. Everest. A huge thank you goes to our staff as they increase skills and impact learning.