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Community Education

The **Fall 2026 Community Education Brochure** has been released, and registration is off to a strong start. We continue to see excellent participation across many programs and are excited about the variety of opportunities available to students, families, and community members. Anyone who did not receive a brochure or would like additional information can contact the **LPGE Community Education Office at 320-357-3695**.

LPGE Community Education was excited to host a brand-new event, the first-ever **Thunder on the Turf Youth Football Scrimmage**, on Saturday, September 12. The event welcomed **six area schools, each bringing at least two youth football teams**, for a morning of 30-minute scrimmages at Thunder Stadium. Hundreds of players, coaches, families, and fans attended, creating a great atmosphere and making the inaugural event a tremendous success. Beyond providing young athletes with valuable playing experience, the scrimmage was a wonderful opportunity to bring schools and communities together through youth athletics. A special **thank you to our Saturday custodial crew and the LPGE Thunder football players and coaches** for their help throughout the event. Their support and willingness to pitch in played a major role in making the day run smoothly. We are excited about the potential for **Thunder on the Turf** to become an annual LPGE Community Education tradition!

Our department is also preparing the **Community Education Annual Report** for the Minnesota Department of Education. This annual report provides important information about participation, programming, finances, and the services Community Education provides throughout our district. It is also a great opportunity to reflect on the tremendous reach Community Education has across all age groups in the LPGE community.

Our **2026–2027 preschool enrollment is outstanding!** All three sessions of our four-year-olds are full, with only a few openings remaining in our three-year-old classes. Strong preschool participation is especially exciting because these programs help children develop the academic, social, emotional, and school-readiness skills necessary for a successful transition to kindergarten.

Federal Programs

The district's **2026–2027 ESEA (Title) grant applications** have been reviewed and approved. Federal grant funds are carefully aligned with identified student needs and district priorities, including goals within Minnesota's **Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness (CACR)** framework. These resources provide important support for academic interventions, supplemental instruction, and services designed to help students succeed.

21st Century Community Learning Centers

Our **21st CCLC programming is underway** at both LPGE Elementary and LPGE Secondary. These before- and after-school programs provide students with academic support, enrichment opportunities, positive relationships, and a safe and engaging environment outside the traditional school day. Programming is designed to support students' **academic, social, and emotional needs** while providing opportunities to explore new interests.

The 21st CCLC Grant is especially valuable because it allows LPGE to extend learning **beyond the traditional school day** while reducing financial barriers for families. We greatly appreciate the teachers, paraprofessionals, program staff, transportation staff, food service staff, and community partners who make these opportunities possible.

