

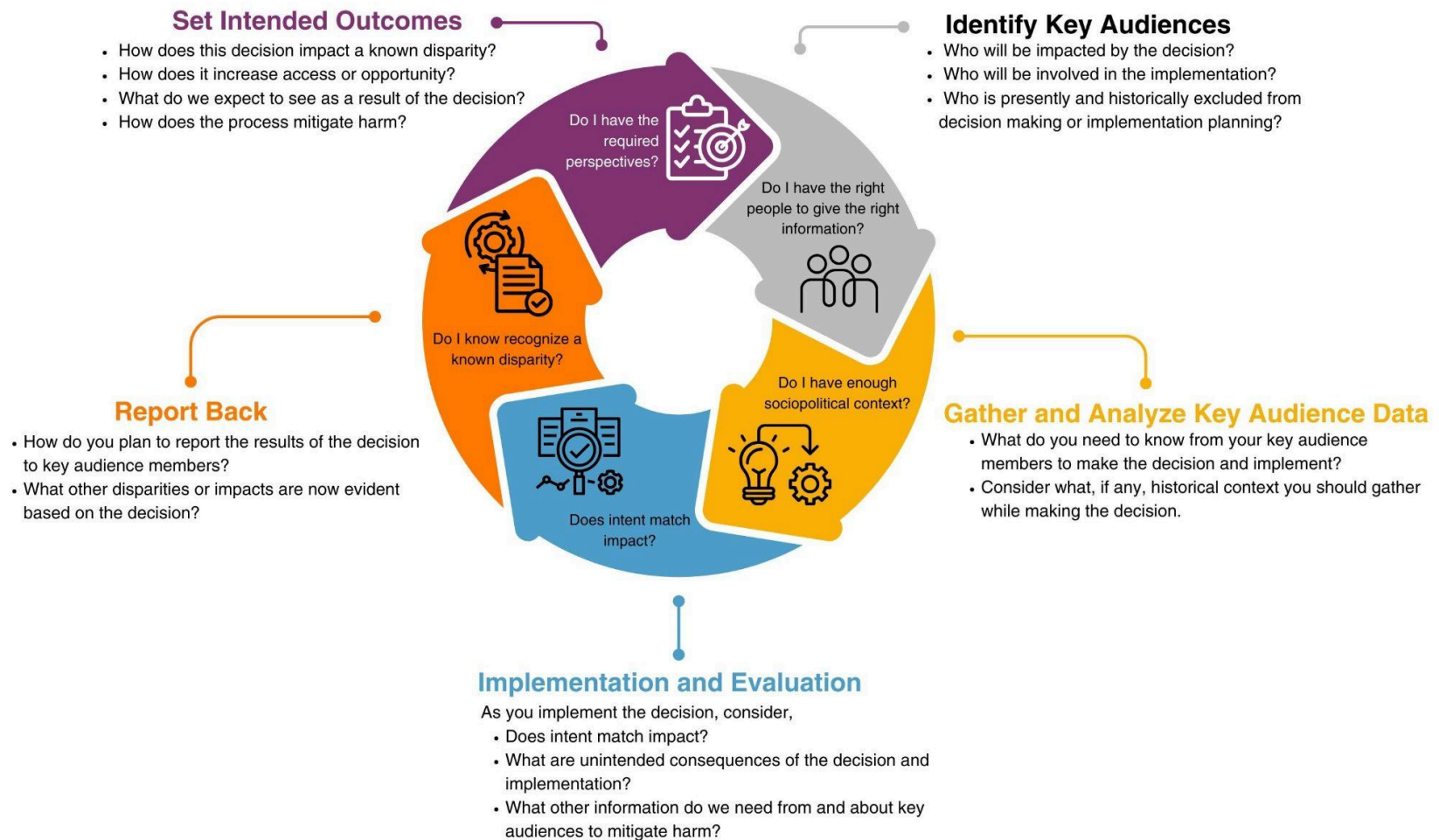
General Meeting of the Board
Thursday, October 22, 2026 6:30 PM

Boardroom / Teleconference
1820 Xenium Ln N
Minneapolis, MN 55441-3790

Agenda

1. **CALL TO ORDER** (Action)
2. **APPROVAL OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA** (Action)
3. **AUDIENCE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK** (Information)
4. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA** (Action)
 - 4.1. General Board Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2026
 - 4.2. Routine Human Resources Activities for October 22, 2026
 - 4.3. Approval of Medical Insurance Premium Rates for January 1, 2027 — December 31, 2027
 - 4.4. Approval of Dental Insurance Premium Rates for January 1, 2027 - December 31, 2027
 - 4.5. Approval of Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP)
5. **SHARE THE SUCCESS & RECOGNITION - (10 minutes)** (Information)
 - 5.1. Student Spotlight: Career & Tech Center (CTC)
 - 5.2. Above & Beyond: Career & Tech Center (CTC)
6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - None**
7. **INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT - None**
8. **BUSINESS SERVICES & LABOR RELATIONS REPORT - (20 minutes)**
 - 8.1. Facilities Report (Information)
 - 8.1.1. 2026 Facilities Report: Summer Projects and Future Plans
 - 8.2. Financial Report (Action)
 - 8.2.1. Approval of the Routine Monthly Finance Report
 - 8.3. Human Resource Report - None
9. **BOARD BUSINESS - (10 minutes)** (Information)
 - 9.1. Policy Review & Revision - None
 - 9.2. Board Reports
 - 9.2.1. Chair Report - None
 - 9.2.2. AMSD Report
 - 9.2.2.1. October 2026 AMSD Connections Newsletter
 - 9.3. District News
 - 9.3.1. School Board Calendars
 - 9.3.2. October 22, 2026, Board Event Calendar
 - 9.3.3. 2026-2027 Get on the Bus/Local 2209 & Board Meeting Schedule
 - 9.4. Once Around the Table
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Equity Decision Making Tool



DISTRICT 287 GENERAL MEETING OF THE BOARD
Intermediate District 287
1820 Xenium Lane, Minneapolis, MN 55441
October 8, 2026
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Casey called the general meeting to order at 6:30 PM in the District Service Center Boardroom and by the use of District 287 Teleconferencing. Board Director Andreson recited the Intermediate District 287 mission statement: "The mission of Intermediate District 287 is to be the premier provider of innovative specialized services to ensure that each member district can meet the unique learning needs of its students."

A Roll Call was taken, and a quorum was declared with 11 member districts represented and the following Board members in attendance:

286	Brooklyn Center	Richard Zeck
272	Eden Prairie	Kim Ross
273	Edina	Michael Birdman
270	Hopkins	Shannon Andreson
276	Minnetonka	Dr. Michael Remucal
278	Orono	Dr. Leslie Locke
279	Osseo	Keith Tate
280	Richfield	Ken Liss
281	Robbinsdale	Caroline Long
283	St. Louis Park	Anne Casey
284	Wayzata	Dan Ginestra
277	Westonka	Brian Roath

Absent: 281/Long

Guests:

287 Administration: Superintendent Doud, Dr. Tonya Allen, Kim Helgeson, Camille Hepola, Tina Kowalski, Dr. Laura McLuen, Kerstin Quigley, Elizabeth Toal (*virtual*), Dr. Kevin Witherspoon, Kiarra Zackery, and Wauneen Denson-Mgeni

287 Staff Members: Megan Madson, Nell Curry, Ashley Vikander, Taylor Burns, and Ryan Wilson

2. APPROVAL OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

The general meeting agenda was presented for approval. *Motion by Shannon Andreson, seconded by Brian Roath, approve the meeting agenda. All in favor. No votes against. Motion carried.*

3. OPEN FORUM FOR COMMUNITY COMMENTS - None

4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda was presented for approval. The Consent Agenda included the General Board Meeting Minutes from September 24, 2026, and Authorization of Issuance of Individual Procurement Cards (P-Cards). *Motion by Michael Birdman, seconded by Dan Ginestra, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. All in favor. Motion carried unanimously.*

5. SHARE THE SUCCESS & RECOGNITIONS - None

6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - None

7. INSTRUCTIONAL REPORT

Dr. Laura McLuen, Director of Student Services, introduced Megan Madson, Licensed School Counselor; Nell Currey, Licensed ASD/DD Teacher; and Ashly Vikander, School Psychologist, from the Nexus Team. The team shared progress updates regarding their work at member districts.

8. BUSINESS SERVICES & LABOR RELATIONS REPORTS

Facilities Report – None

Financial - None

Human Resources Report - None

9. BOARD BUSINESS

Policy Review & Revision - None

Chair Report - None

AMSD Report

Once Around the Table

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Michael Birdman, seconded by Michael Remucal, to adjourn the general meeting of the Board. No votes against. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

The next general meeting will be held on October 22, 2026, at 6:30 PM in the District Service Center Boardroom and by Teleconference.

Submitted by
Wauneen Denson-Mgeni
Secretary to the School Board

Signed: Chair _____

Clerk _____

Date _____

Date _____



**ROUTINE HUMAN RESOURCES ACTIVITIES FOR THE
INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT 287 SCHOOL BOARD
OCTOBER 22, 2026**

New Hires					
Name	Position	Department or Site	Reason for Opening	Effective Date	FTE
Paul Babel	Educational Support Professional	South Education Center	Resignation: H. Griffin	10/20/2026	0.875
Alvin Chambers	EBD Teacher	North Education Center	Student Reallocation	09/23/2026	1.0
Cooper Chell	Communications Coordinator	District Service Center	Resignation: R. Prost	10/05/2026	1.0
Patunya Cofield	Educational Support Professional	West Education Center	Student Reallocation	10/20/2026	0.875
Cassidi Cumigad	Admin Support V- SIS	District Service Center	Resignation: S. Bertram-Tronnes	10/06/2026	1.0
Veronica Ehrich	Educational Support Professional	West Education Center	Internal Move: J. Coleman	10/20/2026	0.875
Thomas Ekelund	ASD Teacher	North Education Center	Internal Move: J. Batman	09/23/2026	1.0
Lucas Endum	Educational Support Professional	Ann Bremer Education Center	Resignation: T. Henderson	10/06/2026	0.875
Matthew Hawk	EBD Teacher	West Education Center	Resignation: A. Eastman	10/06/2026	1.0
Ada Clarke-Okah Jaleiba	Educational Support Professional	Ann Bremer Education Center	Resignation: C. Labossiere	10/06/2026	0.875
Jason Kisic	Educational Support Professional	South Education Center	Resignation: S. Ngatia	10/06/2026	0.875



New Hires Cont.

Annessa Pedersen	EBD Teacher	South Education Center	Student Reallocation	09/22/2026	1.0
Jesse Peterson	Educational Support Professional	South Education Center	Resignation: M. Hermann	10/20/2026	0.875
Mercy Philips	Educational Support Professional	West Education Center	Resignation: A. Brown	10/06/2026	0.875
Jeremiah Walker	Educational Support Professional	South Education Center	Resignation: R. Jensen	10/20/2026	0.875
Kayla Ward	EBD Teacher	West Education Center	Internal Move: C. Barr	09/23/2026	1.0

License Transitions

Name	Position	Department or Site	Licensure Area	Prior Approval Type	Current Approval Type	Effective Date
Ryan Holmstrom	ASD Teacher	South Education Center	Autism Spectrum Disorders	Out of Field Permission	Tier 4	08/31/2026
Thomas Oswald	ASD Teacher	South Education Center	Autism Spectrum Disorders	Out of Field Permission	Tier 4	10/01/2026

Temporary Hiring Agreement: Assignments

Name	Position	Department or Site	Effective Date	End Date
Candace Leopold	School Nurse	Career & Tech Center	10/05/2026	06/10/2027
Melissa Miller	Administrative Support	Transportation	10/05/2027	06/30/2027



Temporary Hiring Agreement: NSO/IS				
Name	Position	Department or Site	Effective Date	End Date
Farah Stevens	Science Teacher	NSO	09/25/2026	06/30/2027

Extended Leaves of Absence:					
Name	Position	Department or Site	Effective Date	End Date	FTE
Thomas Ekelund	Educational Support Professional	North Education Center	9/23/2026	06/11/2027	0.875
Alvin Chambers	Educational Support Professional	North Education Center	9/23/2026	06/11/2027	0.875
Annessa Pedersen	Educational Support Professional	South Education Center	9/22/2026	06/11/2027	0.875
Kayla Ward	Educational Support Professional	West Education Center	9/23/2026	06/11/2027	0.875

Separations: Resignation				
Name	Position	Department or Site	Reason (if internal movement)	Effective Date
Robert Jensen	Educational Support Professional	South Education Center	Personal Reasons	09/17/2026
Tschida Henderson	Educational Support Professional	Ann Bremer Education Center	Personal Reasons	10/09/2026
Mason Hermann	Educational Support Professional	South Education Center	Personal Reasons	10/14/2026
Bryce Koenig	Skilled Facilities Maintenance Worker	Facilities Department	Personal Reasons	10/05/2026
Tremayne Talbot	Administrative Support IV	Student Information Services Department	Personal Reasons	10/02/2026

CONSENT AGENDA - RECOMMENDATION

Intermediate District 287

RESPONSIVE. INNOVATIVE. SOLUTIONS.

Recommendation for Board Approval of Medical Insurance Premium Rates for January 1, 2027 - December 31, 2027

October 22, 2026

Author

Elizabeth A. Toal, Director of Human Resources

Background

On January 1, 2027, the District will start the second year of a two-year self-insured contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN for third-party administration and stop-loss insurance, which is in effect from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2027.

Summary

District Administration, with the Insurance Committee's recommendation, seeks Board approval for the proposed medical insurance monthly premium rates for January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027. The recommended 2.5% rate increase is based on the following:

- The District did not increase medical insurance premiums for the 2025 and 2026 years, and has been using the medical insurance reserve to absorb any cost increases.
- At the end of the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the medical insurance reserve has approximately thirteen (13) months of claims cost, which is just over the recommended twelve (12) month target. An increase is recommended to keep the reserve at the twelve (12) month target.

Fiscal Impact

Medical Insurance		2.5% rate increase	
Group #3122 Medical Insurance January - December Plan Year	January 1, 2026 MONTHLY Rate	January 1, 2027 MONTHLY Rate	MONTHLY Dollar Difference
Deductible Plan Family	\$2,233.91	\$2,289.76	\$55.85
Deductible Plan Single	\$784.29	\$803.90	\$19.61

Recommendation

Approve the 2.5% medical insurance premium increase for January 1, 2027-December 31, 2027, as recommended by District Administration and the Insurance Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA - RECOMMENDATION

Intermediate District 287

RESPONSIVE. INNOVATIVE. SOLUTIONS.

Recommendation for Board Approval of Dental Insurance Premium Rates for January 1, 2027 - December 31, 2027

October 22, 2026

Author

Elizabeth A. Toal, Director of Human Resources

Background

On January 1, 2027, the District will start the second year of a three-year self-insured contract with Delta Dental for administrative services, which is in effect from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2028.

Summary

District Administration, with the Insurance Committee's recommendation, seeks Board approval for the proposed dental insurance monthly premium rates for January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027. The recommended 0% rate increase is based on the following:

- Current dental experience and previous years of claim history
- The District increased dental insurance premiums for both the 2025 and 2026 calendar years, which allowed the dental reserve fund to grow. The District's dental reserve fund currently includes at least 12 months of claims cost.

Fiscal Impact

Dental Insurance		0% rate increase	
Group #50861 Dental Insurance January - December Plan Year	January 1, 2026 MONTHLY Rate	January 1, 2026 MONTHLY Rate	MONTHLY Dollar Difference
Family	\$116.95	\$116.95	\$0
Single	\$42.66	\$42.66	\$0

Recommendation

Approve the 0% dental insurance premium increase for January 1, 2027 - December 31, 2027, as recommended by District Administration and the Insurance Committee.

CONSENT AGENDA - RECOMMENDATION



Intermediate District 287

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Approval of Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP)

October 22, 2026

Authors

Jacob Horejsh, Senior Manager, Health, Safety, and Security

Summary

The model cardiac emergency response plan (CERP) was developed to provide Minnesota school districts and charter schools with a comprehensive strategy for preparation for and response to cardiac emergencies in the school setting in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 2025, 121A.035 Crisis Management Policy and Minnesota Statutes 2025, section 121A.241 Cardiac Emergency Response Plan

- [District 287 CERP](#)

Fiscal Impact/Funding Source

Safe Schools revenues.

Recommendation

Approve the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan (CERP) as an addendum to Policy 806 - Crisis Management.



2026-27 Facilities Department Annual Board Report

October 22, 2026

Learning Intentions

The Board will have a better understanding of:

- a) Building & Maintenance Projects
- b) LTFM Bond Projects
- c) Projects planned for future years

Ann Bremer Education Center

Before

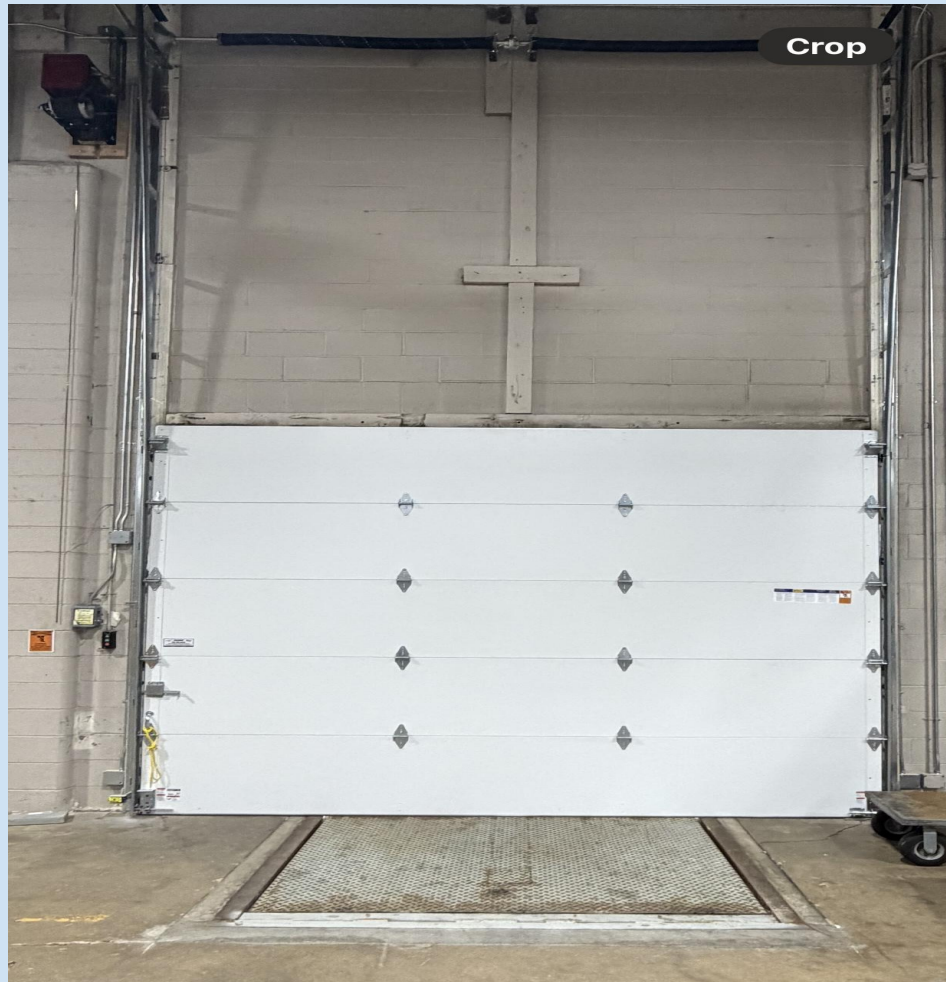
Hot Water Heater

After



District Service Center

Garage Door Replacement and Dock Repair



North Education Center

NEC 2nd Floor Breakout Space

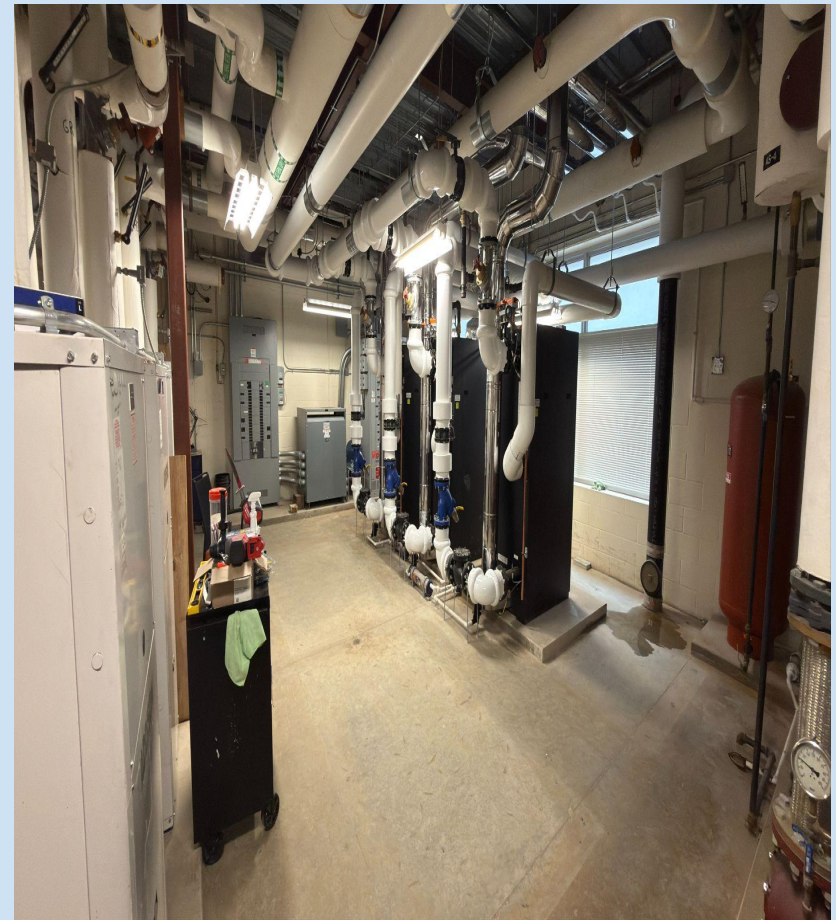


South Education Center

LTFM

Bond

HVAC Project



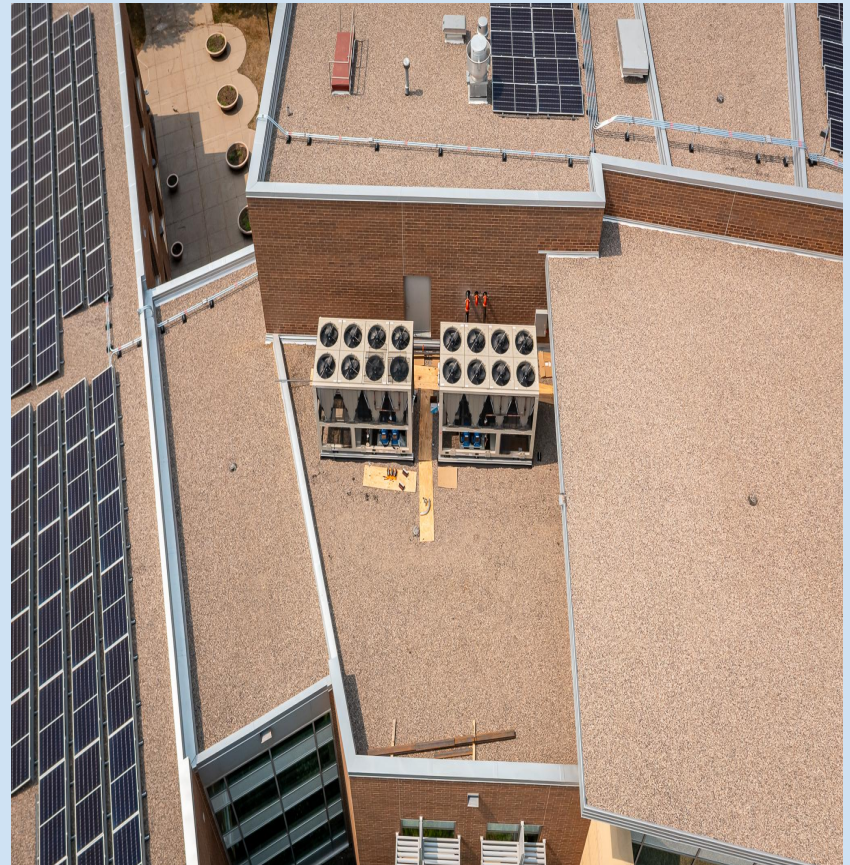
South Education Center

LTFM
Bond

Before

HVAC Project

After



South Education Center

Before SEC Playground Swing After



West Education Center

Carpet Replacement



District-Wide

Other miscellaneous work this past year:

- NEC C-1 wall padding
- NEC C-1 Classroom Swings Added
- Drinking fountain upgrades
- Electronic Card access added at SEC & WEC (Salto)
- Numerous Maintenance repairs, Heat pump Compressor, VFD's, Walk-in cooler Condensing unit at SEC
- Door replacement & repairs
- Window Security Film NEC/SEC/WEC

Future Planned Projects - LTFM

Projects scheduled for summer 2027:

- SEC Geothermal well decommissioning
- SEC Parking Lot

Potential Future Projects:

- NEC Roof Replacement

A BIG THANKS TO OUR GREAT
FACILITIES TEAM!

Thank You!

Thank you School Board!



Questions?



September 2026 Financials Quarterly Board Report



October 22, 2026



Revenues & Expenditures - September 2026

Revenues*	
Total	\$42,691,867
% Of Budget	28.3%
Compare to Prior Year	Similar 

Expenditures*	
Total	\$19,040,747
% Of Budget	12.9%
Compare to Prior Year	Slightly lower 

* Without Construction Funds

Investments



Regular Investments

Prior Month Total	\$20,338,336
Interest/Dividend Earned	204,705
Add/(reduction) to Investments	(3,191)
Sept. End Total	\$20,539,850

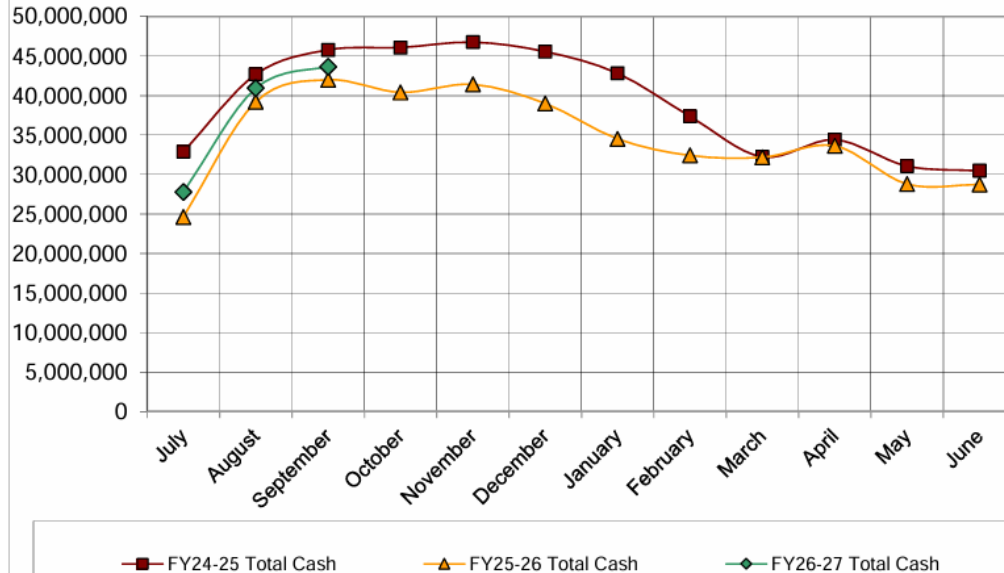
LTFM Construction Investments

Prior Month Total	\$467,021
Interest Earned	1,408
Construction Draws	(8,321)
Sept. End Total	\$460,108

Cash Flow



CASH POSITION SHEET
Total Cash as of Month-End



Disbursements & Receipts

Disbursements

Accounts Payable	\$6,438,827
Payroll	3,868,424
Total Disbursements	\$10,307,251



Receipts

- \$12,748,634



Questions
Questions

INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT 287
PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting – October 22, 2026

AGENDA SECTION: BUSINESS SERVICES REPORT

ITEM: Approval of Routine Monthly Finance Report

PRESENTED BY: Kerstin Quigley, Director of Finance

1. Background Information

The September Budget vs. Actual Reports are presented for Board information and review. These reports indicate that year-to-date revenue in all funds (excluding Funds 06 & 11) total \$42,691,867, or 28.3% of the Revenue Budget of \$150,675,014. Including Funds 06 & 11 year-to-date revenue in all funds total \$42,698,132, or 28.3% of the Revenue Budget of \$150,705,014.

Year-to-date expenditures in all funds (excluding Funds 06 & 11) total \$19,040,747, or 12.9% of the Expenditure Budget of \$147,042,767. Including Funds 06 & 11 year-to-date expenditures in all funds total \$20,135,512, or 13.6% of the Expenditure Budget of \$147,657,081.

The amounts shown for 2025-26 are as of the end of the fiscal year at June 30th, and are preliminary at this point. They reflect the normal month end which is basically on a cash basis without accrual entries. Numerous receivables and payables are calculated after year-end, and these amounts will continue to change up to and through the audit process.

DDA

Attachments

2. Fiscal Impact/Funding Source: None

3. RECOMMENDED ACTION: The Board approve the Finance & Donation Reports items as presented.

Motion by: _____ Yes ____ Passed ____

Second by: _____ Yes ____ Failed ____

Abstentions: _____

DISTRICT 287
REVENUE COMPARISON

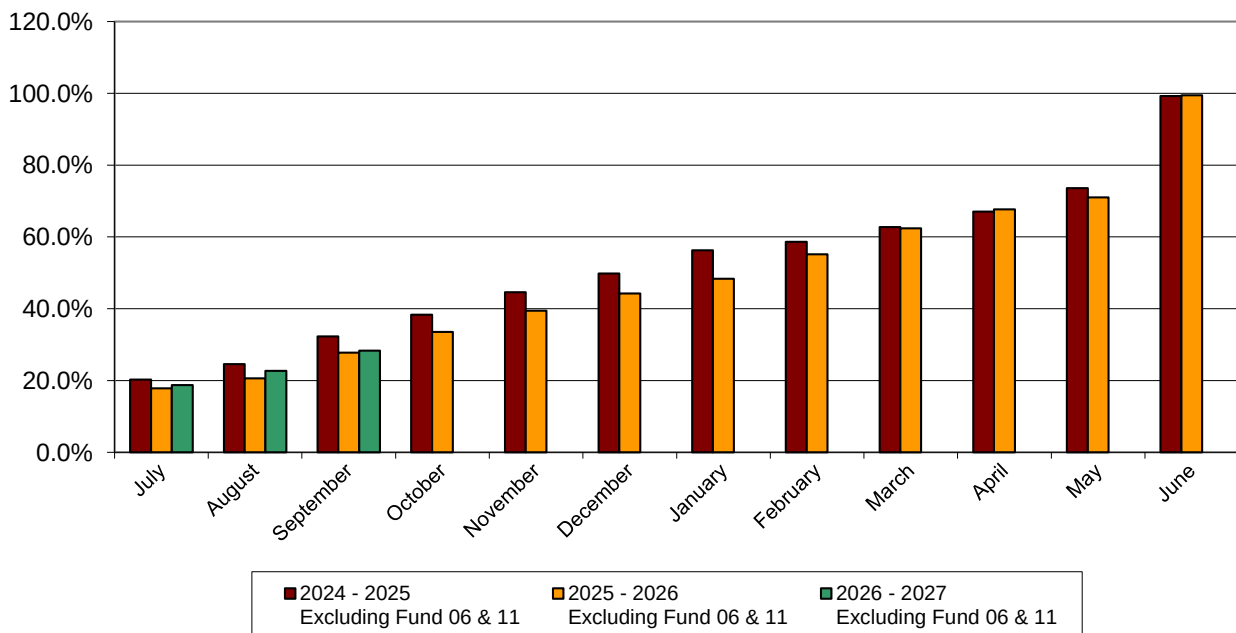
Month	2024 - 2025		2025 - 2026		2026 - 2027		2026 - 2027	
	Excluding Fund 06 & 11		Excluding Fund 06 & 11		Excluding Fund 06 & 11		Including Fund 06 & 11	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
	Amount	of Budget	Amount	of Budget	Amount	of Budget	Amount	of Budget
July	26,130,396	20.3% ¹	24,677,754	17.8% ²	28,236,266	18.7% ³	28,239,055	18.7%
August	5,533,085	24.6% ¹	3,833,160	20.6% ²	5,927,880	22.7% ³	5,929,948	22.7%
September	9,995,943	32.3% ¹	9,956,187	27.8% ²	8,527,720	28.3% ³	8,529,129	28.3%
October	7,739,129	38.3% ¹	8,013,576	33.6% ²				
November	8,106,095	44.6% ¹	8,217,540	39.5% ²				
December	6,680,616	49.8% ¹	6,646,303	44.3% ²				
January	8,380,272	56.3% ¹	5,594,390	48.3% ²				
February	3,006,126	58.6% ¹	9,432,528	55.1% ²				
March	5,324,721	62.8% ¹	10,073,022	62.4% ²				
April	5,535,964	67.1% ¹	7,348,589	67.7% ²				
May	8,400,980	73.6% ¹	4,580,668	71.0% ²				
June	33,031,125	99.2% ¹	39,354,513	99.4% ²				
TOTAL	127,864,452	99.2%	137,728,229	99.4%	42,691,867	28.3%	42,698,132	28.3%
BUDGET	128,874,184 ¹		138,523,297 ²		150,675,014 ³		150,705,014	

¹ excludes Funds 06 & 11 budgeted revenue of \$80,000

² excludes Funds 06 & 11 budgeted revenue of \$120,000

³ excludes Funds 06 & 11 budgeted revenue of \$30,000

REVENUE COMPARISON - ALL FUNDS
YTD REVENUE BY MONTH
(excluding Fund 06 & 11)



Board- Revenue/Expense Summary by Fund Report

September 2026-2027

Intermediate District No. 287

Revenue Fund	Prior YE Act	Budget	MTD Activity	YTD Activity	% Used	YTD Unrealized
01 - GENERAL FUND	20,124,304.80	21,944,840.00	292,999.45	3,551,379.13	16.18%	18,393,460.87
02 - FOOD SERVICE FUND	936,439.78	1,074,781.00	225.75	18,037.99	1.68%	1,056,743.01
04 - COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
06 - BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
07 - DEBT SERVICE FUND	8,947,611.74	8,166,520.00	877,416.78	6,733,441.26	82.45%	1,433,078.74
08 - TRUST FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
10 - SCHOLARSHIP FUND	0.00	4,120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	4,120.00
11 - LTFM BOND FUND	70,847.20	30,000.00	1,408.22	6,265.35	20.88%	23,734.65
12 - ALC - ACADEMIC FUND	15,362,737.92	15,357,220.00	52,823.80	2,861,387.71	18.63%	12,495,832.29
13 - CAREER & TECH FUND	3,140,914.55	2,996,624.00	0.00	1,499,849.68	50.05%	1,496,774.32
14 - SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND	74,124,429.72	85,043,059.00	5,755,494.48	24,828,486.26	29.20%	60,214,572.74
20 - INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	769,783.29	780,000.00	79,883.21	169,861.12	21.78%	610,138.88
21 - SELF HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	14,316,088.64	15,300,000.00	1,468,876.86	3,029,423.65	19.80%	12,270,576.35
51 - STUDENT CLUB FUND	5,918.35	7,850.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	7,850.00
Total Revenue	137,799,075.99	150,705,014.00	8,529,128.55	42,698,132.15	28.33%	108,006,881.85

DISTRICT 287
EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

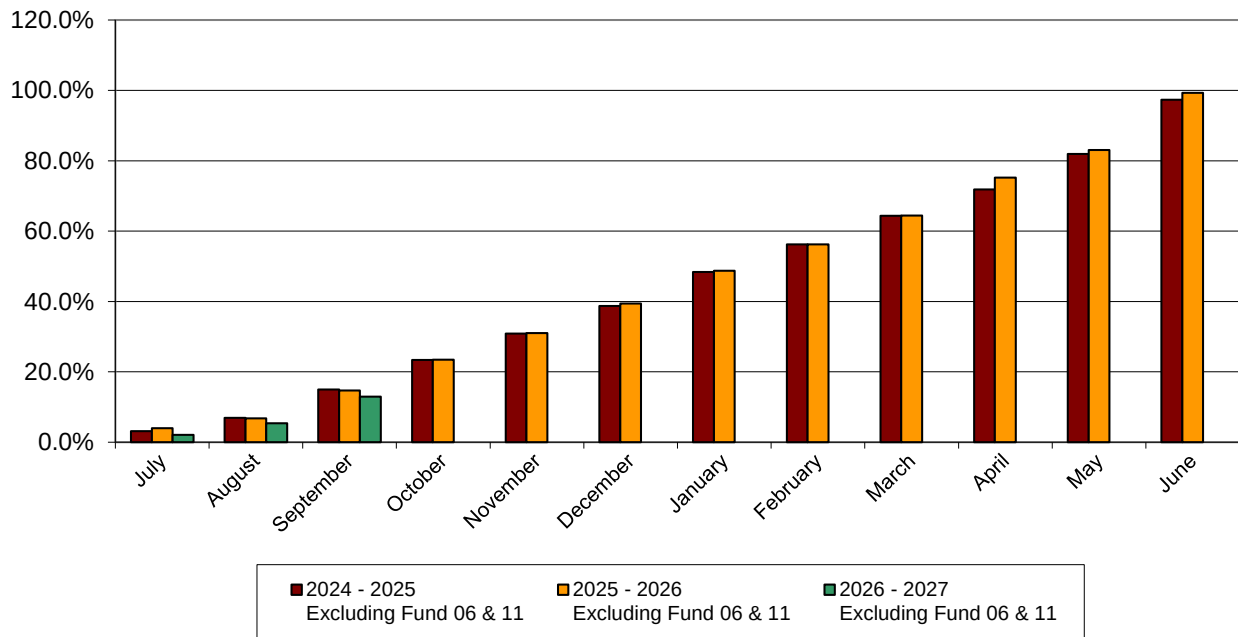
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	Excluding Fund 06 & 11		Excluding Fund 06 & 11		Excluding Fund 06 & 11		Including Fund 06 & 11	
	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$	%
Month	Amount	of Budget	Amount	of Budget	Amount	of Budget	Amount	of Budget
July	4,013,490	3.2% ¹	5,412,095	4.0% ²	3,048,324	2.1% ³	3,392,436	2.3%
August	4,735,735	6.9% ¹	3,840,424	6.8% ²	4,839,106	5.4% ³	4,847,327	5.6%
September	10,198,405	15.0% ¹	10,725,461	14.7% ²	11,153,317	12.9% ³	11,895,748	13.6%
October	10,581,202	23.4% ¹	11,813,124	23.4% ²				
November	9,450,008	30.9% ¹	10,298,015	31.0% ²				
December	9,876,304	38.7% ¹	11,411,035	39.4% ²				
January	12,191,878	48.4% ¹	12,598,280	48.7% ²				
February	9,973,096	56.3% ¹	10,145,544	56.2% ²				
March	10,233,010	64.4% ¹	11,091,888	64.4% ²				
April	9,483,133	71.9% ¹	14,688,191	75.2% ²				
May	12,673,417	81.9% ¹	10,587,934	83.0% ²				
June	19,513,909	97.4% ¹	22,025,955	99.3% ²				
TOTAL	122,923,587	97.4%	134,637,948	99.3%	19,040,747	12.9%	20,135,512	13.6%
BUDGET	126,244,416 ¹		135,623,134 ²		147,042,767 ³		147,657,081	

¹ excludes Funds 06 & 11 budgeted expenditures of \$579,777

² excludes Funds 06 & 11 budgeted expenditures of \$1,655,483

³ excludes Funds 06 & 11 budgeted expenditures of \$614,314

EXPENDITURE COMPARISON - ALL FUNDS
YTD EXPENDITURES BY MONTH
(excluding Fund 06 & 11)



Board- Revenue/Expense Summary by Fund Report

September 2026-2027

Intermediate District No. 287

Expenditure Fund	Prior YE Act	Budget	MTD Activity	YTD Activity	% Used	YTD Unrealized
01 - GENERAL FUND	19,173,218.20	21,577,923.00	1,479,886.47	5,096,754.44	23.62%	16,481,168.56
02 - FOOD SERVICE FUND	936,439.78	1,074,781.00	84,296.96	162,965.32	15.16%	911,815.68
04 - COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
06 - BUILDING CONSTRUCTION FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
07 - DEBT SERVICE FUND	6,924,287.50	6,099,081.00	575.00	365,436.86	5.99%	5,733,644.14
08 - TRUST FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
09 - AGENCY FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
10 - SCHOLARSHIP FUND	1,500.00	12,450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	12,450.00
11 - LTFM BOND FUND	1,384,467.65	614,314.00	742,431.65	1,094,764.71	178.21%	-480,450.71
12 - ALC - ACADEMIC FUND	14,913,118.22	15,473,855.00	1,145,955.18	2,421,064.57	15.65%	13,052,790.43
13 - CAREER & TECH FUND	2,689,455.19	3,048,212.00	261,625.17	386,188.30	12.67%	2,662,023.70
14 - SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND	72,944,778.29	84,206,203.00	6,792,119.05	9,381,662.22	11.14%	74,824,540.78
20 - INTERNAL SERVICE FUND	722,421.36	802,800.00	67,903.76	132,967.25	16.56%	669,832.75
21 - SELF HEALTH INSURANCE FUND	16,324,665.07	14,738,500.00	1,320,955.23	1,093,708.17	7.42%	13,644,791.83
51 - STUDENT CLUB FUND	8,064.10	8,962.00	0.00	0.00	0.00%	8,962.00
Total Expenses	136,022,415.36	147,657,081.00	11,895,748.47	20,135,511.84	13.64%	127,521,569.16

Intermediate District 287

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: **October 12, 2026**

TO: Members of the School Board

FROM: Kerstin Quigley, Director of Finance

RE: **Cash Report - September** Claims, Payroll, Receipts, and Investments

A. Recommendation: Request the Board approve payment of the items listed below:

1. A/P payments for: September 2026	Totaling	\$	<u>6,438,826.98</u>
a) Check #'s 116939 - 117071			
b) ACH #'s 4000002860, 4000002870 - 4000002902			
c) Wire #'s 9000011549 - 9000011712			
2. Payroll payments for: September 2026	Totaling	\$	<u>3,868,424.45</u>
a) Check #'s 600037 - 600038			
b) Direct Deposit #'s 9000190144 - 9000190126			
3. Receipts for: September 2026	Totaling	\$	<u>12,748,633.72</u>
a) Receipt #'s 20270151 - 20270297			
4. Invest. at end of mo. September 2026			
a) Fund 01 - General Fund	\$		20,539,849.26
b) Fund 11 - 2022A LTFM Bond (Construction Costs)	\$		<u>460,108.60</u>
	\$		<u>20,999,957.86</u>

This report has been prepared under the direction of Dave Anderson and is presented for approval by the School Board. Dave and I would be glad to answer any questions.

INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT 287
INVESTMENTS ON HAND
SEPTEMBER 2026

#01-104-00 - Investments (General)

INSTITUTION	RATE OF RETURN (%)	DATE	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT INVESTED
PMA - MNTrust IS Account Balance	3.704			
PMA - MNTrust SDA - Nexbank, SSB - ICS, TX	3.820			2,646,290.81
PMA - MNTrust SDA - Bell Bank, MN	3.820			73,511.73
PMA - MNTrust SDA - Bank of China, NY	3.850			8,731,458.75
PMA - MNTrust DTC - ALL IN FEDERAL CREDIT UN, 01664MAM	3.554			248,698.95
PMA - MNTrust CD - First Guaranty Bank, LA	3.713			241,000.00
PMA - MNTrust CD - Freedom Northwest Credit Union	4.071			230,700.00
PMA - MNTrust CD - Consumers Credit Union, IL	3.785			245,300.00
PMA - MNTrust CD - MapleMark Bank, TX	3.707			245,400.00
PMA - MNTrust CD - Omb Bank, MO	3.800			245,300.00
PMA - MNTrust CD - BOM Bank, LA	3.733			245,300.00
PMA - MNTrust CD - Bank of China, NY	3.826			236,400.00
PMA - MNTrust CD - Bank Hapoalim B.M., NY	3.550			237,300.00
PMA - MNTrust SEC - US TREASURY N/B, 91282CAU5	3.676			1,909,876.72
Total PMA - MNTrust Investments on Books				<u>15,536,536.96</u>

ACTIVITY DETAIL:

Investments on our Book at End of Prior Month	20,338,335.63
Current Month Activity	
Deposits / Purchases	
Withdrawals / Redemptions	(3,191.07)
Interest Earned - Recorded	199,430.41
Dividends Earned	5,274.29
Adjust Investment to YE Market Value	
Interest/Dividends Earned - To Be Recorded in Next Month	
Total Investments at End of Month & Un-recorded Interest	<u>20,539,849.26</u>

#11-104-00 - Investments (2022A LTFM Bond - Construction Costs)

INSTITUTION	RATE OF RETURN (%)	DATE	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT INVESTED
PMA - MNTrust IS Account Balance	3.704			460,108.60
PMA - MNTrust CD Account Balance	-			-
PMA - MNTrust SEC Account Balance	-			-
Total PMA - MNTrust Investments on Books for Fund 11				<u>460,108.60</u>

ACTIVITY DETAIL:

Investments on our Book at End of Prior Month	467,021.38
Current Month Activity:	
Deposits	
Distributions/Repemptions	(8,321.00)
Interest/Dividends/Purchases Earned - Recorded	1,408.22
Adjustments - move funds not used for closing costs to construction (from Fund 07)	
Interest/Dividends Earned - To Be Recorded in Next Month	
Total Investments at End of Month & Un-recorded Interest	<u>460,108.60</u>
Total 2022A LTFM Investments (Fund 11) at End of Month	<u>460,108.60</u>

INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT 287
INVESTMENT ACTIVITY - 2022A LTFM BOND
September 2026

Investments (2022A LTFM Bond - Construction Costs) - MNTrust

MONTH POSTED	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Nov-22	11/22/22	Proceeds from 2022A LTFM Bond	4,740,596.00
Nov-22	11/30/22	Interest/Dividends	4,282.32
Dec-22	12/30/22	Distributions/Construction Draws	-45,645.18
Jan-23	01/01/23	Interest/Dividends	687.30
Feb-23	02/07/23	Distributions/Construction Draws	-15,000.00
Feb-23	02/28/23	Interest/Dividends (for Jan & Feb '23)	19,146.93
Mar-23	03/31/23	Interest/Dividends	5,534.59
Apr-23	04/28/23	Distributions/Construction Draws	-165,570.33
Apr-23	04/30/23	Interest/Dividends	5,018.40
May-23	05/31/23	Distributions/Construction Draws	-39,431.25
May-23	05/31/23	Interest/Dividends	5,132.72
Jun-23	06/30/23	Interest/Dividends	8,599.22
Jul-23	07/31/23	Distributions/Construction Draws	-172,551.00
Jul-23	07/31/23	Interest/Dividends	9,456.04
Aug-23	08/31/23	Interest/Dividends	17,655.68
Sep-23	09/30/23	Interest/Dividends	5,613.71
Sep-23	09/29/23	Distributions/Construction Draws	-64,403.28
Oct-23	10/31/23	Interest/Dividends	14,867.49
Oct-23	10/31/23	Distributions/Construction Draws	-459,154.50
Nov-23	11/30/23	Interest/Dividends	4,587.09
Dec-23	12/28/23	Distributions/Construction Draws	-118,947.96
Dec-23	12/31/23	Interest/Dividends	8,053.03
Jan-24	02/08/24	Interest/Dividends - recorded in Feb.	8,951.48
Feb-24	02/29/24	Interest/Dividends	8,674.49
Mar-24	04/01/24	Interest/Dividends	4,290.91
Apr-24	04/30/24	Distributions/Construction Draws	-90,040.61
Apr-24	04/30/24	Interest/Dividends	4,057.92
May-24	05/31/24	Distributions/Construction Draws	-15,421.57
May-24	05/31/24	Interest/Dividends	3,871.68
Jun-24	06/30/24	Distributions/Construction Draws	-114,204.33
Jun-24	06/30/24	Interest/Dividends	39,989.94
Jul-24	07/31/24	Distributions/Construction Draws	-205,158.46
Jul-24	07/31/24	Interest/Dividends	41,419.43
Aug-24	08/30/24	Distributions/Construction Draws	-243,211.97
Aug-24	08/31/24	Interest/Dividends	43,713.97
Sep-24	09/30/24	Distributions/Construction Draws	-242,331.43
Sep-24	09/30/24	Interest/Dividends	33,992.84
Oct-24	10/31/24	Distributions/Construction Draws	-178,698.47
Oct-24	10/31/24	Interest/Dividends	8,081.63
Nov-24	11/30/24	Interest/Dividends	7,424.07
Dec-25	12/30/24	Distributions/Construction Draws	-42,006.59
Dec-25	12/31/24	Interest/Dividends	10,988.86
Jan-25	01/31/25	Interest/Dividends	10,845.93
Feb-25	02/28/25	Interest/Dividends	6,387.66
Mar-25	03/31/25	Distributions/Construction Draws	-51,981.58
Mar-25	03/31/25	Interest/Dividends	6,929.06
Apr-25	04/30/25	Distributions/Construction Draws	-113,917.93

MONTH POSTED	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Apr-25	04/30/25	Interest/Dividends	6,350.81
May-25	05/31/25	Interest/Dividends	56,285.56
Jun-25	06/30/25	Distributions/Construction Draws	-89,675.20
Jun-25	06/30/25	Interest/Dividends	18,340.95
Jul-25	07/31/25	Distributions/Construction Draws	-63,930.00
Jul-25	07/31/25	Interest/Dividends	19,022.15
Aug-25	08/29/25	Distributions/Construction Draws	-215,050.90
Aug-25	08/31/25	Interest/Dividends	9,231.31
Sep-25	09/30/25	Distributions/Construction Draws	-184,876.25
Sep-25	09/30/25	Interest/Dividends	8,086.97
Oct-25	10/31/25	Distributions/Construction Draws	-119,684.29
Oct-25	10/31/25	Interest/Dividends	7,515.83
Nov-25	11/30/25	Interest/Dividends	6,870.02
Dec-25	12/31/25	Distributions/Construction Draws	-419,474.85
Dec-25	12/31/25	Interest/Dividends	5,982.83
Jan-26	01/30/26	Distributions/Construction Draws	-537,799.44
Jan-26	01/30/26	Interest/Dividends	5,161.26
Feb-26	02/27/26	Distributions/Construction Draws	-184,257.51
Feb-26	02/28/26	Interest/Dividends	3,185.50
Mar-26	03/31/26	Distributions/Construction Draws	-35,900.00
Mar-26	03/31/26	Interest/Dividends	3,111.27
Apr-26	04/30/26	Interest/Dividends	2,960.21
May-26	05/31/26	Distributions/Construction Draws	-76,537.01
May-26	05/31/26	Interest/Dividends	2,949.87
Jun-26	06/30/26	Interest/Dividends	2,740.12
Jul-26	07/31/26	Distributions/Construction Draws	-135,506.85
Jul-26	07/31/26	Interest/Dividends	2,789.02
Aug-26	08/31/26	Distributions/Construction Draws	-344,112.06
Aug-26	08/31/26	Interest/Dividends	2,068.11
Sep-26	09/30/26	Distributions/Construction Draws	-8,321.00
Sep-26	09/30/26	Interest/Dividends	1,408.22

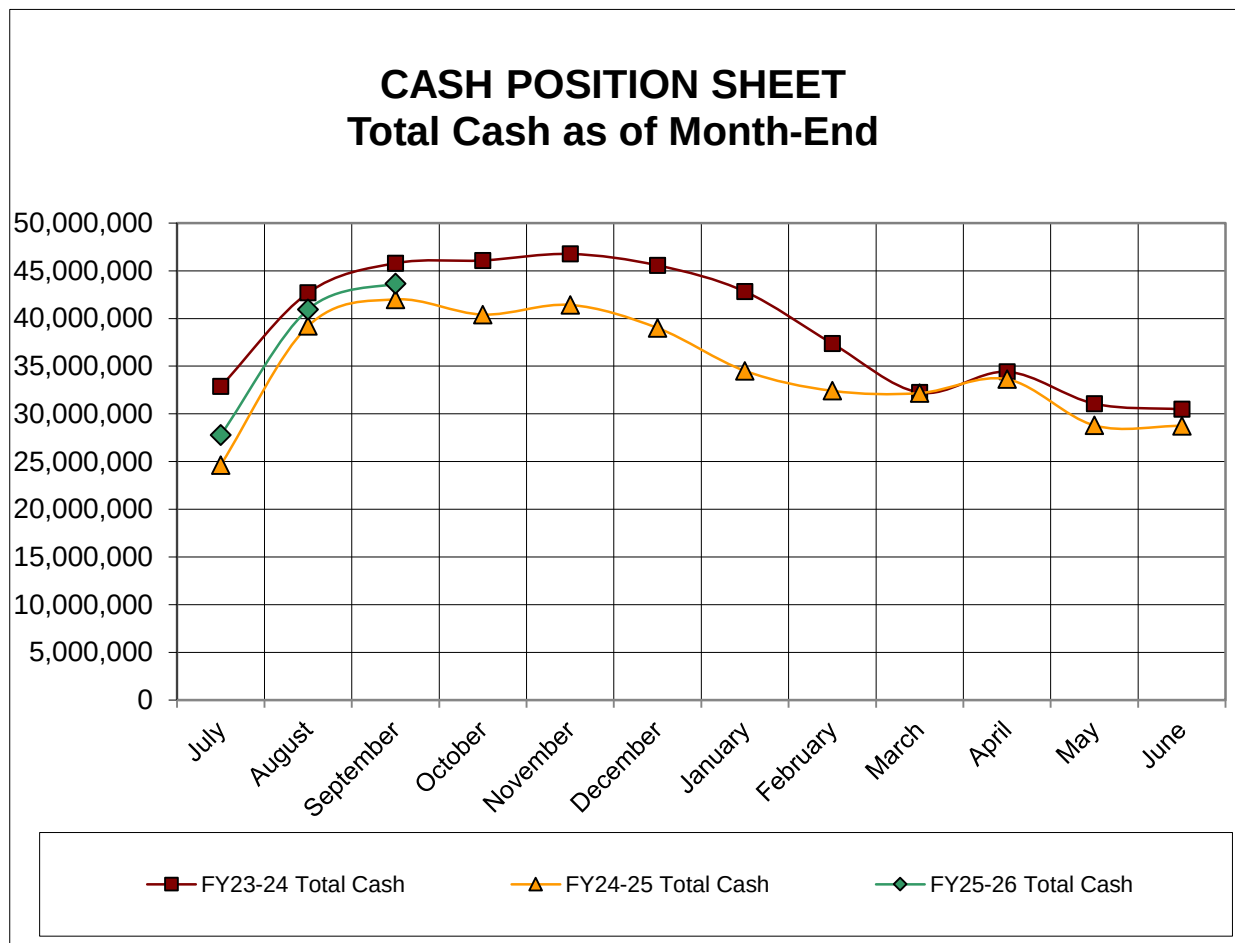
2022A LTFM Bond Investments - Balance as of End of Month 460,108.60

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Cash and Investment Position Sheet- Monthly Total Net Cash- All Accounts

<u>Date</u>	<u>FY24-25 Total Cash as of month-end</u>	<u>FY25-26 Total Cash as of month-end</u>	<u>FY26-27 Total Cash as of month-end</u>
July	32,864,612	24,635,556	27,785,241
August	42,689,540	39,205,467	40,942,939
September	45,793,738	41,999,550	43,650,842
October	46,084,518	40,408,785	
November	46,762,578	41,419,421	
December	45,567,325	39,003,302	
January	42,825,007	34,510,928	
February	37,375,272	32,417,925	
March	32,232,314	32,179,031	
April	34,409,724	33,632,414	
May	31,065,481	28,791,109	
June	30,475,321	28,748,891	

- Includes Self-Funded Insurance Cash Balances.



INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT 287

SEPTEMBER 2026 ACTIVITY

ELECTRONIC TRANSFERS IN:

DATE	TO	AGENCY	RECEIPT #	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
9/3/2026	MSDLAF	MN DEPT OF EDUCATION-034	20270272	389,939.76	SPED TEACHER PIPELINE, PERKINS BASIC & RESERVE
9/4/2026	MSDLAF	LAKE SUPERIOR ISD 381	20270273	524.40	CARE & TREATMENT
9/10/2026	MSDLAF	MN STATE MMB	20270274	94,704.05	MA 3RD PARTY BILLINGS
9/11/2026	MSDLAF	MN DEPT OF EDUCATION-034	20270275	37,690.90	WEC FULL SERVICE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
9/11/2026	MSDLAF	INVER GROVE HEIGHTS ISD 199-119	20270276	6,174.86	NON MEMBER
9/15/2026	MSDLAF	2022A LTFM BOND	20270277	8,321.00	LTFM REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST
9/15/2026	MSDLAF	MN STATE MMB	20270278	5,543,961.07	SPED
9/23/2026	MSDLAF	MN STATE MMB	20270279	114,021.83	MA 3RD PARTY BILLINGS
9/24/2026	MSDLAF	MN DEPT OF EDUCATION-034	20270280	7,709.89	GYO ADULT
9/25/2026	MSDLAF	EAGLE RIDGE ACADEMY #4122	20270281	24,843.00	NSO TUITION
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	BRAINTREE	20270282	32,751.91	SEP TUITION
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	BENEFIT RESOURCE INC	20270283	13,268.59	COBRA PAYMENTS
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	MN STATE MMB	20270284	1,917,052.00	GEN ED, ONL LEARN, SPED, SPED SITES/PRG, INDIAN ED, PARAPROF TRN
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	MSDLAF	20270285	67,212.65	INTEREST EARNED SEP 2026
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	PAYPAL	20270286	20,190.09	SEP TUITION
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	SCHOOLCAFE - ABEC	20270287	105.00	STUDENT DEFERRED REVENUE
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	SCHOOLCAFE - NEC	20270288	30.00	STUDENT DEFERRED REVENUE
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	SCHOOLCAFE - SEC	20270289	177.50	STUDENT DEFERRED REVENUE
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	SCHOOLCAFE - WEC	20270290	70.00	STUDENT DEFERRED REVENUE
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	SCHOOLCAFE - YOUABLE	20270291	20.00	STUDENT DEFERRED REVENUE
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	SQUARE - BREMER BEAN SHOP ABEC	20270292	861.30	SEP STORE SALES
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	SQUARE - HENNEPIN TEA & COFFEE HTC	20270293	899.06	SEP STORE SALES
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	SQUARE - JITTERBUG NEC	20270294	1,493.52	SEP STORE SALES
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	SQUARE - COMMON GROUNDS SEC	20270295	1,974.28	SEP STORE SALES
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	SQUARE - SNACK SHACK WEC	20270296	1,375.60	SEP STORE SALES
9/10/2026	MSDLAF	MN DEPT OF EDUCATION-034	20270297	104,151.99	PERKINS REALLOCATION, BASIC, & RESERVE
MTD TOTALS				8,389,524.25	

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SEPTEMBER 2026 ACTIVITY

WIRE TRANSFERS OUT:

DATE	FROM	AGENCY	WIRE #	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
9/16/2026	MSDLAF	US BANK	600037	2,024.40	PAYROLL REISSUE
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	US BANK	600038	1,348.66	PAYROLL REISSUE
9/28/2026	MSDLAF	MN STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	20270025	(65,006.95)	403B RETIREMENT REVERSAL
9/28/2026	MSDLAF	MN STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	4000002860	65,006.95	403B RETIREMENT
9/15/2026	MSDLAF	BPAS	4000002870	72,079.57	VEBA
9/15/2026	MSDLAF	EDUCATORS BENEFIT CONSULTANTS	4000002871	94,241.70	403B RETIREMENT
9/15/2026	MSDLAF	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	4000002872	79.00	STATE TAXES
9/15/2026	MSDLAF	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	4000002873	115,017.93	STATE TAXES
9/15/2026	MSDLAF	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT	4000002874	163,983.98	PERA
9/15/2026	MSDLAF	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSN	4000002875	311,324.35	TRA
9/15/2026	MSDLAF	US BANK	4000002876	660,347.63	FEDERAL TAXES
9/2/2026	MSDLAF	SUBURBAN WASTE MN	4000002877	9,199.26	UTILITY BILL
9/8/2026	MSDLAF	BANK OF MONTREAL	4000002878	50,761.41	P-CARD EXPENSE
9/8/2026	MSDLAF	CENTERPOINT ENERGY	4000002879	2,885.39	UTILITY BILL
9/8/2026	MSDLAF	HEALTH PARTNERS	4000002880	3,544.23	HPAI CLAIMS
9/3/2026	MSDLAF	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	4000002881	442,233.06	CLAIMS
9/9/2026	MSDLAF	PITNEY BOWES	4000002882	468.87	QUARTERLY LEASE
9/10/2026	MSDLAF	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	4000002883	267,940.31	CLAIMS
9/14/2026	MSDLAF	HEALTH PARTNERS	4000002884	4,564.45	HPAI CLAIMS
9/14/2026	MSDLAF	PITNEY BOWES	4000002885	25.00	ACCESS & SHIPPING W/O HW OR METER
9/16/2026	MSDLAF	US BANK	4000002886	226.65	CASH MANAGEMENT SERVICES
9/17/2026	MSDLAF	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	4000002887	262,633.71	CLAIMS
9/23/2026	MSDLAF	CITY OF MINNETONKA	4000002888	2,621.43	UTILITY BILL
9/23/2026	MSDLAF	CITY OF NEW HOPE	4000002889	1,610.65	UTILITY BILL
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	BPAS	4000002890	70,315.78	VEBA
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	EDUCATORS BENEFIT CONSULTANTS	4000002891	94,139.25	403B RETIREMENT
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	4000002892	1,310.99	STATE TAXES
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	4000002893	107,546.50	STATE TAXES
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT	4000002894	158,757.82	PERA
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSN	4000002895	293,447.00	TRA
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	US BANK	4000002896	624,139.32	FEDERAL TAXES
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	MN DEPT OF REVENUE	4000002897	51.55	STATE TAXES
9/21/2026	MSDLAF	CITY OF PLYMOUTH	4000002898	1,083.06	UTILITY BILL
9/24/2026	MSDLAF	BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	4000002899	318,611.73	CLAIMS
9/28/2026	MSDLAF	HEALTH PARTNERS	4000002900	6,427.84	HPAI CLAIMS
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	BENEFIT RESOURCES INC	4000002901	19,190.87	FLEX SPENDING ACCOUNT PAYMENTS
9/30/2026	MSDLAF	BENEFIT RESOURCES INC	4000002902	7,327.40	FLEX SPENDING MONTHLY INVOICE
9/2/2026	MSDLAF	US BANK	9000011549-9000011559	675,182.44	AP ACH PAYMENTS
9/3/2026	MSDLAF	US BANK	9000011560	3,023.05	AP ACH PAYMENTS
9/15/2026	MSDLAF	US BANK	9000011561-9000011579	2,408.25	STAFF REIMBURSEMENTS
10/14/2026					

INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT 287**SEPTEMBER 2026 ACTIVITY**

9/10/2026	MSDLAF US BANK	9000011580-9000011611	238,854.87	AP ACH PAYMENTS
9/17/2026	MSDLAF US BANK	9000011612-9000011653	248,442.82	AP ACH PAYMENTS
9/24/2026	MSDLAF US BANK	9000011654-9000011679	165,342.36	AP ACH PAYMENTS
9/30/2026	MSDLAF US BANK	9000011680-9000011712	3,268.86	STAFF REIMBURSEMENTS
9/15/2026	MSDLAF US BANK	9000190144-9000191112	1,967,323.11	PAYROLL
9/16/2026	MSDLAF US BANK	9000190238	(2,024.40)	PAYROLL RETURN
9/16/2026	MSDLAF US BANK	9000190257	(1,978.13)	PAYROLL RETURN
9/17/2026	MSDLAF US BANK	9000191113	1,978.13	PAYROLL REISSUE
9/30/2026	MSDLAF US BANK	9000191114-9000192126	1,899,752.68	PAYROLL
MTD TOTALS			9,373,084.79	

DONATION REPORT
INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT 287
2026-2027
SEPTEMBER 2026

DONATION DATE	DESCRIPTION	VIN #	EST. VALUE	DONOR	CAMPUS	PROGRAM
09/01/26	CUSTARD CUPS		\$300.00	CULVER'S OF EDEN PRAIRIE	CTC	STAFF & STUDENTS
		TOTAL	\$300.00			

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News from the Association of Metropolitan School Districts

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Elk River High School Teams with Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity for Hands-On Learning Opportunity

October 30, 2026

Executive/Legislative Committee Meeting

7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Anderson Center

Bethel University

Arden Hills

November 6, 2026

Board of Directors Meeting

7 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Quora Education Center

NE Metro 916

Little Canada

November 10, 2026

Annual Conference

7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Minneapolis Marriott

Northwest

Register here:

[2026 Conference](#)

November 20, 2026

Executive/Legislative Committee Meeting

7:30 a.m. - 9 a.m.

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The ISD 728 CTE program has, over the past decade, already provided dozens of opportunities to give students hands-on experiences in learning. From sheds to on-site training, DECA presentations to culinary competitions, the district is nationally recognized for its work in this area.

Now, ISD 728 — which serves the communities of Zimmerman, Otsego, Elk River and Rogers — has an opportunity to give back.

Thanks to a Housing Challenge Funds grant from the Minnesota Housing Board (to the tune of \$100,000), Elk River High School (ERHS) is teaming up with Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity to build a new home for a family in need, most likely in the Sherburne County area.

It's a first for ERHS, but Central Minnesota Habitat for Humanity has been teaming up with other school campuses and classes to provide housing for dozens of families in its service areas, which includes ISD 728 communities. Sauk Rapids-Rice, for example, has built a handful of homes through the program, which has expanded thanks to the Challenge Fund Grant.



The site for the Elk River High School construction class's Habitat for Humanity home takes shape in the school's parking lot.

Here in Elk River, the job site has taken shape. Concrete was poured over the asphalt on an edge of the ERHS bus lot during the last week of August, creating a building pad on the northeast side of the campus. To protect building materials and the crew constructing the home, there has been fencing placed around the site, providing

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I was pleased to learn that MDE Commissioner Willie Jett is convening a statewide task force to review Minnesota's current assessment system and develop recommendations for reform. This has been an AMSD [legislative priority](#) for several years. I was excited to see several AMSD superintendents and research and evaluation directors will serve on the committee. Four students and four parents will be selected to serve on the task force through an application process. I encourage AMSD members to share the [adult](#) and [student](#) applications with your school community. Applications are due by October 9. Thank you for your continued advocacy for our schools!

From the AMSD Chair, Alison Sherman, Stillwater Board Member

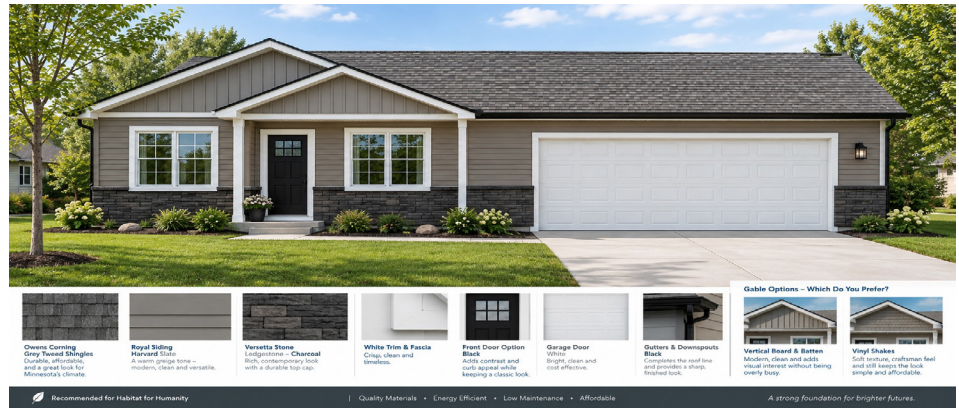
Connecting Math, Communications and Physics

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security. Block and beams have also been placed so the house is mobile once it's ready to go.

Over the school year the new home will take shape, including everything from drywall to HVAC, siding to shingles. Partnerships and donations including insulation and more essentials will stretch that \$100,000 even further.

"The community has come forward with some key donations and [ERHS teacher] Mr. Tim Hahn has had some industry partners step up. It's really a project that is set for success. I think the most exciting part will be visiting the job site and seeing our future workforce in action," CTE Coordinator Amy Lord said.



A rendering of the completed project, a livable home that will be moved by crews once ERHS students finish the construction.

ERHS has made inroads with partners before, teaming with Cornerstone Auto of Elk River and Plymouth to enhance its automotive programs. This new venture will be very much in the same vein, with those partnerships giving students a new opportunity for hands-on learning.

"It's going to be so exciting to see the students do something they couldn't replicate at scale in a classroom," said ERHS Principal Mike Zeman. "We're seeing partners from the community who are strongly supporting this and stepping forward. Mr. Hahn is making partnerships in the community to make it all move ahead. I'm ecstatic to see the results."

Hahn said there's a buzz around the project that he can feel in the ERHS hallways. "We had 12 students in the class last year [building sheds and smaller structures], and now we have 40. That tells me that everyone is ready for this amazing new way for all of us to learn."

The Habitat for Humanity home project pays off for students in an additional way — as those in the class can earn college credit by participating in the project. "We're working with Lake Superior College [in Duluth] to make that happen. They [students] were pretty excited when the news about that broke," Hahn said.

A classroom portion of the program will introduce students — particularly those who are under 18 — to construction planning and drafting. It connects math, communication and physics into the project. It also gives insights into high-wage careers within the industry, Hahn said.

"We have to put this together and then fit the home onto a foundation that's miles away," he said. "So, obviously, there are some logistics that go into that. That group will get a lot of insight about how that portion of the project is executed."

For a look at the project, and a link to donate tools or materials needed to make this home possible for a family in need, [visit the ISD 728 website](#). A timelapse of the project will also be posted as the new house takes shape over the school year.

This month's member feature was submitted by Mike Schoemer, Senior Communications Specialist, ISD 728.

Blue Ribbon Commission on Special Education Releases Final Report: Looming \$250 Million Cut Could Derail Progress on Reducing Special Education Cross-Subsidy

The Blue Ribbon Commission on Special Education released its final report on Oct. 1. The commission was established by the Minnesota Legislature in the 2025 omnibus education bill and charged with developing an action plan for transforming special education services and identifying \$250 million in savings. The education bill specified that if this spending reduction target is not met, the shortfall will be automatically deducted from the special education cross-subsidy aid appropriation.

The Commission held its first meeting in October 2025 and convened regularly over the past year and thoughtfully examined a wide range of issues. The final report includes several recommendations of which the first is:

Do not enact the reductions to state special education aid recommended below and repeal the contingent reduction in special education cross-subsidy aid in Laws of Minnesota 2025, 1st Spec. Sess. chapter 10, article 7, section 8.

The report goes on to offer four recommendations to achieve the spending reduction goal:

- Eliminate the Hold Harmless provision in the state special education funding formula.
- Shift Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services (ADSIS) funding to a capped per-student allocation model outside of the special education funding formula.
- Eliminate the Special Education Charter Tuition Aid.
- Convert non-special education transportation currently in the funding formula into a separate capped funding stream with prorated reimbursement.

The report also offers recommendations to improve special education efficiency, access, quality, and long-term system change. The report comes at a time when school districts are grappling with significant budget challenges due in no small part to the special education funding shortfalls.

- [LINK: View the Blue Ribbon Commission Report to the Legislature](#)

The commission's report comes just on the heels of the release of the [FY25 Special Education Cross-Subsidies Report](#) released in early September. The "cross-subsidy" is the dollar amount by which special education costs exceed reimbursements provided by the state and federal government. Because special education services are mandated by state and federal law, school districts must use dollars from their general fund to cover the difference.

The recently released cross-subsidy report clearly shows the impact increased investments, followed by cuts, has on school districts. The statewide cross-subsidy dropped from \$724.4 million in FY23 to \$502.6 million in FY24 following the significant investments made in the 2023 legislative session. However, the cross-subsidy is projected to increase to \$560.6 million in FY26 following the special education transportation cuts approved in the 2025 session. The cross-subsidy is projected to decline in FY26 due to the phased-in increase in cross-subsidy reduction aid approved in the 2023 session before rising again in FY28 to \$568.6 million. Importantly, **that figure does not include the pending \$250 million reduction that will take effect in the 28-29 biennium under current law** and will rise much higher if that cut goes into effect.

Special Education Funding Shortfall Hits AMSD Districts Hard

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The FY25 cross-subsidy for AMSD districts totaled nearly \$390 million — more than three quarters of the statewide cross-subsidy. Reasons for the high costs vary by district but a significant challenge for AMSD districts comes with the higher costs of providing services in metropolitan areas — particularly higher labor costs. The 2025 report notes that per student (WADM) cross-subsidies range from more than \$1,241 in Minneapolis and Saint Paul to \$729 for inner ring suburbs to \$669 for outer ring suburbs to \$554 for large non-metro districts. Those amounts are significantly higher than for districts in other areas of the state.

Table 2: Special Education Cross-Subsidies FY 2025 Final

District	(A) Adjusted PU	(B) Special Education Expenditure	(C) Categorical Revenue	(D) Gross Cross- Subsidy (B-C)	(E) Adjusted General Education Revenue for Special Education	(F) Adjusted Net Cross- Subsidy (D-E)	(G) Per Adjusted Weighted Pupil Unit WADM
Totals in \$	932,686	2,983,385,103	2,265,176,395	718,208,707	139,693,955	578,514,752	620.27
By Stratum							
Minneapolis and St. Paul	66,576	309,214,216	207,447,149	101,767,067	19,097,576	82,669,491	1,241.74
Other Metro, Inner	95,705	347,219,808	250,486,480	96,733,329	20,907,687	75,825,641	792.29
Other Metro, Outer	294,431	950,064,161	706,167,654	243,896,507	46,901,901	196,994,606	669.07
Non-Metro >= 2K	206,560	651,393,013	505,148,604	146,244,409	31,801,002	114,443,408	554.04
Non-Metro 1K-2K	98,679	252,325,509	197,507,762	54,817,747	9,844,966	44,972,782	455.75
Non-Metro < 1K	93,509	216,958,387	169,747,708	47,210,679	7,332,824	39,877,855	426.46
District Totals	855,459	2,727,175,094	2,036,505,355	690,669,739	135,885,955	554,783,784	648.52
Charter Schools	77,227	256,210,009	228,671,040	27,538,969	3,808,000	23,730,969	307.29

Further complicating the challenge for school districts is the issue of “tuition billing,” whereby a serving school district or charter school is allowed to bill back significant portions of special education costs to a student’s resident school district. Furthermore, eligible charter schools that serve a special education population of 70 percent or more of the student body are able to bill back 100 percent of their expenditures to the students’ resident district. As a result, the average per pupil cross-subsidy for charter schools is just \$307. In FY25-26, AMSD districts spent nearly \$79 million of their general education revenue on special education costs for resident students attending charter schools.

While the recent investments to address the special education cross-subsidy during the 2023 legislative session provided temporary financial relief for school districts, the transportation cuts and potential \$250 million cut to cross-subsidy aid included in the 2025 Education bill could greatly exacerbate school district budget challenges.

- [LINK: View the FY25 Special Education Cross-Subsidy Report](#)
- [LINK: View the AMSD FY25 Special Education Cross Subsidies](#)

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Board Calendar (Second & Fourth Thursday of the Month)

Start Time: 6:30 PM

January 2026 – December 2026	
January 22, 2026	
February 12, 2026	February 26, 2026
March 12, 2026	~~March 26, 2026~~ Conflict with Spring Break
April 9, 2026	April 23, 2026
May 14, 2026	May 28, 2026
June 11, 2026	June 25, 2026
No July Meeting	
August 27, 2026	
September 10, 2026	September 24, 2026
October 8, 2026	October 22, 2026
November 12, 2026	
December 10, 2026	

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TENTATIVE

January 2027 – December 2027	
January 28, 2027	
February 11, 2027	February 25, 2027
March 11, 2027	
April 8, 2027	April 22, 2027
May 13, 2027	May 27, 2027
June 10, 2027	June 24, 2027
No July Meeting	
August 26, 2027	
September 9, 2027	September 23, 2025
October 14, 2027	October 28, 2027
November 11, 2027	
December 9, 2027	

INTERMEDIATE DISTRICT 287
October 22, 2026
SCHOOL BOARD CALENDAR

October 2026

20	Tuesday	Local 2209 & School Board Meeting (Hybrid)	2:30 PM	DSC
22	Thursday	General Meeting of the Board	6:30 PM	DSC
27	Tuesday	Get on the Bus: South Education Center	8:30 AM	SEC

November 2026

12	Thursday	General Meeting of the Board	6:30 PM	DSC
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December 2026

01	Tuesday	Get on the Bus: North Education Center	8:30 AM	NEC
10	Thursday	General Meeting of the Board	6:30 PM	DSC
15	Tuesday	Local 2209 & School Board Meeting (Hybrid)	2:30 PM	DSC

January 2027

28	Thursday	General Meeting of the Board	6:30 PM	DSC
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February 2027

11	Thursday	School Board Retreat	4:30 PM	DSC
11	Thursday	General Meeting of the Board	6:30 PM	DSC
23	Tuesday	Local 2209 & School Board Meeting (Hybrid)	2:30 PM	DSC
25	Thursday	General Meeting of the Board	6:30 PM	DSC

March 2027

02	Tuesday	Get on the Bus: Ann Bremer Education Center	8:30 AM	ABEC
11	Thursday	General Meeting of the Board	6:30 PM	DSC

April 2027

08	Thursday	General Meeting of the Board	6:30 PM	DSC
22	Thursday	General Meeting of the Board	6:30 PM	DSC
27	Tuesday	Local 2209 & School Board Meeting (Hybrid)	2:30 PM	DSC

May 2027

13	Thursday	General Meeting of the Board	6:30 PM	DSC
27	Thursday	School Board Retreat	4:30 PM	DSC
27	Thursday	General Meeting of the Board	6:30 PM	DSC

June 2027

10	Thursday	General Meeting of the Board	6:30 PM	DSC
15	Tuesday	Get on the Bus: West Suburban Summer School	8:30 AM	DSC
24	Thursday	General Meeting of the Board	6:30 PM	DSC

◆ General Board Meeting – Date Change

◆ New Event

◆ Event Date Change

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Get on the Bus & Local 2209 Breakfast Schedule 2026-2027

Get on the Bus

Tuesday, October 27th
South Education Center
Bus leaves 287 DSC @ 8:30 AM

Richard Zeck

Kim Ross

Ken Liss

Karen Gable (*Edina Chair*)

Michael Birdman

Anne Casey

Heidi Kader (*Wayzata*)

Tuesday, December 1st
North Education Center
Bus leaves 287 DSC @ 8:30 AM

Kim Ross

Tuesday, March 2nd
Ann Bremer Education Center
Bus leaves 287 DSC @ 8:30 AM

Tuesday, June 15th
West Suburban Summer School
Bus leaves 287 DSC @ 8:30 AM

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**Local 2209/School Board Meeting
2:30 PM**

Tuesday, November 3rd (***Date Change***)
District Service Center
(Virtual / Hybrid)

<u>Michael Birdman</u>	<u>Anne Casey</u>
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Tuesday, December 15th
District Service Center
(Virtual / Hybrid)

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Tuesday, February 23rd
District Service Center
(Virtual / Hybrid)

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Tuesday, April 27th
District Service Center
(Virtual / Hybrid)

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GET ON THE BUS

South Education Center



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We will provide an overview of South Education Center (SEC), review their school improvement plan, and how their work connects to the Strategic Plan.

October 27, 2026 | 8:30-11:30 a.m.



Meeting Point

1820 Xenium Ln N, Plymouth, MN 55441



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