Retreat

Tuesday, March 24, 2026 5:00 PM
Edina Chamber of Commerce, 7201 Metro Blvd, Edina, MN 55439

I. **Determination of Quorum and Call to Order**

II. **Approval of Agenda**

School Board Retreat
Tuesday, March 24, 2026; 5:00 PM
Edina Chamber of Commerce

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II. Approval of Agenda

III. Discussion

A. Future School Funding
Description: The Board will review current and future budgeting needs, realities and priorities. This will lead to a discussion around a referendum including preliminary internal and external data and information, planning and timelines.
Presenter: Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent; and Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

B. Superintendent Onboarding
Description: With the official hiring of Dr. Daniel Bittman as Edina Public School's Superintendent, this discussion will provide the opportunity for the entire board and superintendent to collaboratively discuss expectations, answer any role questions and ensure common understanding of the overall goals and direction of the district.
Presenter: Erica Allenburg and Karen Gabler, Board Members

IV. Leadership and Committee Updates

V. Superintendent Updates

VI. Adjournment

NOTE: School Board members may participate by interactive technology as permitted by Minnesota Statute 13D.02

III. **Discussion**

III.A.	Future School Funding	**Speaker(s):** Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent; and Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

Retreat Date: 3/24/2026

Title: Future School Funding

Type: Discussion

Presenter(s): Dr. Daniel Bittman, Superintendent; and Mert Woodard, Director of Finance and Operations

Description: The Board will review current and future budgeting needs, realities and priorities. This will lead to a discussion around a possible referendum including preliminary internal and external data and information, planning and timelines.

Recommendation: Receive the information and engage in discussion.

Desired Outcomes from the Board: Understand the Board's interest in beginning the process to compile documents for a review and comment submission to the Department of Education and preparation of potential ballot language for a future election.

Attachment(s): Key Dates related to possible referendum

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Key Dates related to possible referendum.

Item	Nov 3, 2026 Election	Feb 9, 2027 Election	Apr 13, 2027 Election	May 11, 2027 Election
Submit Review & Comment materials to MDE (Board approval required)	Jun 16, 2026	Sep 22, 2026	Nov 24, 2026	Dec 22, 2026
Adopt Resolution Calling the Election (≥84 days prior)	Aug 11, 2026	Nov 17, 2026	Jan 19, 2027	Feb 16, 2027
Receive MDE Review & Comment (target)	Sep 4, 2026	Dec 11, 2026	Feb 12, 2027	Mar 12, 2027
Board public meeting on MDE response (prior to election)	Aug 25, 2026	Dec 1, 2026	Feb 2, 2027	Mar 2, 2027
Publish Review & Comment (48–70 days prior)	Sep 16, 2026	Dec 23, 2026	Feb 24, 2027	Mar 24, 2027
Election Date	Nov 3, 2026	Feb 9, 2027	Apr 13, 2027	May 11, 2027

III.B.	Superintendent Onboarding	**Speaker(s):** Erica Allenburg and Karen Gabler, Board Members

Board Retreat: 3/24/26

Title: Superintendent Onboarding

Type: Discussion

Description: With the official hiring of Dr. Daniel Bittman as Edina Public Schools Superintendent, this discussion will provide the opportunity for the entire board and superintendent to collaboratively discuss expectations, answer any role questions and ensure common understanding of the overall goals and direction of the district.

Strategic Plan Alignment: Strategy D: Develop Leadership Throughout the District:
Edina Public Schools continuously develops innovative, committed, and exemplary leadership at all levels and from all constituencies, students and adults.

Outcomes Desired:

1. The Board and Superintendent will articulate what success looks like, both from a broad district standpoint and with Board and Superintendent operations and relationships.
2. The Board has the opportunity to share its expertise around district culture, context, and expectations. The Superintendent has the opportunity to share his expertise as an experienced superintendent in the areas of operations, culture, and the Board/Superintendent relationship.
3. The Board and Superintendent reach consensus on expectations for Superintendent-to-Board and Board-to-Superintendent communication protocol for:
    a. Updates from the Superintendent,
    b. Board questions or elevating a concern,
    c. Presentations to the Board at work sessions and regular meetings

Attachment: Board Norms

IV. **Leadership and Committee Updates**

V. **Superintendent Updates**

VI. **Adjournment**