



**White Bear Lake Area Schools  
School Board Meeting Highlights  
October 28, 2019  
Work-Study Meeting**

At the October 28, 2019 Work-Study Meeting of the White Bear Lake Area School Board, the following items were presented and discussed:

1. **North Homes Mental Health Partnership with Birch Lake Elementary.** Student Support Services staff members Trevor Putnam and Jill Tessman provided an overview of a new social-emotional learning (SEL) initiative through which White Bear Lake Area Schools is partnering with North Homes Children and Family Services to provide mental health services at Birch Lake Elementary (BLE), with the intent to expand this model of mental health services to other schools in the future.

See the presentation [here](#).

2. **Elementary and Middle School Literacy Update.** District leaders were joined by elementary and middle school principals and teachers to provide a literacy update. The team discussed the compelling purpose for explicit and systematic literacy instruction and the connected and supportive system of literacy professional development.

See the presentation [here](#).

3. **Bond Referendum Update.** Superintendent Wayne Kazmierczak and Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Tim Wald provided an update on the district's upcoming Building Bond Referendum.

See the presentation [here](#).

See the Bond Referendum page of the district website [here](#).

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