

Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year!



Dear School District Families,

Welcome back as we prepare to embark on another exciting school year of learning, growth, and discovery!

This year promises to be filled with new opportunities, challenges, and achievements. Our dedicated team of educators has been working hard to prepare a supportive and stimulating environment where every student can thrive. Although classes are still over a month away, we have several important reminders and updates to share with you.

Registration Days: Join us on August 7 and 8 at the high school to update student information, complete important forms, register for activities, and address questions related to transportation, food services, nursing, and more. Times are:

- 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on August 7
- 12:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. on August 8.

Changes to the First Day of School for Elementary Students: We're introducing a new format this year:

- **Tuesday, September 3: An open house for all preschool through Grade 5 students. You can sign up for a time slot during Registration Days.**
- Only Grade 6 and Grade 9 students will attend classes on September 3, with transportation provided.
- Wednesday, September 4: Marks the official first day of school for all students district-wide.

Building and Program Changes:

- Lincoln and Lindbergh Elementary Schools: Lincoln now serves Preschool-Grade 2, and Lindbergh serves Grades 3-5.
- Continuing Education Center (CEC) has moved to the high school.
- District Office, including the superintendent, HR, business office, technology staff, and Community Services, has relocated to the former CEC building on Riverwood Drive.
- The main office at the high school is now conveniently located at the main entrance, Door #1.

Ongoing Projects:

- The construction of the 'Little Flyers' childcare center is well underway. It is expected to be completed in December and open in Spring 2025. More details will follow.

Staff Updates:

- Many changes have occurred in our elementary staff assignments this year. An updated teacher roster will be available for your reference on our website.

Activities:

- The Annual Fall Activities Meeting will be held Monday, August 5, at 7:00 p.m. at the high school
- Recently, the district approved increasing activity fees for middle and high school students. As you register for activities this year, you'll notice these changes, which align our fees with those of other districts and ensure that we can maintain the same quality of programming.

We understand that these fee increases might pose challenges for some families. If you are experiencing any hardship due to these changes, please do not hesitate to contact our activities office.

Communication:

- Stay connected with us through our school website, newsletters, and social media channels. We encourage open communication and are here to support both students and parents throughout the year.

Over the past two years, our district has made significant budget cuts, reducing our overall spending by nearly \$3 million. The structural and programmatic changes we've outlined above are part of our efforts to adapt resourcefully while continuing to fulfill the needs of our students and families.

As we step into this transformative period, we look forward to another productive year and are excited to support the academic and personal growth of your child.

Thank you once again for choosing our school district.

Sincerely,

Greg Johnson
Superintendent