

School Board seats on Nov. 5 ballot

Three seats on the PLSAS School Board are up for election in the General Election on November 5. The elected members will serve four-year terms from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2028. The candidates for the PLSAS School Board are:

Anna Brynteson
Mary Frantz
Charles Johnson
Gail Lewis-Miller
Jessica Mason
Adam Tlusty



For more information about the School Board Election, including a recording of the School Board Candidate Forum sponsored by the Prior Lake Chamber of Commerce, visit www.plsas.org/election or scan the code.

School Board appoints new Director



Dan White
School Board Director

On September 23, the School Board held a Special Session to appoint a new Board Director, following the resignation of Director Enrique Velázquez. The Board unanimously passed a resolution appointing Dan White to fill the vacancy. White will serve for the remainder of Director Velázquez's term until a Special Election is held in 2025.

White previously served on the School Board from 1994 to 2005. He was also appointed by a former Board to fill a vacated seat in 2010. White was re-

-elected again to serve from 2012 to 2016. He will be sworn in during the Board's October 28, 2024 meeting.

During the candidacy filing period, which lasted from September 10 to September 16, fourteen applicants submitted their names for consideration to fill the vacant seat.

Director Velázquez submitted his resignation effective September 13, 2024. He has been a dedicated member of the PLSAS School Board since 2019. We extend our thanks to him for his years of service and commitment to our district.

Success • Support • Safety



On November 5, PLSAS will have an operating levy proposal on the ballot. Operating levies provide funding for the district's daily operational expenses, covering the shortfall between state and federal funding and the expectations expressed by many in our community. Our proposal isn't just about maintaining what we have; it's about expanding opportunities in line with our strategic priorities. The proposal focuses on three key pillars: **success, support and safety**.

To ensure **SUCCESS**, we plan to...

- Introduce **teaching specialists** in every building to collaborate closely with teachers, enhancing academic rigor while addressing the unique needs of each student.
- Add staff to our **Spanish Immersion program** to help ensure consistency and alignment across all grade levels, enhancing the overall learning experience.
- Expand career pathway programs, like **MN Center for Advanced Professional Studies**, to meet student demand by increasing capacity and strengthening local business partnerships for hands-on experience.
- **Maintain class sizes** to help focus on each student's individual needs.

To ensure **SUPPORT**, we plan to...

- Expand behavior intervention support by adding **school counselors** at the elementary level. Prior Lake High School will also gain an additional counselor to align with staffing levels at the middle schools.
- Hire more **school psychologists** to address both academic and behavioral needs across the district.

To ensure **SAFETY**, we plan to...

- With additional levy dollars, we would update classroom **door locks** for quick emergency locking, install additional **surveillance cameras** and add **security film** to entrance windows.
- At Prior Lake High School, we would construct a more **secure lower-level entrance** to enhance the overall safety of the school.

Oversight Committee

If approved, the district will establish a Referendum Oversight Committee tasked with monitoring the implementation of levy measures.

Tax impact

The proposal will ask voters to revoke the district's existing levy of \$623.97 per student and replace it with a new levy of \$1,803 per student with an inflationary factor. Based on enrollment projections, the new levy will provide approximately \$10.8 million additional dollars for the first year with an inflationary factor included for years 2-10. The tax impact on a \$445,500 home will be an additional \$45 per month.

Voting information

Polls will be open from **7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day, November 5**. Polling locations are based on where you live. **Early voting is underway now**. Call 952-226-0010 with any voting questions or visit mnvotes.org

Learn more

Visit: www.plsas.org/referendum **Email:** input@plsas.org **Call:** 952-226-0814


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Savage, MN

Information Night



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Visit www.priorlakesavagece.com or call 952-226-0310 for more information and to register for upcoming classes and events.

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Ages 5-12 with an Adult

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22
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\$49/Adult & 1 Child
\$78/Adult & 2 Children
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More Information & Register:
www.priorlakesavagece.com

Prior Lake-Savage Community Ed and City of Prior Lake Presents

3.21 FUN!
A CELEBRATION FOR WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY

FRIDAY, MARCH 21
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Games, Prizes, Crafts, Music, Face Painting and More!

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Prevention Starts with All

Instructor: Chris Herren
Tuesday, November 19, 7:00-8:30
Twin Oaks Middle School Auditorium
Free event, register at www.priorlakesavagece.com

Hear former pro basketball player and motivational speaker Chris Herren share his recovery journey from addiction. He has spoken to over two million people, sparking conversations on substance use and wellness. Chris now focuses on prevention education, challenging us to rethink how we look at the disease of addiction – changing the focus from the last day to the first.



Dr. Michael Thomas
Superintendent

Empowering student success

One of the key insights we heard from our community meetings during the strategic planning process was the desire for students to receive relevant, engaging instruction that helps them develop the essential skills they need to be successful.

This commitment to academic excellence remains a central priority in our strategic plan and we are dedicated to continuing to fulfill this promise.

Recently, Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools (PLSAS) partnered with several other districts as part of a Changemaker Hub event for over a hundred high school students. The day was designed for districts to engage in a student-centered approach to vision the future of education and what the school experience should be. I was blown away by the conversations I was a part of, to hear from our students what their current experiences in high school are juxtaposed to what they strongly desire.

Students know what they need and they tell us everyday. During the Changemaker Hub we learned that for many students, what matters is to build stronger, more collaborative relationships with adults at school, have more flexible learning environments and for us to prepare them for real-world encounters they will need to thrive in this complex world.

The event provided an opportunity to uplift the voices of our students to declare what matters most to their success and how the adult ecosystem can be more responsive to their needs. It's just one way we can begin to design together, listen to multiple perspectives and lived experiences, and shape youth-led solutions to challenges facing education and even our world.

I believe one of the reasons our MN Center for Advanced Professional Studies (MNCAPS) program is so successful and popular is because students get to realize their strengths and passions by exploring and experiencing potential professions. They are immersed in real-world, project-based learning through collaborations with business and community partners. These interactions enhance the learning experience, preparing students for college and career.

The district's goal is to sustain and enhance academic programs that support student success. As part of the November 5th operating levy proposal, we seek financial stability to expand student offerings aligned with our Strategic Plan. A key priority is the growth of the MNCAPS program, which will meet the increasing student demand for real-world, hands-on learning by expanding space and strengthening business partnerships. You can learn more at www.plsas.org/referendum At the heart of our mission is a commitment to inspire and empower every student to reach their full potential. Together, through thoughtful collaboration and listening to our students, we can shape an educational experience that equips all students to thrive in an ever-changing world.



Sample Ballot

On November 5, 2024, Prior Lake-Savage Area School district residents will be asked to vote on an operating levy proposal that will bolster the district's financial stability, maintain what we have and allow us to invest in academics and safety.

A referendum is a vote on a proposal, in this case, an operating levy that would generate revenue to strengthen our district's financial stability, maintain current resources, and invest in academics and safety, as outlined in our community-informed Strategic Plan.

PLSAS' current operating levy is one of the lowest in the area, which means our district has less money than neighboring districts to operate our schools and provide competitive programming for students.

School District Question
Revoking Existing Referendum Revenue Authorization; Approving New Authorization

The board of Independent School District No. 719 (Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools), Minnesota has proposed to revoke the School District's existing referendum revenue authorization of \$623.97 per pupil and replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$1,803 per pupil, subject to an annual increase at the rate of inflation. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would be first levied in 2024 for taxes payable in 2025 and applicable for ten (10) years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.

YES Shall the revocation of the existing referendum authorization and the new authorization proposed by the Board of Independent School District No. 719 (Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools), Minnesota be approved?

NO

BY VOTING "YES" ON THIS BALLOT QUESTION, YOU ARE VOTING FOR A PROPERTY TAX INCREASE

The previous levy would be revoked, or taken away, and a new levy would replace it. In this case, the question asks voters to revoke the current \$623.97 per student levy authorization and replace it with a new levy of \$1,803 per student, with an inflationary factor included for years 2-10.

The additional funds may be used to improve student performance, increase staffing for behavior intervention and student support, expand career pathway programs, and strengthen safety and security at all schools.

If voters do not approve this levy request, we will implement more budget cuts that may include closing schools, increasing class sizes, reducing staff, cutting programs and more.

The estimated tax impact would be \$45 per month for the average home owner (\$450,500 median home value).

Voting information

- Polls are open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Nov. 5.
- Your polling location is based on where you live.
- Find your polling place at mnvotes.org
- Early voting is underway.

Learn more

- Visit: www.plsas.org/referendum
- Email: input@plsas.org
- Call: 952-226-0814

Vote early in person

- All Scott County voters can vote absentee at Scott County Public Works, 600 Country Trail E, Jordan, MN 55352.
- City residents may vote at their local City Hall.
- Township voters must vote at Scott County Public Works; Spring Lake Township voters may also vote at Prior Lake City Hall.
- For more details, visit: www.scottcountymn.gov/elections

Did you know? You can view a draft line item levy funding example at www.plsas.org/referendum, which will be finalized by a Referendum Oversight Committee, pending voter approval of the levy.



School Board Scholars

To be a School Board Scholar, a Prior Lake High School student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.8 or higher. Congratulations to our 534 School Board Scholars for 2024-25!

Grade 10

Sumaya Abdurahman
Jonni Anderson
Fiona Anttila
Omotoke Ashiru-Balogun
Kylie Asleson
Khalid Ayour
Laura Bauer
Ava Bildeaux
Cesar Blas
Kaylee Beachler
Madelyn Beaulieu
Syena Bereket
Megan Berg
Willow Blotske
Griffin Boehmer
Eleanor Boeshans
Avery Brett
Lindsey Brown
Ava Brynteson
Izryel Butler
Nolan Capelle
Tyler Carlson
Ariana Ceraceanu
Peyton Chambers
Jonathan Chea
Lydia Chesley
Charlotte Clark
Austin Cleghorn
Brandon Click
Wyatt Cogswell
Sydney Cook
Ryah Cotton
Inga Craig
Micaella Creager
Raquel Crespo
Lola Dahlback
Jasmine Dang
Savannah Dawson
Rowyn Dehkes
Era Deshpande
Lev Dikarev
Katie Dinh
Kallie Disrud
James Ditch
Rachel Domagalski
Elizabeth Dombek
Jenny Douangchanh
Claretta Draine
Katelyn Edgar
Maya Edwardy
Mekelit Erdillo
Arriana Erickson
Austin Fagan
Isis Faulk
Audrey Feraru
Jordan Fier
Brady Fisher
Drew Follingstad
Luke Forster
Jack Frenzel
Arabella Fritzen
Charley Gardiner
Bennett Gerrish
Wyatt Gillis
Lyvia Githinji
Isabella Goetsch
Lukas Grabow
Adam Graham
Addison Greenfield
Thomas Grove
Megan Haas
Lauren Happe
Klarissa Harris
Kevin Hauck
Emma Haycraft
Kaela Haycraft
Taliyah Hedges
Addison Heinicke
Chance Heinz
John Hess
Lucas Hilzendeger
Thaddeus Hoang
Heath Hokanson
Delaney Holz
Lily Hopkins
Carly Hover
Najma Jamal
Julia Janasko

Abby Jerdee
Abby Johnson
Payton Johnson
Abby Jongeling
Ayden Joynooaeng
Olivia Judd
Adrian Kaso
Brody Killoran
Heidi Klaverkamp
Sophia Koch
David Kockelman
Kenzie Kocon
Hope Kuehn
Wesley Kuhn
Karen Lam
Kayla Le
Jayden Lehrer
Julia Leonard
Nora Lewison
Gavin Lind
Trevor Lobitz
Anna Loffhagen
Kaylen Long
Ryan Lyle
Camila Macias
Ifra Malik
Lillian Malmberg
Ashwin Mandal
Michael Martyn
Megan Maslowski
Alexander Matic
Gideon Maurer
Jade Mawing
Liam McCabe
Grace Mcconaghy
Elizabeth Mccroskey
Elijah McDonald
Nola McRaith
Natalie McRoberts
Carter Meyeraan
Davis Mezyk
Sadie Mezyk
Henry Michaelson
Ellie Moehring
Jordyn Nevin
Tiana Nguyen
Ella Nissen
Jackson Noble
Maeve O'Halloran
Jaxon Okerstrom
Azara Olson
Elise Ommen
Josie Petschl
Kaitlyn Pfingsten
Carter Poser
Brody Power
Alia Priebe
Nicholas Rafat
Cole Reinsbach
Mckenzie Richardson
Kiera Ring
Finnegan Ross
Kaley Ruotsinoja
Nicholas Russell
Nari Schillinger
Ashlyn Schirmers
Anikah Schmidt
Ella Schmit
Anika Schrier
Natalie Tilkes
Viktoryia Tkachuk
Tanay Tondapu
Ethan Totten
Caden Tushie
Kara Sengsouriya
Addison Seurer
Samantha Shannon
Maymuna Sharifmahad
Adrienne Shurts
Addison Sikkink
Grace Smith
Brynn Solem
Mary Sophea
Lyla Sovell
Olivia Specht
Anastasia Stanton
Honora Stanton
Cameron Stout
Taylor Sweet
Devon Swenson

Leighton Tacheny
Carys Taylor
Addison Terwey
Jackson Tetzlaff
Trey Theis
Rachel Vander Syde
Addison Vierow
Mason Velazquez
Caitlyn Weinberger
Paige Wenkus
Emerson White
Ava Wirtz
Brynna Wise
Lauren Wolf
Christopher Worm
Collin Worrell
Sarah Youssef
Molly Zack
Abigail Zbikowski
Ellen Zhdankin
Kylie Zwart

Grade 11

Isaac Abdi
Ava Anderson
Emma Anderson
Nosim Anokye-Agyei
Ella Arbach
Sophi Baccam
Madelynn Banas
Addison Barbo
Brady Bartel
Alexis Bast
Hunter Bastyr
Samuel Berg
Summer Blankmeyer
Owen Beaudette
Lauren Belair
Joseph Benson
Taylor Benson
Ryan Block
Logyn Bottemiller
Cole Brinkman
Drew Brinkman
Samuel Britton
Grace Brown
Arina Bruslvtseva
Benjamin Buettner
Sidney Burley
Talia Bushman
Jonas Cappiello
Sophie Cappiello
Samantha Carlton
Isabella Cavallaro
Samantha Chai
Meredith Clemens
Annabella Dang
Jasmine Dang
Andrew Dauer
Haydee Delgado
Gabrial Depauw
Anastasia Dombek
Chase Douglas
Maia Drolia
Olivia Drumm
Madilyn Duch
Jaymin Eischens
Amelia Erickson
Carley Eschenbach
Katie Fabro
Madeline Ferreras
Lu Gabrio
Matthew Gagliardi
Grace Galbus
Joseph Gannon
Iris Garay
Gianna Gartner
Sara Gastony
Hannah Gednalski
Ada Joy Gerhardt
Tarun Gopi
Logan Graham
Addison Gravelle
Lukas Grayson
Colten Gunderson
Hailey Haferman
Lance Hallstrom
Caden Hamilton
Rishi Hari
Sophia Hauser

Madeline Heidemann
Jake Heinrich
Taylor Hendrickson
Samantha Herbst
Jack Herendeen
Lindsay Higgins
Ethan Hoang
Zachary Hockford
Bennett Holloway
Chase Indihar
Layne Irvine
Kaitlyn Jenc
Woeser Jenpa
Boden Johnson
Joshua Johnson
Amelia Joswiak
Teagan Jurek
Noah Kalipe
Siddharth Kallam
Aidan Klinkhammer
Joshua Klinkhammer
Jackson Koenig
Darina Kosolapova
Sadie Kronmiller
Breana Krueger
Courtney Krueger
Bennett Legg
Corinne Lehnert
Olivia Lesch
Jenna Lewison
Abbielle Lindaman
Grace Literski
Enzo Lomagno
Isabella Lunn
Chase Mackinnon
Lindsey Madsen
Mckenna Maershecker
Natalie Mahowald
Ryan Mai
Ethan Mathew
Samantha Mattson
Sydney Mattson
Samantha McDonald
Madelyn McHenry
Annika Meyer
Mohamed Musse
Sean Nadeau
Jolene Nguyen
Khanh Nguyen
Ciera Olinger
Miles Olson
Obioma Osuji
Grayson Pederson
Addison Petschl
Vivathana Pho
Madison Pickenpack
Claire Postle
Nikita Quan
Dylan Raveling
Malin Ray
Srilakshmi Reddy
Charles Reese
Brayden Reimers
Isabelle Reinders
Amelia Roberts
Nyah Roquet
Grace Rull
Gavin Ruprecht
Camden Salmela
Nolan Schroeder
Ava Schultz
Bryson Schumacher
Nicholas Selle
Bridgette Selmer
Wyatt Stack
Mataya Smith
Paige Soderberg
Chloe Soundara
Owen Souphaphan
Luella Stangler
Sofia Suarez
Elizabeth Sundberg
Makenzie Sutter
Rachel Thibault
Morgan Thompson
Aubrey Thoms
Alexsys Treat
Addison Trice
Owen Trondson
Amanda Trudeau

Clara Tutty
Supriya Upadhyay
Lydia Van Leeuwen
Samhitha Venkata
Lauren Wiese
Noah Wagner
Anna Wang
Ian Wang
Paige Watkins
Katherine Weaver
Denari Wilson
Abigail Wood
Rachel Woodson
Jack Worrell
Sydney Woyak
Kaia Wozney
Eve Wylde
Hudson Young
Kendall Young
Sadiya Yusuf
Olivia Zirbel
Trevor Zwart

Grade 12

Edna Adan
Anfac Aden
Lukas Aidas
Cecilia Albrecht
Ubah Ali
Kathryn Anderson
Megan Anderson
Jonah Baker
Talia Baldzicki
Sophia Basile
Brooke Baum
Ava Beaton
Alexa Belair
Rory Belmont
Alexa Bianchi-Rossi
Makenzie Bounds
Owen Bredeson
Calvin Capelle
Lucas Carlson
Maya Carney
Peyton Cauley
Ashlyn Chant
Eden Chapman
Youngseok Choi
Kelly Christensen
Addelay Christianson
Reese Cochenour
Ellie Coghlan
James Conley
Danielle Cook
Delaney Dahl
Alaina Daniel
Rylie Derusha
Nora Dileva
Anne Draine
Carter Dubore
Jasmine Duhadway
Sydney Ebert
Levi Eiter
Mackenzie Elasky
Bella Elert
Annika Evenson
Emerson Field
Keegan Flynn
Mara Fontana
Emily Forster
Nissa Frantz
Olivia Gallivan
Autumn Gallus
Natalia Garcia-Carlos
Adam Greengrass
Margaret Griffin
Abigail Grove
Leah Guetter
Derek Gust
Brady Hallberg
Keira Hanson
Reese Haycraft
Parker Healy
Jude Heide
Abigail Heil
Hannah Helberg
Samuel Holm
Bree Holmes
Monica Humphrey
Helena Ikiemi

Sundus Issa
Dhruv Japa
Brianna Jenkins
Norbu Jenpa
Lena Johnson
Mia Johnson
Sophia Jongeling
Sydney Kashmark
Alicia Keil
Jeremy Kes
Allie Ketelsen
Philip Khomyakov
Nazariy Kishchun
Alexis Klema
Danika Klimova
Hana Ko
Grace Koch
Natalie Kuboushek
Sarah Langridge
Megan Larson
Briana Lebaron
Kaitlyn LeClair
Shelby Lerum
Gabrielle Littman
Jett Loechler
Grace Lofald
Maxwell Lonergan
Sophia Lukashev
Peter Maes
Adaline Maiwurm
Brooke Marquardt
Annabel McCann
Joseph McCauley
Jessica McConnell
Conor McCrave
Leah Mcculloch
Amanda McRoberts
Isabelle Meilach
Gavin Michels
Prestyn Micklo
Katelyn Moeller
Sabirin Mohamud
Kennedy Murton
Elodie Nemeth
Nancy Nguyen
Nghi Nguyen
Jack Nicolet
Griffin Noble
Matthew Ondracek
Ashley Parra Laurence
Joshua Pascanik
Alexander Pearson
Broden Percival
Alexandra Peterson
Hannah Pfankuch
Anh Pham
Natalie Quan
Sanjana Raveendranath
Morgan Richardson
Arianna Roopnarine
Jason Rusch
Benjamin Sandoval
Madeline Sazama
Jo Schoemer
Elizabeth Shurts
Isabel Smith
Kale Solem
Mallory Stack
Sadie Stimmler
Kayla Telshaw
Ava Thomas
Gabrielle Thompson
Brooklynne Thorson
Anna Trachsel
Ian Tran
Connor Tschepen
Elli Tufto
Gabriella Tupy
Alexandra Ver Meer
Michael Walz
Maiya Warner
Mackenzie Watkins
Joseph Welch
Emersyn Wilson
Rowan Wilson
Cade Wozney
Isabella Wright
Devin Zender
Samantha Zerwas
Harry Zheng

State of the District

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools' Superintendent, Dr. Michael Thomas delivered his annual State of the District presentation on September 25 where he shared updates on learning achievement, district finances, student successes and more. To view a recording of the meeting, visit www.plsas.org/event

Public notices are available online

Due to the dissolution of our local newspapers, Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools' Public Notices are now available on our website for your convenience. You can access them at www.plsas.org/publicnotices

In addition to being available online, these notices are also posted at the Prior Lake and Savage Libraries.

- Public Notices include but are not limited to:
- School Board Agendas
 - School Board Minutes
 - Election Notices and Resolutions
 - Advertisements for Bids

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The Laker Hall of Fame



Left to right: Sydney Smythe (O'Keefe), Tony Doherty, Matt Arends, Rebecca Radcliffe (Accepting on behalf of Chloe Radcliffe), Chris Fleck, Kiel Wuellner, Debra Sunderman

The Laker Hall of Fame inducted the Class of 2024 on Homecoming weekend. The inductees were announced and honored at the Homecoming football game and were officially inducted into the Hall of Fame at an awards dinner. It was a wonderful opportunity to honor the achievements of so many PLSAS alumni and celebrate their contributions.

1970 Football Team - Team of Distinction



Top row (left to right): Brent Johnson, Jim Stark, Bruce Smith, Steve Carlson, Joe Feldman, Terry McKinley. Bottom row (left to right): Grant Schroeder, Tom Borgerding, Mike Blumberg, Wayne Vaughan, Coach Darwin Busselman

The Laker Educational Foundation

The Laker Educational Foundation (LEF) invites the community to join in the fun while making a difference in education. For more details on all events, visit www.lakereducationalfoundation.com

The Festival to Celebrate Community

Saturday, November 9th at Prior Lake High School

Stop by the LEF table to discover the exciting grants LEF funded in 2024.

Sip + Support

Thursday, November 14th (location to be announced)

Partake in a uniquely crafted tasting menu and silent auction. All proceeds will support our grant program for PLSAS students.

Wrap It Up and Relax

Sunday, December 1 at Rhino Wine Bar

Let LEF's Christmas helpers wrap up all of your holiday gifts!

Connect with your local schools

Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools is pleased to offer free activity passes to residents in the community age 55 and older to attend most home events. This includes any home sporting events and other special events with a few exceptions such as the Fall Musical, Celebrate Concert, section/state games and any school-produced plays. Passes for the 2024-25 school year can be picked up at the District Services Center, 4540 Tower Street SE, Prior Lake, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Call 952-226-0000 for more details.

E-STEM Day



Students at La ola del lago at Grainwood and Redtail Ridge had a fantastic day of learning during their fall E-STEM Day earlier this month. E-STEM stands for Environmental Education, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Students explored a variety of topics including Water Pond Studies, Reptiles and Amphibians, Weather, Seed Dispersal, Bird Naturalists and an Earth Worm Study. Other PLSAS schools hold E-STEM Day in the spring.

MNCAPS students build career skills



Last month MN Center for Advanced Professional Studies (MNCAPS) students took part in an impactful HR Day designed to prepare them for career opportunities. This event featured mock interviews where students met with volunteers from various professional backgrounds. These interviews provided valuable feedback, helping students hone their interview skills and build their confidence as they prepare for real-world career experiences. Students also had headshots taken to help build their resumes and LinkedIn profiles.

Are you new to the district?



Welcome to Prior Lake-Savage Area Schools!

If you have school-age children, you can enroll them online at www.plsas.org/enroll or visit the District Services Center, 4540 Tower Street SE in Prior Lake.

For more information, call 952-226-0000. We look forward to welcoming your child into our school district as a Laker!

Become a Laker!
Enroll today at www.plsas.org/enroll



See a show



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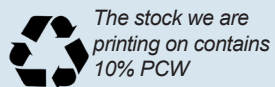
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Our Vision:

A world-class district centered on students, driven by results

Our Mission:

Inspire and empower each student to reach their full potential

About this Newsletter

For questions or comments regarding *Laker Connections*, contact Kristi Mussman, Director of Communications, kmussman@plsas.org or 952-226-0014

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*To be sworn in Oct. 28, 2024