

Andover Board of Education Notes
Oct. 14, 2024

Good News: The Board recognized the district's two National Merit Finalists for the 2024-25 school year. Alex Cozine of Andover Central High School and Tate Hutchinson of Andover High School scored in the top 1 percent of students who took the PSAT/NMSQT as juniors last year.

The Board also recognized Lexie Bullinger, fourth-grade teacher at Robert Martin Elementary School, who was named the district's Horizon Award nominee for the 2024-25 school year. The Horizon Award honors the 32 best second-year teachers in the state.

Spotlight on Learning: Jill Lachenmayr, assistant superintendent for academic affairs, and Stacey Ryan, instructional coach, gave a report on the [district's mentoring program](#) that supports teachers in their first two years in education.

Neighborhood Revitalization Plan: Jenni McCausland, city administrator for Andover, presented about the proposed 2025-27 [Neighborhood Revitalization Plan](#). The plan would rebate 45 percent of taxes for new residential projects, and 95 percent of taxes for residential and non-residential remodels, as well as non-residential new construction, for five years. The Board is scheduled to vote on the plan in November.

Proposed calendars: Jeremy Boldra, assistant superintendent for human resources, presented proposed [2025-26](#) and [2026-27](#) academic calendars. The calendars were created after recommendations were made by the Calendar Committee, which was established during negotiations with the Andover Education Association. The Board is scheduled to take action on the calendars at its Nov. 11 meeting.

Superintendent's Report: Supt. Brett White reported that Andover schools ranked high on recently released Niche.com rankings. He also said the Superintendent's Organizational Report has been submitted to the Kansas State Department of Education.