



White Bear Lake Area Schools School Board Meeting Highlights October 28, 2024 Work Session

At the October 28, 2024 Work Session of the School Board, the following items were presented and acted upon:

1. **White Bear Lake Area High School Update.** Dr. Alison Gillespie, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, and Russ Reetz, Principal of White Bear Lake Area High School, gave an update on White Bear Lake Area High School.

See the presentation [here](#).

2. **Lakeaires Elementary Update.** Dr. Alison Gillespie, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, and Cary Krusemark, Principal of Lakeaires Elementary gave an update on Lakeaires Elementary School.

See the presentation [here](#).

3. **Elementary Immersion Program Update.** Several district and building leaders shared information supporting the recommendation to start a Spanish dual immersion program in White Bear Lake Area Schools in the fall of 2025. A steering committee was formed in the spring of 2024 to establish the framework, determine key parameters, guide stakeholder engagement efforts, and help inform the final recommendation that was made to the School Board late in the meeting.

See the presentation [here](#).

4. **Action on Elementary Immersion Program.** The School Board approved a Spanish Dual Language Immersion program in White Bear Lake Area Schools to be offered at Otter Lake Elementary and Matoska International Elementary beginning with the 2025-2026 school year.

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