

St. Louis Park Public Schools Newsletter

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- SLP earns Best School from Sun Sailor's Readers' Choice Awards
- Construction updates
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Winter 2025



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Where students are seen and valued, empowering them to become their best selves as racially conscious, globally minded contributors to society.

[Read more at slpschools.org](https://slpschools.org)

Complete the Strategic Plan Survey!

Your input shapes the future of our schools. Take the survey to ensure decisions reflect the needs of our community. Here's why your voice matters:

- **Shape our future:** Your feedback directly influences decisions that impact students, staff, and the entire school community.
- **Make your voice heard:** This is your opportunity to share your thoughts, concerns and ideas to help improve our schools.
- **Drive meaningful change:** The insights gathered from the survey guide strategic planning, ensuring that policies and programs align with the needs of our students and families.

Take the survey and sign up for virtual office hours to talk about the strategic plan: slpschools.org/strategicplan.

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Making Every Effort Count

A note from Superintendent Dr. Carlondrea Hines



At St. Louis Park Public Schools there is nothing more important than inspiring and empowering **each** of our students to succeed, and we center this belief when making our decisions.

Throughout my first half of the year as superintendent, I have seen the brilliance of our school community, while also observing opportunities for us to do better. I see these opportunities as a way for us to reassess our path forward.

This year, we are developing our strategic plan for 2025-30. The new plan will build off the past strategic plan work to accelerate student academic achievement. Simultaneously, we also find ourselves in a position to address budget reductions. This poses some challenges, but we will redefine what's possible with the resources available.

As a part of the budget review process, we have taken in a considerable amount of community feedback, which has led me to make some initial decisions. We are adjusting district administration, reevaluating support roles, and looking at ways to provide internal professional development opportunities for staff. I look forward to sharing more information in the coming months. You can find out more at slpschools.org/budget.

Additionally, we want to hear from all members of our community. Please use the QR code on the back to take the strategic plan survey.

2024 Lighthouse Award Recipient

Superintendent Dr. Carlondrea Hines received the Minnesota School Board Directors of Color and Indigenous (MNSBDOCI) Fellowship!

The Brilliance of Each Learner



Presenting Elder Wisdom Children's Song at the Minnesota Music Educators Association Convention

5th grade students will have the chance to perform their songs live, allowing participants to see and hear the results firsthand! David Davis, Music Teacher at Park Spanish Immersion Elementary, and Kim Wieber, Talent Development Teacher, are honored to present Elders' Wisdom, Children's Song project at the Minnesota Music Educators Association (MMEA) Convention.

SLP Hosted First-Ever SAPPHIRE Middle School Quiz Bowl Tournament

On Saturday, January 18, St. Louis Park Middle School hosted its inaugural SAPPHIRE Middle School Quiz Bowl Tournament (Students At Park Performing High Intel Recall Exercises), sanctioned by the National Academic Quiz Tournaments (NAQT).

This exciting event brought together 24 teams from 10 middle schools to compete in a fast-paced game of knowledge and strategy.

Two of our own St. Louis Park teams advanced to the playoff rounds and made us very proud!

College Readiness & Academic Achievement

Concurrent College Enrollment is Worth Every Penny!

83% of St. Louis Park High School students earned a 'C' or better, saving over \$40,000 in college credit costs.

St. Louis Park High School Graduate Siham Mohamed Reflects on CNA Program's Impact

Siham Mohamed, a recent graduate of St. Louis Park High School, is already making strides toward her future in healthcare.

Thanks to the Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) program, a part of concurrent college enrollment, Siham became more prepared to pursue her ambitions as a licensed counselor or therapist.

Siham is a shining example of the opportunities concurrent college enrollment provides to students at St. Louis Park High School—preparing them not only for their careers but for success in life.

"I didn't ever think that a class at school could give me a head start in the healthcare industry."



Unlock your student's brilliance! Enroll today: slpschools.org/enrollment