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SUMMER 2025

AROUND MINNETONKA

NEWS FROM MINNETONKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS



CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2025!

On Thursday, June 5, members of the 72nd graduating class of Minnetonka High School, together with family, friends, teachers and school staff members, celebrated their commencement at US Bank Stadium.

"When I think about what we hope for each student who crosses this stage, it's simple yet powerful—that you've had the chance to explore what interests you, that you've found sparks of curiosity, purpose and even passion, and that somewhere in your journey, you've been invited to build community, to serve others and maybe even to lead," said Superintendent David Law in his address.

The Class of 2025 heard remarks from student speaker Tobias Thomasson, who reflected on the meaning of "forever" and encouraged his classmates to relish the present while striving to challenge themselves in the years ahead. "I've seen what we can create when we work together on a common goal, and I've seen what comes when we unite ourselves out of clashing desires. I choose working together every time," said Thomasson. "We've collectively made a community of passion, of service, of love and respect."

For more details, photos and videos from Commencement, visit the Minnetonka Public Schools website: MinnetonkaSchools.org



DISTRICT CALENDAR

JULY 2025

- 4.....District Offices Closed, Independence Day
- 12.....Minnewashta Mud Run

AUGUST 2025

- 2.....Tour de Tonka, learn more at MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org
- 14.....School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., DSC
- 21.....School Board Study Session, 6 p.m., DSC

SEPTEMBER 2025

- 1.....District Offices Closed, Labor Day
- 2.....School Begins, Grades 1-12+
- 2-3.....Kindergarten Assessments
- 4.....First Day of Kindergarten
- 4.....School Board Regular Meeting, 7 p.m., DSC
- 25.....School Board Study Session, 6 p.m., DSC
- 26.....Homecoming Parade and Football Game
- 27.....Alumni Awards Program and Brunch



Tour de Tonka is Saturday, August 2! Be part of the fun as a rider or volunteer. Learn more and register at MinnetonkaCommunityEd.org.

Find upcoming calendar events, District updates and feature stories online at MinnetonkaSchools.org



Minnetonka Public Schools Announces BUILDING BOND REFERENDUM FOR NOVEMBER 2025 ELECTION



The Minnetonka School Board has unanimously voted to put forth a referendum in November asking voters to consider an \$85M Building Bond. It has been 29 years since the school district last presented residents with a building bond referendum to support construction projects in its schools.

The bond payments would be structured in a way that allows for no net tax increase for taxpayers. Approval of this referendum would allow crucial funding for the District to restructure existing bonds and to add new bonds, to accomplish key construction projects identified by a community-led task force.

Scan the QR Code to Learn More, or Visit
MinnetonkaSchools.org/Building-Bond-2025



What would be included in the Building Bond?

Projects include safety enhancements in all of the District's schools and buildings; modern science classrooms in the District's two middle schools; flexible, multi-use gym and performance space for students and the community in the two middle schools; a gymnasium addition at Deephaven Elementary to make its gym space consistent with the other elementary schools; small-group instructional spaces in most of the District's schools; and a redesigned counseling center and updated cafeteria at Minnetonka High School.

MINNETONKA SCHOOL BOARD SETS THE DISTRICT GOALS FOR 2025-2026

This May, the Minnetonka School Board approved its 2025-26 goals for the Minnetonka Public School District, renewing the District's focus on student-centered excellence.

GOAL: Excellence in Well-being, Connection and Belonging

The District will continue to foster and promote positive student well-being, connection and belonging efforts and will identify and remove barriers that have a detrimental effect on students' well-being, connection and sense of belonging. The District will strive for the fair treatment, opportunity and advancement of all students to pursue their highest levels of academic and personal achievement. The Board's vision for child-centered excellence is the foundation for this work. Action steps related to this goal include fostering and maintaining a welcoming, inclusive and safe environment for all students and employees, cultivating social and emotional well-being and implementing best practices in school-based mental health support, and implementing and communicating about bullying prevention efforts.

GOAL: Excellence and Innovation in Student Learning and Support

Excellence in student learning and support is a foundational principle guiding the Minnetonka School Board and District Administration in their work. District leadership believes that each student is capable of achieving their highest potential and are committed to working collaboratively with families to support their students' learning. The continuation of the District's excellence in teaching and learning will be driven through deep

implementation of educational frameworks and strategic programs to support student learning. This focus also includes identifying and addressing any gaps in achievement that exist between measured student groups, with attention to predictable outcomes. Action steps related to this goal include ensuring all students receive outstanding instruction, prioritizing student literacy improvement efforts and implementing new middle school programming.

GOAL: Excellence in Leadership and Organizational Support

Minnetonka Schools has built a reputation as a national leader in providing exceptional, innovative student programming and unique and diversified pathways for students to experience world-class opportunities and to achieve unrivaled outcomes. The District will strive for excellence in all levels of leadership and organizational support. Action steps related to this goal include ensuring long-term financial stability and sustainability for the District, ensuring facilities meet the current and future needs of students, recruiting and retaining the highest quality staff, providing the highest quality meals possible, and building strong relationships with stakeholders.

Staying Up-to-Date on Goal Progress

Throughout the year, the District Administration will update the School Board and community at School Board meetings, on the District website and in District publications, on the efforts made to achieve these pursuits. To receive monthly School Board News emails, which summarize the content of the School Board's regular meetings, scan the QR code to the right and fill out the contact form.



A MESSAGE from the Superintendent

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

This spring, I met with employees at each school to hear their thoughts about our school district.

They spoke about what made Minnetonka Schools special and unique and what made them proud to be a member of this school community. Common themes emerged. One that stood out was "community." They talked about the family feeling they experienced at school with colleagues, the feeling of belonging they strived to create in classrooms and the incredible support they have felt from our larger community—families, neighbors, and local businesses and organizations.

In early June, our District celebrated the Class of 2025. Both the student and staff speakers at graduation emphasized the concept of community in their messages. The Class of 2025 had worked together academically and in co-curricular activities. They had cheered each other on in each endeavor. Looking out across the blue gowns and into the crowd gathered to celebrate, it was impossible not to feel that bond of community spirit, pride and love. I am so proud of the Minnetonka community within our schools and surrounding us.

Last year, we asked 26 community members to work together to review our facilities. This task force—made up of residents, teachers,

staff, administrators and community members—met at every school site and listened to feedback from staff about how we could improve facilities to better meet current and future students' needs. From this, the task force shared a proposal for facility improvements with the Minnetonka School Board in December. The District has worked with that information to create a building bond proposal that reflects the top priorities of the community and also respects the current financial reality of our District and taxpayers. The Board has decided to bring that question to the community to determine if this is the time to act on those recommendations. It will be on the ballot next November for our residents to consider.

Our School Board recently approved its annual goals for the District for the upcoming school year. As you see in the goals overview provided here, we are committed to creating a welcoming community environment for all. We are focused on meeting each student's unique needs. We will continue to work hard to ensure our youngest learners will have an exceptional experience filled with unique and innovative programming and opportunities—throughout their years with us. And, perhaps most importantly, we will continue to earn and maintain your trust in us.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to ensuring this is a District of choice. You help to make this such an incredible place to live, lead and learn. Have a wonderful summer!

David Law, JD • Superintendent of Schools