



Enrollment & Winter Weather Procedures

As part of this report, I ask that you refer to the two additional documents provided in your packet. The first is the student enrollment update effective October 1, 2025. We are encouraged by these numbers and the positive trends they represent for the district. The second is the winter weather letter that was shared with all families on Friday, September 26, 2025.

As outlined in that communication, the district will continue its practice of treating weather-related closures as traditional snow days. We will not be holding remote learning days or using “blizzard bags” in the event of cancellations. Given the expansive nature of our district, it is ultimately a parent or guardian’s decision to keep a student home when the district has not issued a closure, recognizing that weather conditions can vary significantly across our communities. In such cases, work will be provided for students who remain home. Families were encouraged to read the letter carefully, as it includes important reminders about safety and communication during the winter months.

HB 2 DEI Certification

As you may recall, the state’s budget law (HB2) included a provision requiring superintendents to sign a certification related to diversity, equity, and inclusion. Specifically, the certification would require individuals to affirm that they do not teach or advocate certain DEI curriculum or “divisive concepts” as defined in the law. This provision has been the subject of an ongoing legal challenge.

Earlier this year, the court issued a temporary restraining order (TRO) preventing the state from enforcing the certification requirement while the case is being heard. As of this writing, we have been informed that this TRO has been extended until October 2, 2025. At that time, the court is expected to issue a decision on the preliminary injunction (PI), which would determine whether the prohibition on enforcement remains in place for the longer term as litigation continues. If the court does not rule by that date, the TRO could be extended again.

Strategic Plan Update

Since the comprehensive Strategic Plan update presented at the August 18th workshop, several next steps are already in motion. The Technology Task Force is now underway, providing important leadership in aligning our technology goals with the broader vision of the plan. In addition, we will be following up with staff on our equity and anti-hate speech work during the early release professional development day on October 1st.

We are also expanding opportunities for community connection. “Coffee and Conversations with the Superintendent” has begun on WCTV, and we are hosting in-person sessions prior to Board meetings. These will rotate across our communities (coming to a town near you!) so that families and community members have accessible, informal opportunities to engage directly with district leadership.

Carpenter School Update

Since the last update, we are pleased to share continued progress at Carpenter School. We have secured Bauen Corporation to serve as project manager, and over the past two weeks subcontractors have been on site to walk through the building, review the scope of work, and prepare their estimates. With this phase nearly complete, the project is projected to begin in mid-October.

As we settle into the modular classrooms, we are also making additional modifications to improve functionality and comfort. Adjustments to streamline drop-offs, pick-ups, and food delivery are underway, and staff have been working hard to ensure daily routines run smoothly for students and families.

We remain deeply grateful to all staff for their flexibility and dedication during this transition, and to families for their cooperation and patience. The continued partnership of our community is making it possible for students to learn and thrive while we move this important project forward.