



WORKING TOGETHER – with Hornet Pride!

January 13, 2026

Dear New Lothrop Community,

New Lothrop Area Public Schools is excited to announce the launch of a district-wide strategic planning process designed to guide our work over the next three to five years. A strong strategic plan provides clear direction, helps us use our resources wisely, and ensures our decisions remain focused on what matters most—student success.

A meaningful plan must reflect the voices of the people it serves. That is why community, staff, students, and family input will be a critical part of this process. Feedback will help us identify district strengths, areas for growth, and priorities that will shape a shared vision for the future of New Lothrop Area Public Schools.

The Board of Education has approved a partnership with the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) to facilitate this work. MASB brings extensive experience supporting districts through collaborative, data-driven strategic planning. Their guidance will help us align board priorities, school improvement efforts, and long-term goals in a thoughtful and transparent way.

We encourage all stakeholders to share their feedback by completing the strategic planning survey available at: [NLAPS Strategic Planning Feedback Survey](#)

In addition, we invite community members to attend one of our community input sessions, where you can share your thoughts and ask questions:

- Tuesday, January 20 at 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Both sessions will be held in the High School Media Center.

Your voice matters. Together, we can develop a strategic plan that reflects our community's values, strengthens student achievement, and positions New Lothrop Area Public Schools for continued success.

Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Larner'.

Jay Larner
Superintendent
New Lothrop Area Public Schools