



**White Bear Lake Area Schools
School Board Meeting Highlights
February 23, 2026
Work Session**

At the February 23, 2026 Work Session of the School Board, the following items were presented:

1. **Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education Update.** Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Dr. Alison Gillespie, Director of Community Education and Recreation Tim Maurer, Director of Student Support Services Lisa Ouren, Assistant Director of Early Childhood Jennifer Chappuis and Assistant Director of Student Support Services Angela Drange gave an update on the Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education Program.

See the presentation [here](#).

2. **Alternative Learning Pathways Update.** Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Dr. Alison Gillespie and Director of Educational Equity and Achievement Brenton Shavers presented an overview of proposed updates to the district's alternative learning structure. This transition includes moving from an Area Learning Center (ALC) to an Alternative Learning Program (ALP) designation and establishing a new partnership with 916 Mahtomedi Academy for summer school and ongoing credit recovery. These changes are designed to create a more flexible, efficient, and seamless pathway that supports high school students in earning credits and graduating on time.

See the presentation [here](#).

3. **Mid-Year Update on Academic Progress.** Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Dr. Alison Gilleppe and Educational Technology and Assessment Coordinator Disa Fabeck provided a mid-year update on academic progress.

See the presentation [here](#).

4. **2026-2029 Achievement and Integration Plan Discussion.** Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Dr. Alison Gillespie and Director of Educational Equity and Achievement Brenton Shavers led a discussion regarding the Achievement and Integration Plan.

See the presentation [here](#).

At the February 23, 2026 Work Session of the School Board, the following items were acted upon:

1. **Action on Purchase of Electric School Buses**. The School Board authorized the purchase of three RIDE Creator 77-passenger electric school buses at a unit price of \$394,800 plus applicable tax and title/plate fees for a total of \$1,184,400.

See the presentation [here](#).

2. **Action on Alternative Learning Pathways Designation**. The School Board approved the transition from an Area Learning Center (ALC) to an Alternative Learning Program (ALP), affirmed the K-8 Targeted Services partnership with Intermediate District 916, and authorized staff to implement the Alternative Learning Pathways Transition and Implementation Plan as presented.

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