



Family News

March 25, 2026

Building Bond/Capital Levy Community Information Session

The district will host a Community Information Session on **Monday, April 13, 2026, at 7:00 pm** in the Stock Exchange Room at South St. Paul Secondary (700 2nd St N, SSP). Attendees will learn about the proposed bond referendum for the May 12, 2026 Special School District Election. This session is a chance for stakeholders to ask questions and hear about the District's plans to maintain safe, functional learning environments.



More information on the Building Bond/Capital Levy Proposal

Voters will be asked to consider a bond addressing urgent needs in some of South St. Paul's oldest school buildings. A 2022 facilities review found more than \$150 million in deferred maintenance across schools 70–100+ years old. The proposed bond would focus on essential repairs, including roofs, mechanical and electrical systems, fire and life safety, accessibility, and improvements to athletic and activity spaces. The estimated cost for the average \$300,000 home is about \$12 per month. For more information and a more detailed tax impact breakdown, visit the [**Building Bond/Capital Levy**](#) page on our website.

SixTimes in Mailboxes

The Spring SixTimes was delivered to mailboxes in recent weeks. In this edition, read a message from Superintendent Dr. Brian Zambreno reflecting on the strength of the Packer community and our commitment to engaging, educating, and empowering every learner. You'll also find updates on classroom technology, aging facilities and long-term planning, the May 12, 2026 ballot questions, and news of the district's recent clean financial audit. If you missed the physical copy, you can find the **digital version on our website in English and in Spanish.**



Spring Into Kindergarten Events

Families of future Packer kindergartners are invited to join us for our Spring Into Kindergarten events! This student-focused experience gives incoming kindergartners a chance to meet teachers, visit classrooms, and explore their new school. If the weather cooperates, our little Packers can enjoy popsicles on the playground and make new friends, while parents have the opportunity to learn more about the school and register their student on-site if needed.

- **Kaposia-** April 14 at 6:00 pm
- **Lincoln-** April 15, at 6:00 pm



We look forward to welcoming new families to our schools and seeing many of our current preschool friends as they get ready to begin their **kindergarten journey!**

Preschool Enrollment is Open

Enrollment is open for the 2026-27 preschool year! SSPPS offers programs for both 3- and 4-year-olds. Our programs introduce children to school in a welcoming environment where curiosity and a love of learning are encouraged through engaging, age-appropriate experiences that help prepare students for kindergarten. Both full-day and half-day options are available for each age group, and scholarships are offered, making free preschool available for qualifying families. Register your preschooler at **www.sspps.org./enroll.**



Community Education- New Registration System



South St. Paul Public Schools Community Education and Kids' Choice programs are transitioning to a new registration and account management system called Arux. Beginning Saturday, March 14, 2026, families will begin using Arux to register for programs, manage schedules, and handle payments all in one place. Learn more and view step-by-step instructions at communityed.sspps.org. Questions can be directed to the Community Education Office at 651-306-3632 or by visiting Community Education at Central Square (100 7th Avenue North, South St. Paul).

Community Ed Upcoming Enrichment Opportunities

- **Easy CPR for Babysitters and Teens**
- **SSP Swim Club - Spring 2026**
- **We are Hiring - Lifeguards & Swim Instructors**
- **Free Adult Education Classes**

Packer Pride in Action

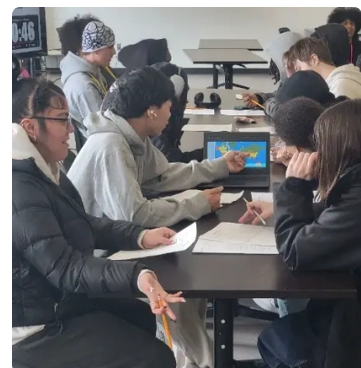
Young Authors Conference

Fourth and fifth grade students from Kaposia and Lincoln Elementary recently experienced a day of creativity and inspiration at the Young Authors Conference at Bethel University. Students attended hands-on sessions led by Minnesota authors, exploring genres like poetry, journalism, and songwriting. The event also featured an open mic, giving students a chance to share their work and build confidence. The trip was made possible by the South St. Paul Educational Foundation.



CLC Students Explore Global Issues with Model UN

CLC students took on the roles of global leaders during a weeklong "Model UN" X-term experience, a hands-on program focused on real-world problem-solving between trimesters. Representing countries from around the world, students collaborated on issues like climate change, world hunger, and international conflict, while also developing individual solutions for their assigned nations. The week wrapped up with the fun and team-focused "CLC Olympics," celebrating the collaboration and learning throughout the experience.



School Board Meeting Updates



Quality in Action

High School Equity and Instructional Coach Bill Baumann and students shared their experiences with SSP Secondary's language proficiency program and the impact of earning the Minnesota Bilingual or Multilingual Seal. The school offers the program to 11th and 12th grade students. Students who meet the requirements earn the seal, which is added to their transcript and can support future college and career opportunities.

Athletic Director Brady Krueger, Winter sports coaches and activity advisors, along with students provided highlights from this past winter athletics and activities season.



Girls Flag Football

The School Board approved the district's commitment to support the addition of Girls Flag Football through the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL). This approval confirms SSPPS's intent to register a team this spring. The commitment is a required step in the application process, demonstrating the district's support for expanding athletic opportunities for students.

Achievement and Integration Plan

Assistant Director of Educational Services Natalie Tourtelotte presented the district's three-year Achievement and Integration (A&I) plan. The approved plan outlines how SSPPS will use state funding for 2026–2029 to support racial and economic integration, boost student achievement, expand equitable opportunities, and reduce academic disparities. Goals include improving reading achievement, increasing access to advanced coursework, and expanding culturally responsive instructional practices, with ongoing progress monitoring to track results.

Important Dates

- **March 29-April 3**, Spring Break- No School
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Contact Information

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