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Owatonna Public Schools Opens Applications for OPS Insider

Community members invited to go behind the scenes of their public schools

Owatonna, MN—Owatonna Public Schools is now accepting applications for OPS Insider, a new community engagement initiative designed to give community members an inside look at the district while strengthening understanding, trust, and connections.

Applications are open now through September 15. Interested individuals may apply online at isd761.org/OPSinsider.

OPS Insider is a free experience that offers participants an exclusive opportunity to explore how Owatonna Public Schools serves nearly 5,000 students each day. Through interactive sessions, school tours, and conversations with district leaders, participants will gain a deeper understanding of the people, programs, and decisions that shape public education in Owatonna.

"Strong schools are built on strong community partnerships," said Superintendent Dr. Tammy Champa. "OPS Insider is an opportunity for community members to experience our schools from the inside, ask questions, meet the people behind the work, and see firsthand how we're preparing students for success."

The seven-session program will take place from October 2026 through April 2027. Sessions will explore topics including:

- Teaching and learning
- Student support and well-being
- School finance and budgeting
- District operations
- Community partnerships
- College, career, and life readiness

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OPS Insider is open to adults who live or work within the Owatonna Public Schools attendance boundaries. The district encourages applications from parents, residents without children in school, business leaders, retirees, alumni, nonprofit representatives, and anyone interested in learning more about public education. Space is limited to approximately 20-25 participants to encourage meaningful dialogue and engagement.

For more information or to apply, visit isd761.org/OPSinsider.

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