

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL
DISTRICT #624**



**SCHOOL BOARD
WORK SESSION
PACKET**

August 24, 2026

Independent School District No. 624

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the White Bear Lake Area School District, the community at the forefront of educational excellence, honoring our legacy and courageously building the future, is to ensure each student realizes their unique talents and abilities, and makes meaningful contributions with local and global impact through a vital system distinguished by:

- *Students who design and create their own future*
- *A culture that respects diverse people and ideas*
- *Safe, nurturing and inspiring experiences*
- *Exceptional staff and families committed to student success*
- *Abundant and engaged community partners*

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 624
WHITE BEAR LAKE, MN 55110

To: Members of the School Board

From: Dr. Wayne A. Kazmierczak
Superintendent of Schools

Date: August 19, 2026

A work session of the White Bear Lake Area School Board will be held on **Monday, August 24, 2026**, at 5:30 p.m. in Room 200 at the District Service Center at Sunrise Park, 2399 Cedar Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN. This meeting is open to the public.

WORK SESSION AGENDA

A. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Overview of Back to School Events
2. Technology Update

C. ADJOURNMENT

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM: **Overview of Back to School Events**

MEETING DATE: **August 24, 2026**

SUGGESTED DISPOSITION: **Discussion Item**

CONTACT PERSON(S): **Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak, Superintendent**

BACKGROUND:

Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak, Superintendent will provide an overview of the back to school events happening across the district.

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2026-27

Beginning of School Report

- Back to School preparations
- Construction projects
- Celebratory events

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Back to School preparations

- Back to School page of website
- School-specific communications to families
- School-specific back to school events
- Enrollment
- We are hiring
- Convocation event

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Construction projects

- Building Our Future projects at:
 - Sunrise Park - Early Childhood Center and Transition Education Center finished to join Senior Center and District Service Center
 - WBLAHS - Additional parking
- Summertime projects throughout the district (roof sections, solar installations, flooring, boiler, chiller)

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Celebratory events

- **Oct. 4-10** - Homecoming
 - Oct. 9 Parade and Football game
- **Oct. 7** - Community Open House at Sunrise Park from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
 - *Celebrate the coming together of four district programs at Sunrise Park:*
 - *Early Childhood Center*
 - *Transition Education Center*
 - *Senior Center*
 - *District Service Center*



Prepped and ready to go for 2026-27!

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AGENDA ITEM: **Technology Update**

MEETING DATE: **August 25, 2025**

SUGGESTED DISPOSITION: **Discussion Item**

CONTACT PERSON(S): **Dr. Alison Gillespie, Assistant Superintendent
for Teaching and Learning;**
**Susan Herder, Director of Technology and
Innovation**

BACKGROUND:

The School Board will receive an update on the district's approach to purposeful educational technology. The presentation will highlight how technology is used intentionally to support teaching and learning, distinguish educational technology from other forms of screen time, and review current practices related to student devices, filtering, application review, and data privacy. The Board will also hear about work planned for 2026–27 to better understand and communicate student use of educational technology, as well as the district's continued development of guidance and learning around artificial intelligence.

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Purposeful Educational Technology



Intentional and Structured Use of Technology

Technology is beneficial when

- Used for a clear purpose
- Used alongside in-person experiences
- Used to target specific skills

This is what we mean by “**educational technology**”

Current Technology in Learning Spaces

Each learning space has:

- Interactive board or monitor(s)
- Wired and wireless connection to monitor

New and renovated spaces may have:

- Audio amplification



Student Technology

Elementary students:

- Touch screen Chromebook
- Cart-based model
- Stored in classrooms
- Used in support of our core instructional tools

Secondary students:

- Touch screen Chromebook
- Take home model
- Used in support of our core instructional tools

Assistive technology tools may be used by students with identified needs.

Filtering and access

Student accounts and devices are protected

- Filtering both on and off campus on district devices
- Access to materials is limited, but expands as required by level
- Continuous review of applications used by students for data privacy and impact on learning

**White Bear Lake School District**
Last updated: 05 August 2026

Approved 32

Filters

Application name ^	Third party reviews	User grade level
>  Amplify		01 02 03 04 +3 more
>  Blooket		All grade levels
>  Clever		All grade levels



Clever



All grade levels

District (all campuses)

Description

Clever gives students and teachers a single login for all of their online learning programs and resources, personalized for each user's needs. Clever is a single platform for all of your digital learning programs. Students and teachers have single sign-on access for any resource or file they need, and district tech administrators get automatic account setup and updates. Clever SSO works with thousands of leading educational applications. If you don't see an application you need, the Clever team can build a connection to any resource.

District info

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App website

<http://www.clever.com>

Privacy policy

<https://www.clever.com/trust/privacy/policy>

Terms of service

<https://www.clever.com/trust/terms>

Tags

Administrative Tools

Public VPAT

Student Login

District tags

No tags



1EdTech



Regulatory Compliance

N/A GDPR Compliant

✓ FERPA Compliant

✓ COPPA Compliant

✓ Approved for children under 13

Rubric Results

● N/A

● UNMET

● PARTIAL

● MEETS



DATA COLLECTION



SECURITY



THIRD PARTY DATA



ADVERTISING

Defining Screen Time - Blaschke Report

Ed Tech

Addresses instructional core

Teach specific knowledge and skills

Aligns with existing structures and systems

Fills a specific learning need

Support students and educators

Social Media/Cell Phones

Used to incentivize engagement

Can pose a significant distraction

Entertainment

Technology like tablets, tvs, video games

Impact on children before they get a cell phone



Device Use at School - National Parents Union

74% of parents say their school's use of technology is about right

1% want an outright ban

National Parents Union. (2026, May). *Protected, not restricted: What parents really want from AI & technology in their kids' schools.* <https://parentsonai.org/#1>

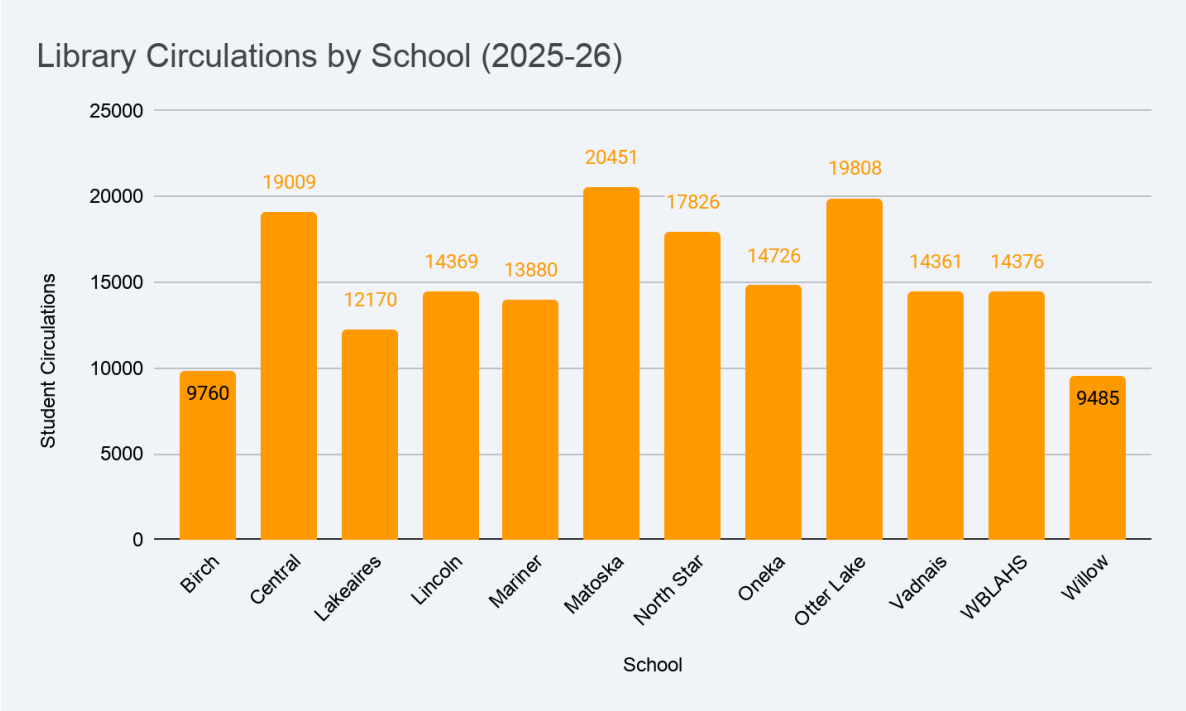
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2026-27 Ed Tech Analysis

- Collect average screen time on ed tech by grade level and site
- Analyze use of district digital resources in support of teaching and learning
- Provide additional transparency into time on devices to parents, staff and administrators

Book circulation by site



Artificial Intelligence

- Ten educators are participating in a pilot group with Google on using Gemini to create efficiencies in their work
- ELA educators at the high school have been working on how AI may be used in support of their work in teaching writing



Artificial Intelligence - National Parents Union survey

88% Want schools to disclose when AI is used

63% Want schools to teach students to use AI well

53% Say AI skills are important/essential to their child's career

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2026-27 Artificial Intelligence Guidance

- Convene a group of students, parents, educators and administrators to guide the development of our procedures on using artificial intelligence in the classroom by students
- Continue to provide opportunities for staff to learn more about how AI can be used to support their work.

Today's students will graduate into a world where technology, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, digital communication, and data literacy are embedded in nearly every career and aspect of civic life.

These tools help students build critical skills — such as problem-solving, collaboration, and digital literacy — that they will need for college, careers, and an increasingly digital world.