



White Bear Lake Area Schools
School Board Meeting Highlights
September 28, 2026
Work Session

At the September 28, 2026 Work Session of the School Board, the following items were presented:

1. **Lincoln Elementary Update.** Principal Brian Morris provided an update on Lincoln Elementary School.

See the [Lincoln Elementary Update presentation](#).

2. **Matoska International Update.** Principal John Leininger provided an update on Matoska International Elementary School.

See the [Matoska International Update presentation](#).

3. **Student Outcome Presentation and 2026-27 Goals.** Educational Assessment and Technology Coordinator Disa Fabeck provided an annual update on student achievement and learning outcomes across White Bear Lake Area Schools. The presentation highlighted state and local assessment results, progress toward district goals, areas of strength, and opportunities for continued growth. The update fulfilled annual state reporting requirements related to Comprehensive Achievement and Civic Readiness and Achievement and Integration.

See the [Student Outcome Presentation and 2026-27 Goals presentation](#).

4. **Overview of Constitutional Amendment.** Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Tim Wald presented information about a proposed amendment to the Minnesota Constitution that would increase school funding statewide, without raising taxes. It will appear on the November ballot. Constitutionally established in 1858, the Permanent School Fund is built on proceeds from public lands set aside to support public education. For almost 170 years, the Fund has served as a permanent endowment, continually generating revenue from the land and investments. According to the Minnesota Secretary of State's office, the ballot question will read: "Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to increase the funding going to all school districts from the permanent school fund, which is a fund that supports school districts without raising individual income or property taxes, effective July 1, 2027?" Because the question requires a majority of all ballots cast to approve to pass, if a voter skips this question on their ballot but votes for other races, it is counted as a "No" vote.

See the [Overview of Constitutional Amendment presentation](#).

At the September 28, 2026 Work Session of the School Board, the following items were acted upon:

1. **Certification for 2026 Payable 2027**. The School Board approved the maximum for the 2026 Payable 2027 Proposed Preliminary Property Tax Levy.

See the [Certification for 2026 Payable 2027 presentation](#).

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