

# Crosslake Community Schools — District 4059

## Superintendent's Report

Board of Directors Meeting — June 22, 2026

Prepared by Dr. Jenna Leadbetter, Superintendent

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This report summarizes district activity since the May 18, 2026 board meeting as we close out the 2025–26 school year. Crosslake Community Schools continues to serve approximately 590 students across our in-person PreK–8 campus in Crosslake and our statewide online K–12 program. Work this period has centered on the in-person principal transition, grant pursuits, student-support readiness, statewide engagement, and recognition.

### Leadership & Personnel

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- **In-Person Principal Search.** Following the Board's May 18 acceptance of the prior principal's resignation and the appointment of Mindy Glazier as interim principal, the search has advanced through a full committee process chaired by Online Principals Rose Bierce and Moniqu. Five candidates completed first-round virtual interviews on June 18, evaluated through a structured, multi-instrument process (panel rubric, forced ranking, and a workability assessment). The search remains in progress. I will debrief the Board on the process to date and we will discuss next steps at this meeting, including a possible second round of interviews with finalists and the timeline to a hiring recommendation.
- **District Cabinet — MnMTSS Coordination.** Amy Scheuman has been named district-wide MnMTSS Coordinator and welcomed to the District Cabinet. The MnMTSS grant funds the infrastructure; this role ensures a single, accountable lead drives consistent implementation — data systems, tiered academic and behavioral interventions, and staff professional learning — across both the online and in-person programs rather than the work developing in silos. Amy continues as the online MnMTSS lead within this expanded district-wide scope, and recruitment continues for the in-person MnMTSS lead.
- **Online Leadership Realignment.** A realignment of online program leadership is presented for the Board's action at this meeting.

### Grants & Funding

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- **MnMTSS Competitive Grant (FY2027–28) — Selected for Funding.** CCS has been selected for funding under the MnMTSS competitive grant opportunity. The award is contingent on final clarifications, budget negotiation, and a pre-award risk assessment; the official amount will be confirmed upon execution of the Official Grant Award Notification, anticipated July 1, 2026.
- **FSCS FY27 Startup Grants — Submitted.** CCS submitted two Full-Service Community Schools (FSCS) Startup applications — one for the in-person PreK–8 campus and one for the statewide online program. Each proposes a planning year funding a full-time Community School Site Coordinator, a community needs assessment and asset mapping, and a shared leadership team to build wraparound supports (health, mental health, family engagement, and community partnerships) around students. Notification is anticipated in August 2026.
- **Building & Cyber Security Grant (Round 2) — Applying.** CCS is applying for up to \$15,000 in reimbursement for eligible cybersecurity and building-security costs (e.g., cyber liability insurance, public-announcement system). Applications are due August 31, 2026, with documentation accepted through December 31, 2026.
- **Inventionland Innovation Grant — Applying.** The 2026/27 cycle has opened with increased awards (up to \$2.5M statewide), offsetting 25% of Innovation Lab and professional-learning costs or 33% of applied STEM curriculum. Both campuses are approved to apply; the cycle closes July 31, 2026.
- **PrairieCare Fund — North Star Connections & Wellness Initiative — Submitted.** A \$25,000 district-wide application supporting student wellness, including a dedicated in-person wellness and regulation space, is due June 22, 2026.

- **Clean School Bus Funding (Exploring).** We are exploring the EPA Clean School Bus Program through our Cooperative Purchasing Connection (CPC) membership and the Highland Fleets contract. CCS already has on-site charging infrastructure and a need for at least two Type III clean-energy vehicles, aligning directly with our environmental mission. Charter-school eligibility for the federal funding is being confirmed; we will pursue a competitive application if eligible.

## Student Support & Compliance

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- **In-Person Student Wellness Space.** Work continues to stand up a dedicated in-person wellness and regulation space (final name still being determined), the campus anchor of our North Star initiative, led by Amy Miller with facilities support from Bud Roberts. Setup is planned for summer, with the room opening to students in fall 2026. The space will be served by an in-person mental health practitioner through the district's contract with ReGroup Counseling, bringing direct clinical support on site for our students.
- **Mental Health Education Readiness.** The room and initiative support our obligations under Minn. Stat. § 120B.21, which requires mental health instruction beginning in the 2026–27 school year.

## Recognition & Visibility

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- **Statewide Recognition.** CCS was featured in the end-of-year edition of Minnesota Charter News in recognition of our graduating seniors. This reflects sustained statewide visibility in MACS communications since the addition of a dedicated District Marketing Coordinator — visibility that supports our reputation and enrollment.

## Governance & Looking Ahead

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- **MACS Board Service & Retreat.** The Superintendent has been elected to the Minnesota Association of Charter Schools (MACS) Board of Directors for a two-year term, July 2026–June 2028, and attended the full-day MACS Board Retreat on Wednesday, June 17, as the Board's newest member. This gives CCS a direct seat in statewide charter advocacy and early insight into the issues most likely to affect us — including school safety aid, compensatory revenue, teacher licensure, and charter oversight — along with the chance to shape MACS's 2026–27 policy agenda on behalf of districts like ours. I will bring relevant updates back to this Board on an ongoing basis.
- **July Approval Items.** Two policy documents — the Crisis Manual and the Staff Handbook — are in development for the Board's review and approval in July.
- **District Identity Updates (MDE).** Two updates to how the district is represented with the Minnesota Department of Education: our name has been formally updated to Crosslake Community Schools (plural) to reflect our two distinct schools and two platforms of learning serving all kids; and our program descriptor has been updated from “seat-based” to “in-person” to align with current MDE verbiage.
- **Year-End Operations.** FY2025–26 close-out and onboarding of new staff through PBEC are underway as we prepare for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

*With grit and grace,*

**Dr. Jenna Leadbetter, Ed.D.**

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