



YELLOW MEDICINE EAST – ISD 2190

Serving Clarkfield, Echo, Granite Falls, Hanley Falls, Hazel Run, Upper Sioux Community

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Superintendent School Board Notes - March 9, 2026 **SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Staff Changes/Hiring*

YME/MVCC Positions:

- MS/HS Science - Rory Shackelford
- Elementary Teacher - Tammy Danderand
- Agriculture Teacher - Paige Lehrkamp
- Elementary Teacher - Kaitlyn Kiffmeyer
- Preschool Teacher - Lexi Smith
- Outside Maintenance Lead - Austin Sorenson
- Custodian - Shelly Hansen
- MS/HS Math Teacher - Felixo Amato
- MVCC Early Childhood Special Education - Rhonda Buyss (2 days per week)
- Paraprofessionals: Megan Canatsey, Michelle Vavricka, Shai Ross, Isabel Redepenning
- MS/HS PE Teacher - Jesse Nelson
- MS/HS Social Studies Teacher - Erik Hoklin
- After School Care Coordinator - Brooklyn Sorenson
- MVCC Special Education Teacher - Kate Zempel
- MVCC School Psychologist - Kayla Sharkey
- 0.167 FTE Computer Applications Teacher - Krystle Enninga
- BRE PE Teacher - Gregg Blanchette
- **Activities - Lego League**
- Driver's Education Teacher - Dylan Lindstrom
- MS/HS Community Cultural Liaison - Brylee Ruff-Mulligan
- BRE PE Teacher - Julie Neisius & Kevin Hansen
- MS/HS Community Cultural Liaison - Starla Chase
- LTS Social Worker - Laurie Hagen

Staffing

We continue advertising for several positions for the 26-27 school year:

- Elementary
- ECSE
- MS/HS Science
- MS/HS Math
- Social Studies
- School Psychologist

The following extra curricular positions are still vacant: Head GBB, Head VB, Assistant GBB, JH FB, Assistant Dance Coach, Lego League, and MN Honor Society.

At our next finance committee meeting (April 15), we will discuss the details of our budget reductions for the 26-27 school year. I am intending to recommend cutin 2.0-3.0 FTEs along with some other programs. We do not need to take formal action tonight because we would do it through attrition not filling vacant positions).

MN Paid Leave

We continue to process leave requests as is evident by our hiring of long-term substitutes.

Total requests: 16 inquiries to date (since start of the program on January 1, 2026)

Out: Currently out on MPFL - 4 people out on MPL

Applied: 5 applied but not accepted

Anticipated: 4 additional ones have given us notice of intent

Building Update:

- We will have presentations from both Wendel/RA Morton (construction project) and Ideal Energies (solar project).
- The next significant dates are April 16 (BP4 walkthrough) and April 30 (BP4 bid opening).

SOTA Apprenticeship Program

Working to finalize MOUs with MSEA & EMYME

The application process will begin soon

We are expecting to offer up to 3 apprenticeship positions and 1-3 journeyworkers

BERT's Club Update

Finalizing summer plans. 23 students showed interest, but not all paid the deposit. Transportation and food is included with the cost of the program. Hours are slated for 7:00am-5:30pm. Without substantial involvement, we run the risk of losing money again this summer. Through the end of March, the program has lost 11,892.17. We have tried to adjust staffing and expenditures to address this deficit.

Communications Update (from Krystle Enninga):

Communications efforts continue to move forward across multiple areas this month. The April MS/HS *Hivelihoods* Newsletter is scheduled to be distributed next week, following finalization of the high school honor roll. Collaboration is ongoing with Jayne at DPR to develop a comprehensive project communications plan, alongside drafting a broader District Communication Plan, which would include organizing a district communications team. A communications update [press release](#) has been submitted to local media outlets, including the *Advocate Tribune*, *West Central Tribune*, and *Marshall Independent*. Additional work includes preparing the upcoming Communications Team agenda and launching the senior social media graduation countdown. Looking ahead, upcoming projects include developing a draft of approved logos, colors, and fonts for consistent staff usage across the district, finalizing communications team members and holding one meeting before the end of the school year, & updating the district website.

Avera Contract (FYI)

The athletic training contract is part of the consent agenda but is the same as the previous year (800 hours at 20.00 per hour).

BOND PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT REPORT				
Month	As of date	Total funding available	Net change from previous	Total net change
December	1/5/26	\$ 42,224,478.62		
January	2/2/26	\$ 42,277,261.38	\$ 52,782.76	\$ 52,782.76
February	3/2/26	\$ 42,284,753.05	\$ 7,491.67	\$ 60,274.43
March	4/3/26	\$ 42,295,766.68	\$ 11,013.63	\$ 71,288.06