



Elementary Board Updates

July 2026

First communication went out to the elementary staff on July 3 with principal introduction, Google appointment link and encouragement to sign up for a 1:1 meeting. As of this board meeting, there have been 14 staff members who have engaged in these opportunities with more scheduled into August.

It has been wonderful to get to know the staff and students involved in the School-Aged Child Care (SACC) and ESY (Extended School Year special education programming). Morning Meetings are a great way to meet WEM students and start the day!

We have 3 more staff members enrolled in MN Read Act OL&LA training which will begin this fall. This training will be provided both synchronously (3 hours) and asynchronously (50+ hours).

There will be an update made to the WEM Website. When a person clicks on the school link for both elementary and secondary, a viewer will see a photograph of the principal with a warm welcome. This message will also be found in the introductory to the student and family handbook.

Principals are planning a meet and greet for families entitled Popsicles with the Principals. The purpose of this event is to both introduce Sarah Ertl to the community and provide an opportunity to also engage with Brandon Tagg for new and returning families. We are very excited for this opportunity. Date to be determined.

Both principals are busy collaborating and planning for workshop week being mindful of the needs of staff and making considerations to make the transition a positive experience for all.

Sarah Ertl
WEM Elementary Principal