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Board Members,

Please see the report below for the School Board Meeting on 12/11/23:

Post Referendum Communication - After the referendum vote, I have been working on communicating and thanking as many people as I can! It has been fun to write articles in the Herald Journal, thank you notes, thank you letters, phone calls and more. As part of my communication, I am careful to highlight the next steps for the district and ask for our community to join us in improving!

Community Participation - It has been great to start integrating deeper into our community. I had a great time at the Winsted Parade and I have heard from a number of citizens about how much they appreciated our presence in the event. While it is fun to see my kids participate (sometimes!) It has been fun getting to know families, community members and more at the various events the school hosts. I love how our school is a welcoming place for everyone!

Budget Work - We are working on staying on budget! News from the state's budget was concerning for years into the future. A surplus of +\$2 billion is predicted for this year, with deficits on the radar in the years after that.

Student Support Aid (SSA) - We are coordinating for MAWSECO and WTC to distribute our \$40,000 of SSA between them. This is money we are required to give to cooperatives.

A & I grant - We will be receiving around \$63,000 to participate in achievement and integration activities. Our border with Lester Prairie (a racially isolated district) qualifies us for the award. We will be working on some collaborative projects with students and staff from Lester Prairie as part of the grant.

Entry Plan: [Entry Plan](#) work continues! The move of my remaining kids into the district helps connect me to various parts of the district and community. I look forward to connecting various lessons learned to our strategic plan work.