

## Welcome from the Superintendent at School Board

Welcome to the third annual issue of *Inspire*!

The 2025-26 school year was a particularly inspiring time for our school community. From outstanding student and staff achievements on a national scale to spirited engagement from families and community members to craft an innovative facilities plan, the last year has been full of moments that have brought us together over our shared mission: to inspire each student every day. No matter our individual lived experiences, we are united in our desire for excellence and our care for our students and our schools.

Eden Prairie is home to a wonderfully diverse community. The richness of that diversity shines through in classrooms, on stage, on the court and in the way students, families, staff and community members connect, share and learn. When grounded in a unified vision that prioritizes academic excellence, growth and future-readiness for our students, diversity becomes our strength. It is where we broaden our understanding of what works for *each*. It is how we learn about one another, and it sets the tone for how we work together to build the best version of our school community. We are better because we pair the richness of diversity with a common goal.

All of us in Eden Prairie help our schools soar. Throughout the year, members of our community, including students, staff, families, residents, businesses and partners, guide the work we do. From serving on committees to being mentors and more, they bring important voices to the table, allowing the people of Eden Prairie to take ownership over the work of the district. If you're interested in getting more involved, we'd love to have you. You can learn about ways to partner at <https://engage.edenpr.org/become-a-partner>.

Our fiscally stable position — a promise kept and sustained for more than a decade — allows us to focus on our strategic priority to foster inclusion and belonging. In the following pages, read about the ways this work is strengthening Eden Prairie Schools, from efforts to make a big school feel small to drivers building community on the bus to alumni giving back and more. Thank you for the crucial role you play in the success of our district. We'll continue to soar together!