

MAY 2026 - FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE:

At the end of April, I attended the yearly Spring Minnesota Association of School Business Officials (MASBO) workshop. The conference included presentations from MDE, personnel attorneys, and other school finance and operations professionals focused on current issues facing Minnesota school districts.

Sessions covered topics including:

- English Learner (EL) funding
- Paid Family Medical Leave (PFML)
- Human Resources updates
- Communication and planning during school emergencies

These workshops are valuable because they help us stay informed and prepared as new legislative requirements, funding changes, and operational expectations continue to evolve. If you are ever interested in hearing more about topics from these conferences, please feel free to reach out. I am always happy to share materials, resources, and notes from the sessions I attend.

In addition to conference work, the Business Office has spent the past several weeks finalizing the 2025–2026 budget as contract settlements near completion. We continue working closely with Ehlers, whose budgeting tools and forecasting resources help us analyze trends, review assumptions, and prepare long-range projections.

As part of that process, we continue monitoring legislative developments and state funding discussions carefully. Because the legislative session is not finalized, we are choosing to remain conservative in our planning for compensatory funding and other uncertain revenue sources.

At this time, we anticipate the current year budget finishing near a break-even point, assuming enrollment trends remain stable and no significant unforeseen expenses arise.

The district also experienced several one-time expenditures during the 2025–2026 school year tied to prior board-approved projects. With the addition of the new track and turf facilities, along with the implementation of the soccer program, new equipment purchases were necessary to support those activities and facilities. These purchases are considered long-term investments and should now primarily require replacement only as equipment wears out or if MSHSL requirements change in the future.

As always, if you have questions regarding district finances or current spending, please reach out. We are always happy to review reports, provide additional detail, and answer questions.

Thank you for your continued support of Long Prairie–Grey Eagle Schools.

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