



**MAHTOMEDI**  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

# Superintendent Update

*March 23, 2026*

*Experience Excellence*



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*Gannon Hamen, Mahtomedi Class of 2027 student built the Gaga Ball Pit at Wildwood*

[Click here to learn more about the project](#)

# Around the District

## AI Dessert & Dialogue

On April 14, 2026, from 5-7 pm we will host a Dessert & Dialogue session with professionals whose AI use is integral to their work.

We will use the conversation to help us better understand what AI skills make students competitive and how it is used in workplaces. The outcome of the conversation will inform our guidance for teachers to prepare students for success and the advancement of our Portrait of a Graduate work.



**We are seeking participants from the workforce, higher education, or the military whose AI use is integral to their work. [Click here to participate.](#)**

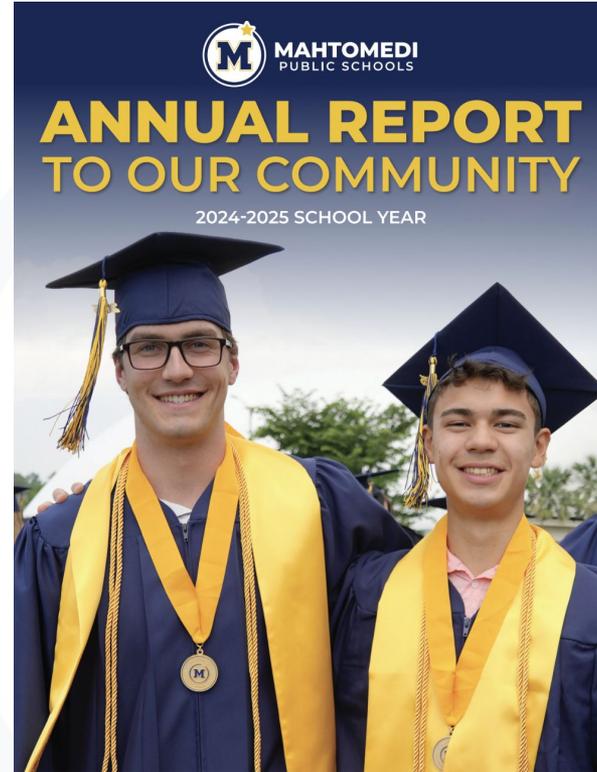


# Around the District

## Annual Report

The Annual Report to Our Community is a print piece mailed to all district residents, staff, and families. The 2024-25 school year issue was recently mailed to stakeholders. The report contains current district data and showcases the academic excellence at Mahtomedi Public Schools.

[Click here to view the 2024-25 Annual Report.](#)



# Around the District

## Community Education News

[Summer Community Education Registration](#) is now open.

### **New Rainsuits!**

This year, our students in Mahtomedi Area Preschool (MAP) have been busy enjoying the outdoors, rain or shine, with their new rain suits thanks to a No Child Left Inside grant from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources!

In the Fall of 2026, Mahtomedi will be expanding preschool programming by adding the Nature Explorers program, where children ages 3-5 will spend at least half their day learning outside.



# Around the District

## Facilities Update

The Facilities Task Forces have continued their design criteria work and soon these groups will wrap up.

After this part of the project is complete, we will move into the User Group phase to develop the design details of the spaces.



# Awards & Noteworthy News

## Lunchroom Connections at MMS

On Sunday, March 22, the Pioneer Press featured an article about the lunchroom connections happening at Mahtomedi Middle School, facilitated by Head Custodian, Derek Huseby. [Read the article here.](#)

Last week, students enjoyed meeting reporter Mary Devine and the Pioneer Press photographer during lunch while Derek facilitated one of his weekly questions.



# Awards & Noteworthy News

## Mahtomedi Students Advance to DECA Internationals

**Nine students made it to State Finals, placing in the top 12 in State:** **Ellen Gruba (2027)** in Business Solutions Project, **Alexia Tempelis (2026)** in Restaurant and Food Management Series, **Brody Kraai (2027)** in Automotive Services Series, **Myles Flaherty (2026)** in Principles of Finance, **Gannon Hamen (2027)** in Business Finance Series, **Emmett Henderson (2027)** in Entrepreneurship Individual Series, **Grace McCarthy (2026)** in Entrepreneurship Individual Series, and **Annika Sowder (2026)** in Principles of Hospitality and Tourism.

**Top State Finishes (Top eight in State):** **Myles Flaherty** 1st in State, **Emmett Henderson** 5th in State, **Ellen Gruba** 8th in State, **Annika Sowder** 7th in State, and **Grace McCarthy** 7th in State.

**International Competition:** Four Mahtomedi students will compete at the International DECA competition: **Gannon Hamen** and **Brody Kraai** in the School-Based Enterprise Food Category, **Emmett Henderson** in the Individual Entrepreneurship Series, and **Myles Flaherty** in Principles of Finance.



# Awards & Noteworthy News

## Esports

**Congratulations to the Mahtomedi Varsity Esports Team on winning the All-Around State Championship** at the Minnesota Varsity League State Finals in St. Cloud, March 13–14.

Our Zephyrs earned **first place in Chess** with Jerrick Brown (Class of 2026) **and in Minecraft Bedwars** with Bryan Brown (Class of 2029), Taelin Richmond (Class of 2026), Malachi Lim (Class of 2026), and Jerrick Brown.

*Esports (electronic sports) is a varsity-level high school program for competitive video gaming supported by Mahtomedi Community Education for students in grades 7-12.*



# Awards & Noteworthy News

## Mahtomedi Math Team Among Top Ten in State

Congratulations to the Mahtomedi Math team, led by Mahtomedi High School math teacher Mr. Dave Wald, on placing in the top ten in Minnesota! The team will compete at the State competition on March 30 (rescheduled from March 16).

During the season, the team won the Math Conference Championship, finished first in four of the five conference meets, and earned 38 of a possible 40 rank points. Individual winners during the conference championship were **Levi Cosby (Class of 2028)**, who placed first in the conference and will compete as an individual at State as well, **Jacob Robinson (Class of 2029)** third, **Taelin Richmond (Class of 2026)** sixth, **Alasdair MacChesney (Class of 2026)** eighth, and **Amber Becker (Class of 2026)** tenth. The Math team competitors also included **Edison Becker (Class of 2029)**, **Class of 2027** students **Amelia Lucke** and **Jessica Aufderhar**, and **Class of 2026** students **Jacque Worden**, **Izzy Vipond**, **Joe Bance**, **Riley DeFor**, **Riley McAuley**, **Collin Carlson**, and **Nolan McCutcheon**.



# Awards & Noteworthy News

## MHS Boys Hockey Team State 3rd Place Finish

Congratulations to the Mahtomedi Boys Hockey team!

In the Quarterfinals, Mahtomedi defeated St. Cloud Cathedral 2-1. In the Semifinals, Mahtomedi played Hibbing/Chisholm/VCA and was defeated 4-2.

Mahtomedi then played Delano and defeated the team 4-3 in overtime, securing a third place finish.



# Upcoming Events

**March 26:** MMS Career Day (1:10-2:40pm)

**March 26:** Conferences/Family Outreach Evening (Grades 9-12)

**April 2-10:** Zephyr Gala Online Auction open

**April 2:** Family Outreach Evening (Grades 9-12)

**April 3:** Teacher Professional Day (No School)

**April 8:** ACT Test Day - 11th Graders Only (No School 9th, 10th and 12th )

**April 10:** [MHS Career, Internship, and Volunteer Event](#)

**April 10:** [MAEF Zephyr Gala](#) 5pm

**April 14:** [Dessert & Dialogue AI event](#) (5-7pm)

**April 27:** Coffee & Conversations (4:30-5:30 pm)

