

**NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138  
NORTH BRANCH AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL, MEDIA CENTER, 38431 LINCOLN  
TRL, NORTH BRANCH, MN 55056  
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025  
5:30 PM**

**AGENDA**

Notice is hereby given that the School Board of North Branch Area Public Schools will hold a Special School Board Meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2025 at 5:30 PM in the North Branch Area Middle School, Media Center, 38431 Lincoln Trl, North Branch, MN 55056.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Superintendent's Report 2
- V. Approval of Agenda
- VI. New Business
  - A. Spotlight: Middle School 17
  - B. Level III Grievances
- VII. Adjournment

# Superintendent Update

March 27, 2025

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# At the forefront of educational excellence



## **WHAT WE INTEND TO CREATE**

*Inspire dreams, build integrity and instill hope  
in our students, our staff, our families and our communities.*

## **OUR PURPOSE**

*Partner with students, staff, families and communities to challenge all  
students to achieve their greatest potential and become informed and  
engaged citizens.*

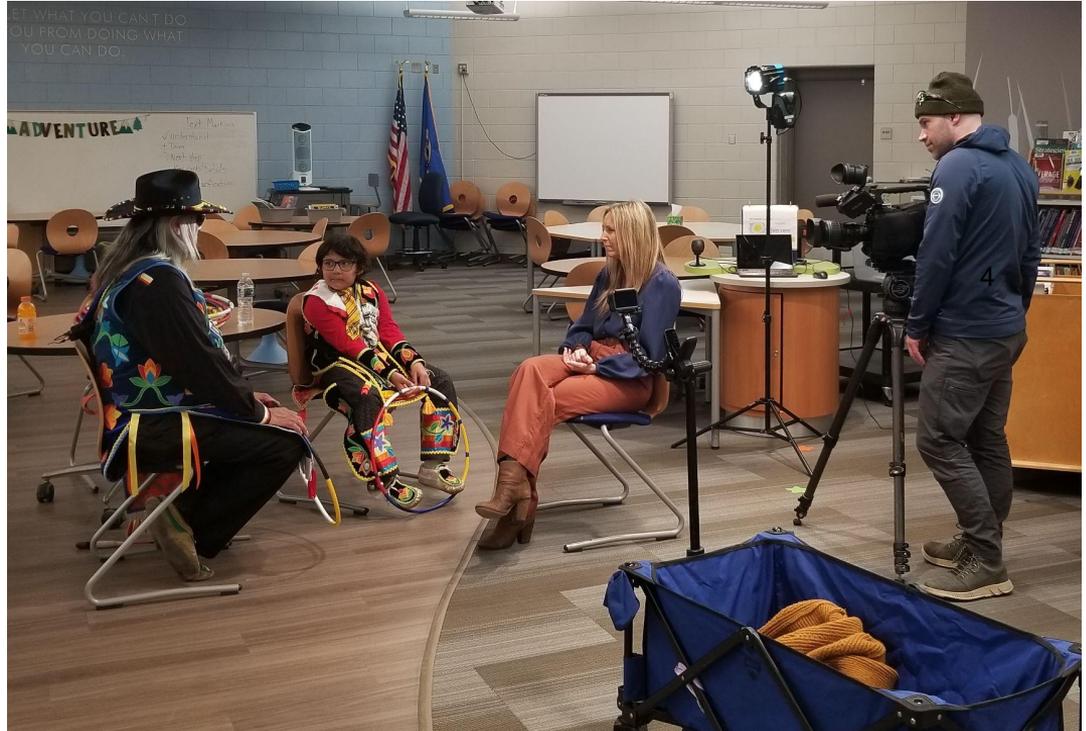
# Mattias shares his talents and story



Second grader Mattias Bigbear and his hoop dancing were featured on WCCO Sunday Morning this weekend.

He inspired with his skills and love for family.

The video and news story can be viewed [here](#).



# FFA earns Superior National Chapter award



The North Branch FFA Chapter has earned the Superior National Chapter award!

- FFA Members will be presented with this prestigious award at the MN FFA convention in April.
- Only 41 chapters received this 5<sup>th</sup> distinction in Minnesota this year.
- Members have been working hard to create valuable experiences in the classroom and community through community service, chapter operations, and agriculture promotion activities.
- This is especially exciting as the chapter was first chartered last year.

# High quality learning options for students



North Branch Area Public Schools' (NBAPS) Distance Learning Academy provides families across Minnesota a distance learning/online option with flexible scheduling, in-person or online support from NBAPS own teachers, and the structure students need to succeed! To learn more, contact the DLA at 651-674-1051. We can't wait to serve you!

# Facilities Review Continues



ATS&R continues to facilitate a review of our facilities.

Walkthroughs were conducted of each site.

Our focus remains on thoughtful planning to meet the needs of our students, staff and families.



# The Win-Win of Partnership

IT'S TIME FOR HOME ICE...

ABOUT US  
BOARD MEMBERS  
BOARD MEETINGS AND GOVERNING DOCUMENTS  
MITE PROGRAM LEVELS  
FUTURE HOME OF NBAAHA

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North Branch Area Hockey Association  
**HOCKEY ARENA**

**DONATE NOW!**

**— DONATE TODAY! —**

**NBAHA ARENA**

Over the past decade, our community has been wholeheartedly dedicated to the construction of our arena. Since 2010, local families and businesses have generously donated their time and money, with our hockey association taking a leading role in this endeavor. Utilizing generous funds and additional donations, we have been able to make substantial progress. Our objective is to have the facility, equipped with dryland training, a workout facility, concession areas, and offices, completed by spring or



Making a home for  
Viking hockey a  
reality  
+  
Meeting childcare  
needs  
=  
Viking Innovation

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**Grant  
Announcement**



## Legislative Advocacy: *Advancing teacher apprenticeships*



Thanks to Representative Max Rymer for leading legislative efforts on our behalf to advance teacher apprenticeships across Minnesota

3/13 House Education Finance Committee

3/26 Workforce, Labor, and Economic  
Development Finance and Policy Committee

Forming Forward Together Joint Apprenticeship  
Training Committee (JATC)

# The Power of a Conversation



*Sometimes a  
subtle shift  
in  
perspective  
can make a  
big  
difference in  
our lives.*



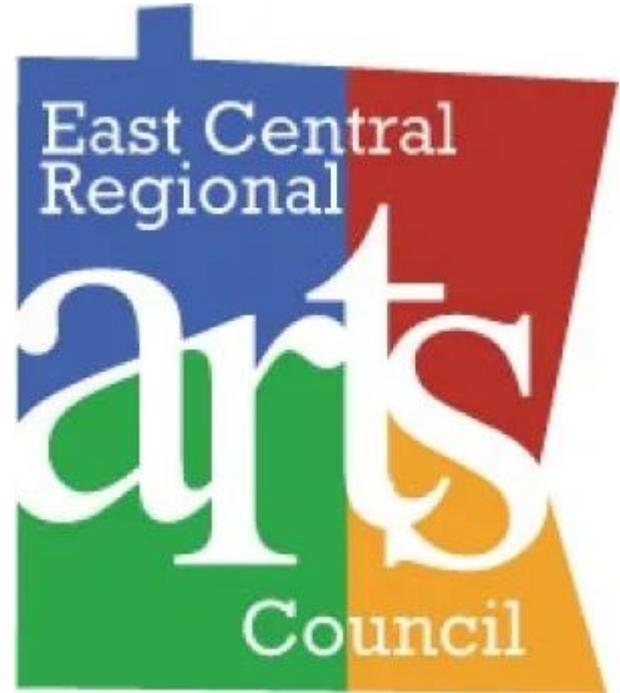
# Sock Hop a Success



## NBAPS receives Arts grant



The East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC) has awarded an arts grant to NBAPS to empower student groups to learn and apply Scandinavian, Hmong and American Indian art techniques to banner designs, complimenting the NBAEF grant awarded for the Banners on Grant project.



# NBAEF hosts Purse and Yeti Bingo



**DESIGNER PURSE AND YETI®**

**B I N G O**

**YOUR CHOICE: PURSE, YETI, CASH, OR COMBO!**

Sunday April 27th, 2025    Lent Townhall - Stacy, MN

- Package Sales Only
- 11 Games
- \$30/\$45 Packages
- Must go Coverall for Cash up to \$1,000!
- The Fuse will be hosting a Cash Bar & Snacks for Purchase

Doors Open AT 12:00pm  
Sales Open AT 1:00pm  
Bingo Starts AT 2:00pm

**Cash Only Event!**  
Saving Seats IS Allowed

**MK** MICHAEL KORS    **kate spade** NEW YORK    **YETI**    **COACH**

Fundraiser proceeds go to support our Mission: Dedicated to enhancing opportunities to achieve excellence for students in the North Branch Area Public School District ISD #138

**NBAEF**  
NORTH BRANCH AREA EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
DEDICATED TO EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE SINCE 2008

The NBAEF is hosting Designer Purse and Yeti Bongo on Sunday, April 27

- Where: Lent Town Hall
- When: doors open at noon
- Event is unlike other purse bingo events; the winner has the choice of purse, Yeti, cash, or combo!

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Proceeds from the event will be used to enhance the educational opportunities of NBAPS students. Thanks NBAEF!

# Viking staff coming together to raise money for student scholarships



NBAPS staff will again be bagging groceries at County Market to raise scholarships for graduating seniors seeking to continue their education.

**Saturday, April 12**  
**10 am - 4 pm**

Save the date and plan to do your grocery shopping on April 12 and partner with Viking staff to support our 2025 Viking graduates!



# Community Service Day is May 29



May 29 has been selected for this year's Community Service Day.

Community Service Day is a wonderful way for students and staff to give back to the communities that support them each year.

If you know anyone in the community who could use a little help this spring, please contact Pat Tepoorten at [ptepoorten@isd138.org](mailto:ptepoorten@isd138.org), or 651-674-1018.







**North Branch  
Area Middle<sup>17</sup>  
School**

Spotlight Presentation 3.27.25



# Vision- What we intend to create

*Inspire dreams, build integrity and instill hope in our students, our staff, our families and our communities.*



# Mission- Purpose of our work

*Partner with students, families and communities to challenge all students to achieve their **greatest potential** and become informed and engaged citizens.*

Academic outcomes don't change climate  
and culture - climate and culture  
changes academic outcomes.

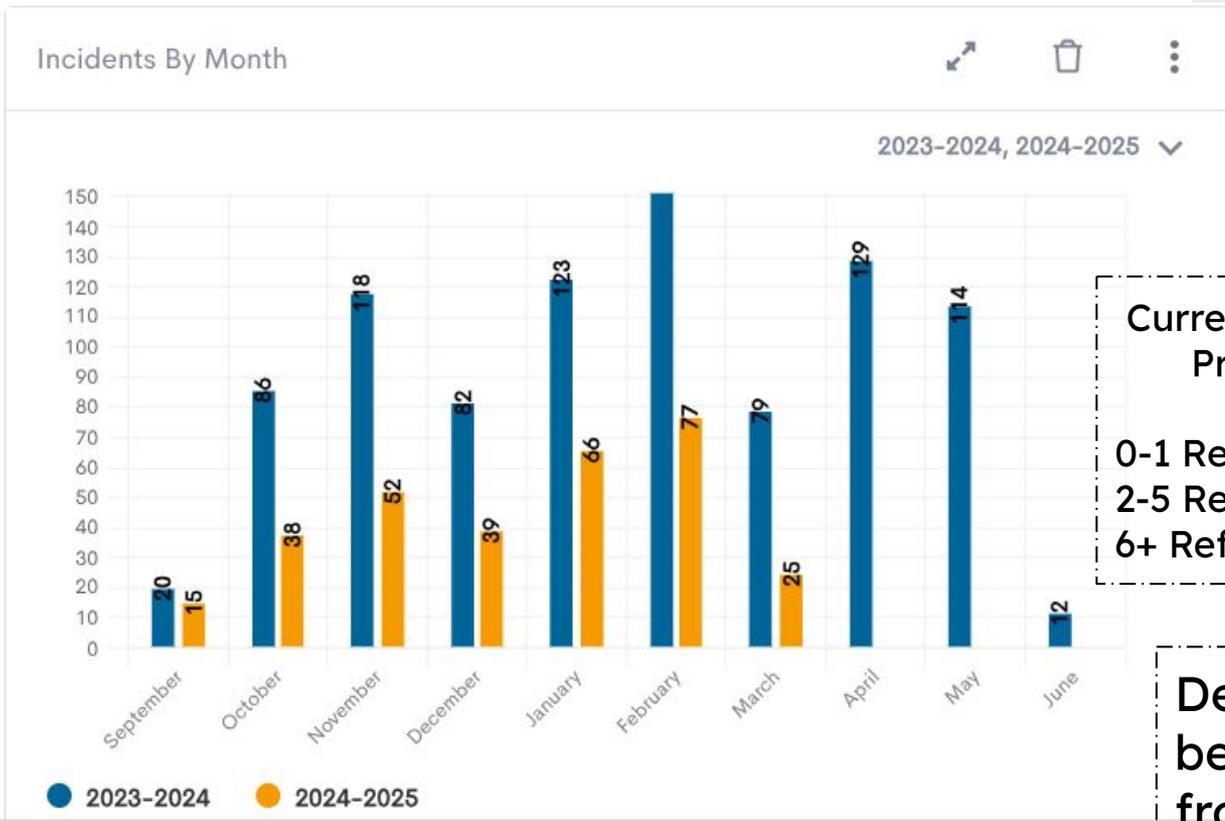
-Jerry Brooks

## LIFE SKILLS GOAL

Throughout the 2024-25 school year, 85% of NBAMS students will display respectful, enthusiastic, and determined behaviors (0-1 referrals); and 100% of NBAMS students with six or more referrals will have a personalized intervention to support an increase of desired behaviors.



# NBAMS: Behavior Referral Data



Current Life Skill Goal  
Progress Data:

0-1 Referrals = 90.30%

2-5 Referrals = 7.08%

6+ Referrals = 2.62%

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Overall significant decrease in students displaying behavior that equates to a behavior referral.

Decrease of 347  
behavior referrals  
from last year (at  
this time)!

# Spotlight: Life Skills Action Steps

## What's Working?

Reflection on lesson designs to increase student engagement

Behavior Processing Forms

Surprise extra recess and reward days

Reviewing and reteaching expected skills based on behavior referrals

What three words would you use to describe North Branch Area Middle School?

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Targeted Social Skill Instruction

Consistent application of Kid Whisperer Strategies

Increase in preventative parent communication regarding student behavior

# NBAMS: MySAEBRS Data

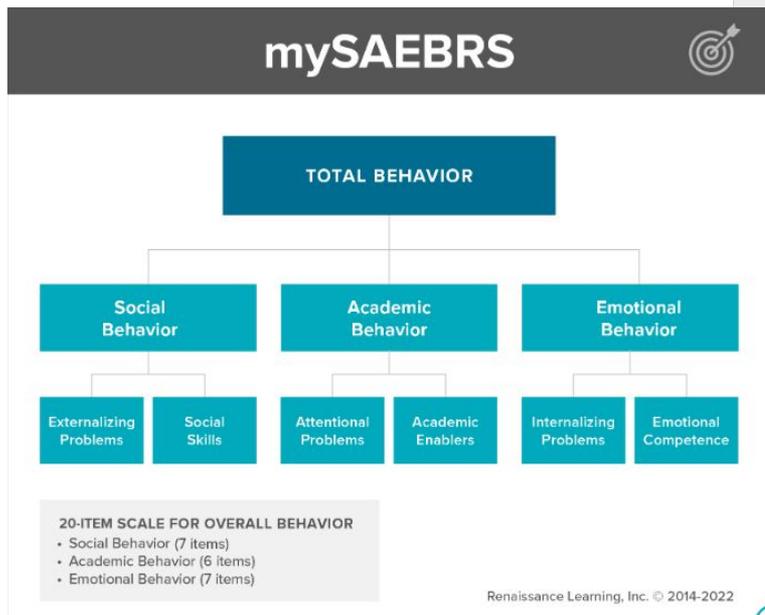
## Winter MySAEBRS:

**88% of NBAMS students reported feeling positive about their ability to navigate school (academically and behaviorally).**

11% of students reported feeling within the some risk range.

1% reported feeling at high risk.

The majority of the students in the some risk range reported feeling a lack of confidence in their academic behavior skills.



### **Social Behavior Domain (7 items)**

Students' ability to understand social norms, empathize, and understand the perspectives of others..

### **Academic Behavior Domain (6 items)**

Skills necessary for students to be prepared for, participate in, and benefit from academic instruction.

### **Emotional Behavior Domain (7 items)**

Students' ability to regulate internal states, adapt to change, and respond to stressful/challenging events.



The 1% reporting feeling at risk equates to six students. All six of these students are being closely monitored by the STARS team, have<sup>24</sup> a targeted intervention and/or are receiving special education services.

## **ACADEMIC GOAL**

Throughout the 2024-2025 school year, 80% of all grades at NBAMS will be a C- or above in all courses. Students not earning a C- or better will be provided with intervention strategies to aid their learning.



# NBAMS: Semester One Results

Grade 6 = 1220/1310 Posted Grades were a C- or better (93%)

Grade 7 = 1075/1243 Posted Grades were a C- or better (86%)

Grade 8 = 1258/1536 posted grades were a C- or better (82%)



Grade 6 = 81% of posted grades for Semester 1 exceeded the goal (A, A-, B+, B, B-)

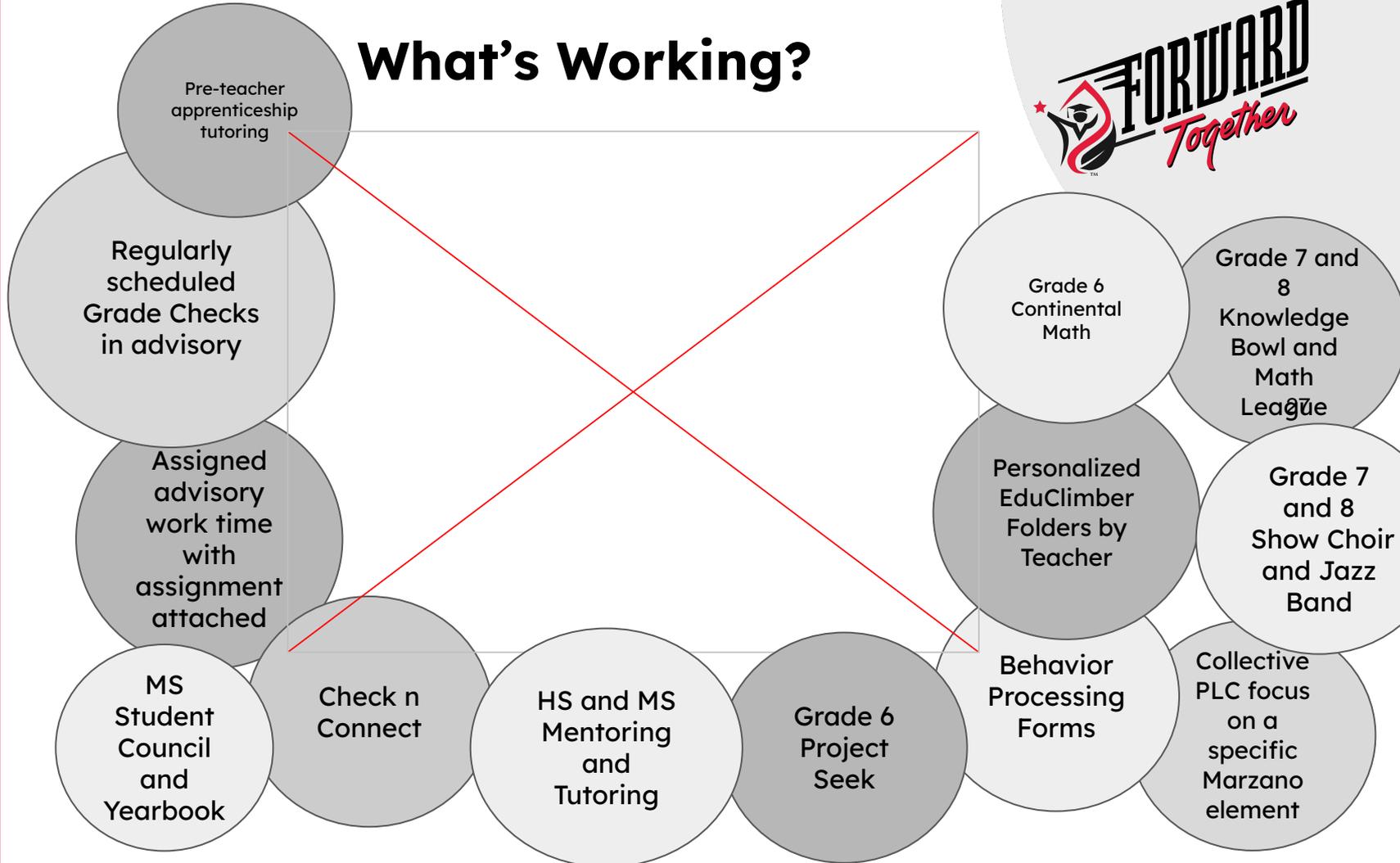
Grade 7 = 75% of posted grades for Semester 1 exceeded the goal (A, A-, B+, B, B-)

Grade 8 = 68% of posted grades for Semester 1 exceeded the goal (A, A-, B+, B, B-)



**Spotlight:  
Academic Goal Action Steps**

# What's Working?



Let's take a field trip to see a  
Grade 6 Science lesson in action!



Thank you Mr. Josh Reistad and the following  
amazing Grade 6 students:

Owen Thiel

Sonya Gardner

Georgia Grover

Connor Schabert

Nolan Christensen

Lilly Davis

Alice Coman

# Questions?

