



Excellence. For each and every student.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Working Meeting - Monday, July 28, 2025 - 6:00 PM

Creekside

16000 41st Ave N.

Plymouth, MN 55446

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**Minutes of Candidate Information Session Meeting**

A Candidate Information Session Meeting of the Board of Education of Wayzata Public Schools was held Monday, July 28, 2025, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Creekside 16000 41st Ave N. Plymouth, MN 55446.

1. School Board Candidate Information Session. All parties interested in running for School Board are invited to attend. Attendance is optional.

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# Wayzata School Board

Candidate Informational Session  
July 28, 2025

# Who We Are

## Communities Served

We serve all or parts of Corcoran, Maple Grove, Medicine Lake, Medina, Minnetonka, Orono, Plymouth and Wayzata

## Enrollment (K-12)

13,372 students, including:

- 554 early learning students
- 5,852 elementary students
- 3,003 middle school students
- 3,927 high school students

## Schools

- 1 early learning school (birth to kindergarten)
- 9 elementary schools (kindergarten to grade 5)
- 3 middle schools (grades 6-8)
- 1 high school (grades 9-12)
- 1 transition program

## Staff

- 1,660 district staff

# What We Do

## The Board

- 7-member board
- 3 or 4-year terms (transitioning to even year elections)
- Non-partisan
- At-Large
- Governance, not management

## The Work

- Monthly regular meetings and work sessions
- Committees and appointments
- Annual events
- Student recognition and school events
- Board representation in the community

# Strategic Road Map



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## Wayzata Public Schools Strategic Road Map "Excellence. For Each and Every Student."

Mission	Our Core Purpose	Core Values	Drivers of Our Words and Actions
The Mission of Wayzata Public Schools is to ensure a world-class education that prepares each and every student to thrive today and excel tomorrow in an ever-changing global society.		<p><b>Achievement:</b> Challenging oneself and others for excellence in all we do</p> <p><b>Collaboration:</b> Working together to maximize opportunities and eliminate barriers to learning for all</p> <p><b>Community:</b> Maintaining a sense of belonging to and responsibility for the broader community</p> <p><b>Equity:</b> Meeting the specific needs of all students</p> <p><b>Integrity:</b> Doing the right thing in the right way at the right time, even when no one is aware</p> <p><b>Respect:</b> Valuing others for their diverse talents, backgrounds, cultures and viewpoints</p>	

Vision	What We Intend to Create and Experience	Strategic Directions (2019-2022)	Focused Allocation of Resources
	<p><u>By Realizing our Vision, We Achieve Our Mission</u></p> <p>The Vision of Wayzata Public Schools is to be a model of excellence where students of all ages discover their unique talents, develop a love and tenacity for learning and demonstrate confidence and capacity for success through:</p> <p><b>Exceptional Student Learning, Experiences and Relationships:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High achievement by each and every student;</li> <li>Content-rich, rigorous and personalized education;</li> <li>Meaningful relationships with teachers, staff, mentors and peers in a welcoming, nurturing and safe environment where all are valued for who they are and the contributions they make.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Trust, Confidence and Partnership:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comprehensive learning opportunities meeting diverse learner needs and community aspirations;</li> <li>Culture of continuous improvement and responsive innovation;</li> <li>Committed to being the first choice for students and families;</li> <li>Maintaining the highest levels of satisfaction and pride by staff, parents and community.</li> </ul> <p><b>Operational Excellence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attraction, development and retention of exemplary, creative and engaged employees;</li> <li>Accountability by all staff and clarity in all operations to maximize individual and collective performance;</li> <li>Effective and efficient use of time, human, financial and physical resources;</li> <li>High performing district governance, management and partnerships.</li> </ul>	<p>Through Focus on Priorities and Strategy Execution, <u>We Achieve Excellence and Realize Our Vision</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Achievement:</b> By the end of third grade, all students will achieve at or beyond grade level expectations for reading, writing, and mathematics.</li> <li><b>Each and Every:</b> Student achievement will not be predictable by any demographic classification, i.e. race, socioeconomic status, gender, or disability.</li> <li><b>Personalization:</b> All students will know and understand their unique talents, have a voice in their educational experiences, and take ownership for their learning, career aspirations, and future success.</li> <li><b>Health and Well-Being:</b> All students will feel a sense of belonging and connection to their school where social-emotional, physical and mental health is nurtured and valued.</li> </ol>	

Approved by WPS School Board: July 8, 2019



# Strategy Leadership Team

- **Dana Miller:** Executive Director of Teaching & Learning
- **Trevor Peterson:** Executive Director of Finance & Operations
- **Dave Lutz:** Executive Director of Human Resource Services
- **Wade Phillips:** Director of Technology Services
- **Amy Parnell:** Director of Communications & Community Engagement
- **Ginny Nyhus:** Director of Student Support Services
- **Jenni Ebert:** Director of Community Ed
- **Solveig Harriday:** Director of Equity and Inclusion

# Resources

- Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA)
- District administrative staff
- Current School Board members
- Attendance at Board meetings and committees
- Past Board agendas

## **If elected:**

- MSBA Trainings
- National and local school Board conferences

# Why Run?



**13,372**

students

**15**

schools

**100%**

excellence for each and every



## **Vote early in person**

**September 19 - November 3 (M-F)**

Hours 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Saturday, Nov. 1**

Hours 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

District Service Center

13305 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue North, Plymouth

## **Vote on election day**

Tuesday, November 4

7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Find your polling location at

**[mnvotes.org](http://mnvotes.org)**