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## District residents to vote on new operating levy

The Farmington Area Public Schools Board recently voted to schedule a referendum election for November 7, 2023. The proposal on the ballot will ask voters to:

- 2021-2022 - \$700,000
- 2022-2023 - \$1,050,000
- 2023-2024 - \$2,400,000

• Revoke the district's existing operating levy of \$677 per pupil and replace it with a new levy in the following amounts per pupil for taxes payable in the years specified:

- \$1,239.92 per pupil for taxes payable in 2024 which will provide \$9 million (\$5 million from previous levy and \$4 million from new levy) per year for the first three years of the new levy; and
- An additional \$562.95 per pupil for taxes payable in 2027 which will provide an additional \$4 million per year for the remaining seven years of the new levy.

Along with these reductions, the district is projecting a budget deficit of approximately \$3.5 million for the 2024-2025 school year. Because of past reductions and projected deficit, it was important to offer district residents the opportunity to consider increasing funding for the district rather than facing additional reductions in the next few years.

If approved, the revenue from the new levy will help the district to:

- Maintain excellent learning opportunities, programs and services for district students.
- Offset a portion of the costs associated with new literacy and learner support initiatives required by the state.
- Stabilize funding.

The decision by the school board to schedule the operating levy election came after months of consideration and discussion. The district has reduced the budget for the past three years. The amount of reductions for

If the operating levy is not approved, the district will need to make additional budget reductions for the 2024-2025 school year and beyond. Budget adjust-

## LEVY FOR LEARNING

# VOTE

## NOV. 7, 2023

ments would include discontinuing educational programs and reducing learning opportunities for students. As noted above, the district is currently projecting a budget deficit of about \$3.5 million for 2024-2025.

More detailed information about the operating levy referendum is included on pages 2-3 or on the district website at: <https://www.farmington.k12.mn.us/referendum>.

Two public information sessions were held in September and another information session will be held on Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Large Lecture Hall at Farmington High School.

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Farmington High School Principal Ryan Meyer outside FHS.

**Ryan Meyer,  
Farmington High School Principal**



(Left to right) Laura Pierce, Ryan Meyer, Jon Lund on the first day of school, 2023.

Ryan Meyer was announced as the new principal of Farmington High School in April and he officially began his position in July of this year. Meyer previously served as the Assistant Principal of Mankato West High School.

During the search for a new high school principal district leaders sought feedback regarding the qualities learners, families and staff were looking for in a principal. A number of qualified candidates applied and many factors came into the final decision. Meyer rose to the top given how strongly his skills, abilities and diverse experiences align with the FHS community and the district's strategic framework. Superintendent Berg shared: "I know Ryan is well suited to support and advance the strategic work taking place at FHS ensuring our learners achieve their highest aspirations."

# ISD 192 welcomes new leaders

**Shawn Peck,  
Riverview Elementary Principal**

Shawn Peck officially began his position as principal of Riverview Elementary School in July after serving as a school leader in the Faribault district for the previous six years.

Peck shared in a Facebook post: "I'm thrilled to be joining such a wonderful team of educators who are always working to have a positive impact on the lives of the students we serve. Riverview is clearly a special place where we believe



Shawn Peck and his wife, Kerri.

in each other and care about each other. Each day we will continue to fill our school with love, joy, and the steady buzz of learning."



Outside of school, he enjoys spending time with his wife and three children, playing softball or base-

ball, reading, going on long bike rides and exploring the outdoors.

**Jess Ulrick,  
Director of Human Resources**

Farmington Area Public Schools, ISD 192, was pleased to welcome Jess Ulrick as the new Director of Human Resources in August. This followed the retirement of MaryAnn Thomas from the position. Ulrick previously served as a Colonel in the United States Army. He was the Director of Manpower and Personnel for the Minnesota Army National Guard and has over 25 years of experience in the human resources field.

Upon his hiring Superintendent Jason Berg shared, "His ability to connect and build relationships made him the perfect candidate to step in and continue the essential work our human resources and payroll department completes daily."

Ulrick and his family have been active members of the Tiger community for many years, involved in our learning and athletics programs. Now he is excited to serve our community in a new way.



Jess Ulrick,  
Director of Human Resources



**PROPERTY TAX IMPACT**

**More Revenue for our Schools with a Lower Tax Impact for our Residents**

If the operating levy is approved, the tax impact for residents will be minimized because:

- The district will pay off two previously approved building bonds
- The school board will use a “stepped in” approach for implementing the operating levy

Through the “stepped in” approach, the district will receive additional operating levy funds while limiting the tax impact for our residents.

**STEP #1**

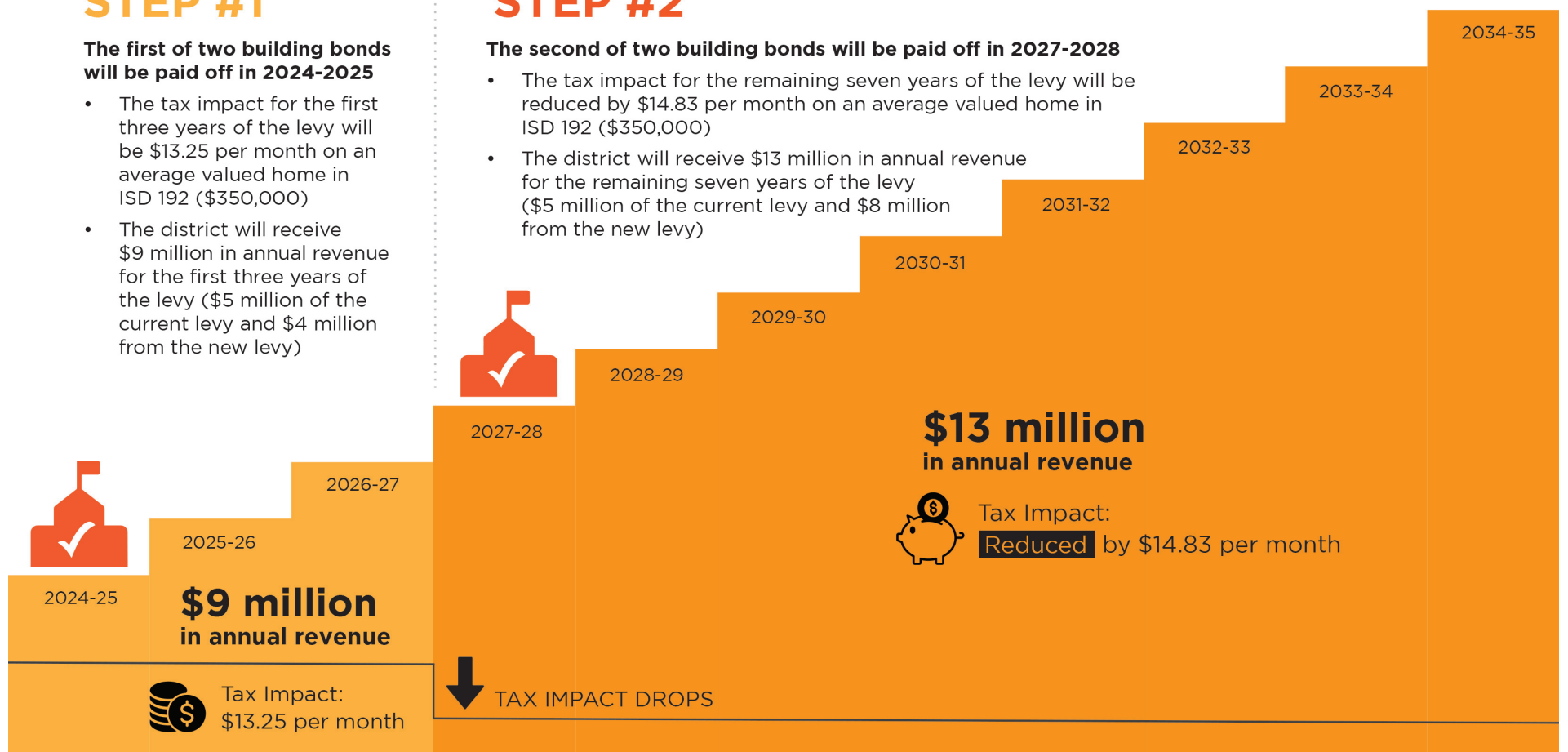
**The first of two building bonds will be paid off in 2024-2025**

- The tax impact for the first three years of the levy will be \$13.25 per month on an average valued home in ISD 192 (\$350,000)
- The district will receive \$9 million in annual revenue for the first three years of the levy (\$5 million of the current levy and \$4 million from the new levy)

**STEP #2**

**The second of two building bonds will be paid off in 2027-2028**

- The tax impact for the remaining seven years of the levy will be reduced by \$14.83 per month on an average valued home in ISD 192 (\$350,000)
- The district will receive \$13 million in annual revenue for the remaining seven years of the levy (\$5 million of the current levy and \$8 million from the new levy)



**Tax impact will be minimized for district residents**

The district is choosing to bring the ballot question to the community at this time because of the following factors that will significantly minimize the tax impact on local property owners:

- The first of two building bonds will be paid off in 2024-2025
- The tax impact for the first three years of the levy will be \$13.25 per month on an average valued home in ISD 192 (\$350,000)
- The district will receive \$9 million in revenue for the first three years of the levy (\$5 million of the current levy and \$4 million from the new levy)
- The second of two building bonds will be paid off in 2027-2028
- The tax impact for the remaining seven years of the levy will be reduced by \$14.83 per month in a tax payment, which is about \$1.58 less in school property taxes
- The district will receive \$13 million in revenue for the remaining seven years of the levy (\$5 million of the current levy and \$8 million from the new levy)

Through the “stepped in” approach, the district will receive additional operating levy funds while limiting the tax impact for our residents. School property taxes for district residents with a home valued at \$350,000 will increase by about \$13.25 per month for the first three years and then be reduced by \$14.83 per month

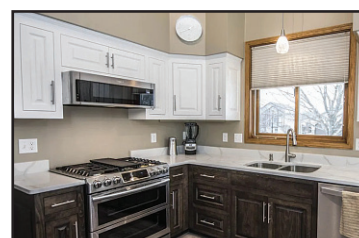
for the remaining seven years of the levy, resulting in a lower tax payment of \$1.58 per month. Thanks to strong financial planning from the district, we are taking advantage of these upcoming changes to our tax base and finding ways to maximize the impact on our learners and schools while minimizing the tax burden on our community.

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# Farmington's revenue is lower than neighboring districts

Due to the differences in voter approved local operating referendums, ISD 192 is limited in the amount we can spend per student. When compared to seven other area school districts, Farmington Area Public Schools spends between \$1,150 and \$4,042 less per student—about \$2,000 less per student than the state average.

DISTRICT	PER-STUDENT SPENDING
WEST ST. PAUL MENDOTA HEIGHTS EAGAN	\$16,865
BURNSVILLE EAGAN-SAVAGE	\$16,790
LAKEVILLE	\$15,020
STATE AVERAGE	\$15,010
INVER GROVE HEIGHTS	\$14,947
SOUTH ST. PAUL	\$14,691
ROSEMOUNT APPLE VALLEY EAGAN	\$14,605
HASTINGS	\$13,973
FARMINGTON	\$12,823

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# November 7 referendum election voting information

The election will take place on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. You can find your polling place by visiting [pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us](http://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us) or scanning the QR code.

In Minnesota, you can vote with an absentee ballot starting September 22, 2023. You can request an absentee ballot online for federal, state, and county elections.

You can vote by direct ballot at the Farmington Area Public Schools District Service Center beginning Friday, October 20, 2023. The district office is located inside Farmington High School (20655 Flagstaff Avenue, Farmington, MN 55024). Please enter through door 16 on the south side of the building. The District Service Center is open

Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

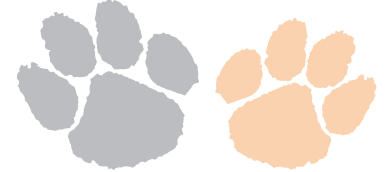
Direct ballot voting can also be completed at Dakota County Western Service Center (Apple Valley), Dakota County Northern Service Center (West St. Paul), and the Dakota County Government Center (Hastings), beginning Friday, October 20, 2023.

**To vote you must:**

- be at least 18 years old;
- be a citizen of the United States;
- be a resident of the school district and maintain residence in the district for 20 days immediately preceding the election.



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# Welcome Back, Tigers!



We were once again excited to welcome learners back to our school this fall. The official first day of school for most students was September 5th, but by that time many learners were already back in buildings for athletics and activities as well as the usual back-to-school events. Thank you to everyone who made the first few weeks of the 2023-2024 school year a fun, exciting, and successful time! It is a true community effort from the volunteers who help with everything from greeting students

to helping them find classes, to the student leaders who help younger learners transition to middle school and high school. Thank you to the custodians who worked throughout the summer to get our buildings and grounds ready, and the bus drivers, food service, nurses, paraprofessionals, teachers, and of course our learners and their families who all put in work and preparation to make the start of the school year fantastic.

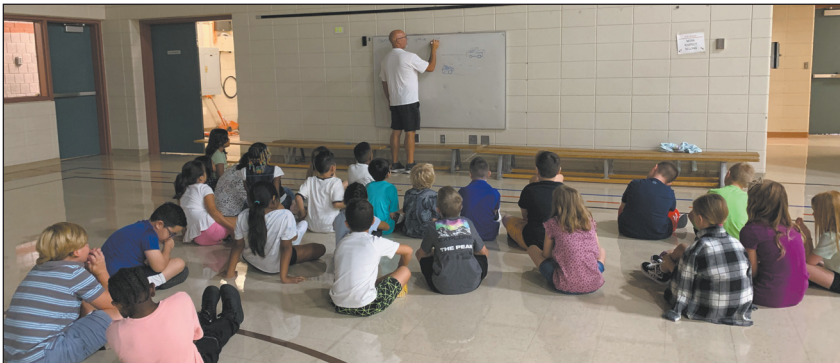


[Left] A Riverview Elementary student excited for the new school year.

[Right] Riverview Elementary learners enjoying getting to know their classmates.

[Below] The Farmington Tiger Drumline plays to welcome learners on the first day of school.

[Below] Boeckman Middle School staff greet students on the first day of school.



[Above] Akin Road Elementary students learn about bike safety in their Physical Education class.

[Below] Farmington Elementary School staff ready to greet students on the first day of school.



[Below] Meadowview Elementary students enjoy school lunch.

[Right] Third grade learners at Akin Road Elementary listen to a story in the Media Center.





[Above] Ms. Johnson helps a new first grader at North Trail Elementary.



[Below] Boeckman Middle School students walk the "orange carpet" and are cheered on by staff.

[Above] Dodge Middle School staff prepared for the first day of school.



[Below] Boeckman Middle School WEB Leaders, 8th grade students who volunteer to help incoming 6th graders transition to middle school.



[Above] Farmington High School staff cheer students on as they begin the new school year.

[Left] Members of the Farmington High School Link Crew, student learners who help incoming 9th graders with the transition to high school.

[Right] Boeckman Middle School Principal Joe Sage with Superintendent Jason Berg.

[Below, Left] A North Trail Elementary student works on one of her first assignments of the year.

[Below] Meadowview Elementary School learners enjoying recess on the first day of school.

[Below, Right] Community volunteers greeting incoming 9th grade students on the first day of school.



# Fall Athletics & Activities Highlights

This is a brief overview of the kickoff to the 2023 fall season for the Farmington Tigers Athletics and Activities program. Please visit [farmingtontigers.com](http://farmingtontigers.com) for the most up-to-date information.



Photo by Aaron Fraher

## FOOTBALL

### Farmington Football Falls Short In Season Opener

Article by Dylan Corbet

The Tigers fought, but fell short in the opener at Spring Lake Park vs Mounds View, 17-7.

The offense found success moving the ball, but penalties were a major issue that thwarted a lot of promising drive. The Mustangs would strike first with a 31-yard field goal to earn the game's first lead in the 2nd quarter.

Mounds View would score again in the same quarter after touchdown pass from Sampson to Nguyen to build a 10-0 Mustang lead.

The Tiger defense was a bright spot as they kept Farmington in the game until the end. The Tigers trailed 10-0 at half, but found the endzone on a 2 yard touchdown run by Layne Johnson.

Mounds View responded with a score of their own and marched to the win.

#### NOTABLE

- Farmington - 72 yards passings; 75 yards rushing; 147 yards total offense.
- Jonah Ask - 6/13, 72 yards; 10 rush, 31 yards
- Cody Rezny - 1 reception, 25 yards
- Brock Wyandt - 2 receptions, 9 yards
- Jeffrey Branson - 6 rush, 21 yards
- Connor Hennen - 12 total tackles, 2 TFL
- Teagan Stovall - 9 total tackles, 3 TFL
- Darius Johnson - 9 total tackles

Don't miss the upcoming homecoming game on October 6th vs. the Eagan Wildcats!



Photo by Benny Lego

## GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

### Tigers drop home opener to Northfield but not without a fight

As the first two sets progressed, Northfield managed to secure substantial leads, capitalizing on in-system balls and aggressive serving. However, the Tigers fought back valiantly, refusing to go down without a fight, winning the 3rd set 25-22. The tension and energy in the gym reached its peak during the third set as the Tigers and Raiders fought back and forth. But,

without missing a beat the Raiders took it to Farmington early in set 4 forcing a timeout up 9-3. Soon down 4-14 Farmington took their last time out, never getting the momentum back on their side. Northfield won set four 25-15 winning the match 3-1.

The Tigers shuffled players around throughout the match looking for a spark. Among that shuffle, a few Tigers saw significant court time for the first time in their careers including; Sr. Roselyn Bot, Sr. Ella McAbee, Jr. Mya Sharp, and Fr. Braelyn Hendrickson.

The Tigers were led in kills by Sabrina Caven with 9 and Adi Otto with 7. Maddy Dombeck tallied 5 kills and 22 set assists. Lexi West with 20 digs and Mya Sharp with 8.

- **Final Score** - Northfield defeats Farmington 25-15, 25-13, 22-25, and 25-15.
- **Location** - Farmington High School, Farmington MN
- **Records** - Farmington 0-1, Northfield 1-0



Photo by Melanie Kiage

## BOYS SOCCER

### Boys Soccer Kicks Off 2023 Campaign With Victory Over Northfield

Article by Dylan Corbet

The Farmington Tigers (1-0, 0-0 SCC) boys soccer team kicked off the new season with a dominant victory over Northfield (0-1, 0-0 Big 9), 2-0.

The Tigers quickly showcased their talent on offense when the first corner chance found Stanley Ooga, who then found Jacob Kiage for the first goal of the new season.

Minutes later, Ivan Ruiz got loose downfield and touched it off to Jack Rosa for a tap in goal to make it 2-0 heading into halftime.

That would be all the Tigers needed as they overcame the Raider offense in the second half as well, winning their second straight season opener at home under Thomas Macmillan.



Photo by Kari Hagman

## GIRLS SOCCER

### Tigers Open 2023 Campaign With 4-0 Victory Over Northfield

In an exhilarating season-opener for girls soccer, the Farmington Tigers (1-0, 0-0 SSC) roared to victory, defeating the Northfield Raiders (0-1, 0-0 Big 9) with a commanding 4-0 scoreline.

The stage was set on a warm and inviting evening at Northfield's Memorial Stadium.

Right from the kickoff, the Tigers showcased their prowess, maintaining control of the ball and dictating the rhythm of the game. As the first half unfolded, Farmington displayed their offensive prowess, stunning the home crowd as they netted two goals before the halftime whistle blew. The Raiders' defense struggled to contain the relentless attacks, and the Tigers capitalized on their opportunities.

As the sun set and the second half began, the Farmington Tigers maintained their focus and determination. The Raiders, however, were determined to stage a comeback and fought valiantly to gain a foothold in the game. But the Tigers' defense remained resolute, thwarting Northfield's efforts and denying them any opportunities to close the gap.

Farmington goals were scored by Lauren McGough, Summer Groff, and Emma Schabert (2).

When the final whistle blew, the scoreboard displayed a resounding 4-0 victory for the Farmington Tigers. With this impressive win, the Tigers improved to 1-0 overall, setting a positive tone for the rest of their season. On the other hand, the Northfield Raiders found themselves at 0-1.



Girls Cross Country Team at Twin Ports Invite. Photo by Keith Badger

## BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

### Tigers Set Bar High At Twin Ports Invite

The Farmington Tigers boys and girls cross country teams traveled North to Duluth for their annual voyage to the Twin Ports Invitational hosted by Duluth East.

The girls team came home with a first place finish in the event that included competition from Duluth East, Centennial, Hibbing, and Pierz. Sophia Venning was the top finisher on the girls team completing the race in 20:01.

The boys team picked up a second place finish in the event with senior Mason Sullivan leading the way with a time of 16:44.



Photo by Bernadette Duellman

## GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

### Girls Swim & Dive Opens Season At Home Vs Rochester Century

The Farmington girls swim & dive team opened up a new season, and new era under head coach Tony Parast, on Tuesday, August 29 when the team hosted Rochester Century at the Dodge Middle School Pool.

The Tigers competed, however, came up short falling 85-99 to the Panthers.

# Fall Athletics & Activities Highlights

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Sommer Krause won the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 2:04.67. Kate Lentsch was the runner-up in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 26.30. Taylor Gergen won the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 1:01.71. Sommer Krause was also a winner in the 100 yard freestyle finishing with a time of 57.15. Kate Lentsch finished on the heels of Krause in the event with a time of 58.12.

The Tigers' 400 yard freestyle relay would cap off the evening with a victory. The team of Kate Lentsch, Mikayla Gabrielson, Mikaela Udell, and Sommer Krause won with a time of 3:58.71.



Photo by Keith Badger

## GIRLS TENNIS

### Girls Tennis Earns Victory In Season Opener

The Farmington Girls Tennis team earned a team victory in their season opener on Monday, August 21 when they hosted the Northfield Raiders at FHS.

The Tigers won the match 4-3.

## RESULTS

### SINGLES

- #1 • Shayla Draper (FHS) def Cora McBroom (NHS) - 6-4, 6-1
- #2 • Kailyn Heath (FHS) def Meha Hnatyszyn (NHS) - 7-5, 4-6, 6-1
- #3 • Paige Raleigh (NHS) def Kinsleykehr (FHS) - 7-5, 6-2
- #4 • Maddie Johnson (FHS) def Emily Beaham (NHS) - 6-1, 1-6, 6-3

### DOUBLES

- #1 • Lauren Holz/Grace LaCanne (NHS) def Amaza Burggraaff/Hannah Rodgers (FHS) - 6-2, 6-0
- #2 • Addisyn Partida/Kate Kragness (FHS) def Elsa Mitchell/Kate Sand (NHS) - 6-3, 6-1
- #3 • Sophia Weed/Brook Solum (NHS) def Lauren Fleming/Adalyn Burggraaff (FHS) - 6-4, 4-6, 6-1



# FHS Wind Ensemble selected to perform at MMEA Mid-Winter Convention

The Farmington High School Instrumental Music Department is proud and humbled to announce that the Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Erin Holmes, has been selected to perform at the prestigious Minnesota Music Educators Association (MMEA) Mid-Winter Convention in February 2024. This is the highest honor a school music group in Minnesota can receive.

The concert ensembles are the nucleus of the FHS program and we pride ourselves on a focus of community-building. As such, we want to acknowledge our music colleagues of ISD 192 that provide the drive for us to achieve goals, provide a foundation of skills, and give students a passion for music. The dedication of 5th grade band directors Darren Asleson and Tana Christenson; middle school directors Rachel Gordon Mercer, Joe Lasko, and Tara Michlitsch; high school director Bradley Mariska have made this honor possible.

The theme for the performance is: History Enriches. The Present Informs. THE FUTURE BECKONS.

According to Holmes, the theme for the performance "will create connections between the past, present, and future of the wind band and its literature; additionally, it is our goal to create a dialogue amongst our students - and the greater Minnesota music education community - about the importance and necessity of building more inclusive pathways together. For example, the quote "every day is a good day to get better" is embedded into our culture and our program continues to respond and aim to connect people together around music - an invaluable social cause.

"The band's performance will honor masterworks of the past while also looking forward to new performance and compositional styles. Over the last several years, our band program has worked to break down barriers for our students and foster an appreciation for music by living



FHS Wind Ensemble

composers and music cultures historically not well-represented in band music. Along with our district strategic plan, we've committed to a focus on racial equality, connection over content, trauma-informed practices, and responding better to student needs. The music classroom is ideal for exploring these themes."

The Farmington High School Bands curriculum serves over 365 students through four concert bands and three jazz ensembles along with many opportunities with musical pit, solo & ensemble contest, and student-led small groups to name a few. The Wind Ensemble was selected for an MMEA performance during 2021 and Jazz Bands from Farmington

Erin Holmes, Band Director

have twice been selected for MMEA performances under the direction of retired instructor Jeff Gottwig. For more information about Farmington High School Bands, visit [www.FarmingtonTigerBands.org](http://www.FarmingtonTigerBands.org) or search for "Farmington High School Bands" on Facebook or Instagram.



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## SEPTEMBER

### Saturday, September 30 —Homecoming Tailgate Party!

Kicking off Homecoming Week on September 30th with a Community Tailgate in the West Lot at Farmington High School! This event is open to everyone in the community from 2-7 p.m. there will be food trucks, games, music, and more! Admission is \$5 per car.

- WHAT:** A community tailgate to kick off homecoming week.
- WHERE:** Farmington High School, 20655 Flagstaff Avenue, Farmington, MN 55024, in the West Lot.
- WHEN:** 2-7 p.m. on Saturday, September 30, 2023.
- WHO:** All are welcome at this community event. Admission is \$5 per car.

**HOMECOMING TAILGATE**

**SEPT 30 | FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL WEST LOT**  
2-7PM

Come enjoy a night with fun for all ages! There will be music, amazing food trucks vendors, exciting games, and more! Bring your friends and family!

Hosted by Farmington High School Student Council

## OCTOBER

- 10/1-7 - Homecoming Week
- 10/4 - Homecoming Parade (downtown Farmington), Tiger Cub Pep Fest (downtown Farmington), and Coronation (FHS)
- 10/6 - Homecoming Football Game, 7 p.m. at FHS. Farmington Tigers vs. Eagan Wildcats
- 10/9 - School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall
- 10/10 - 2 Hour Early Release (Conferences)
- 10/12 - Referendum Information Session, 7 p.m. at Farmington High School (Large Lecture Hall)
- 10/13 - Flexible Learning Day
- 10/19-20 - No School
- 10/23 - School Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall
- 10/24 - Farmington Tiger Marching Band Indoor Concert, 7 p.m. at FHS
- 10/26 - Lights on Afterschool
- 10/27 - Farmington Community Education Halloween Walk

## NOVEMBER

- 11/5 - FHS Band Brunch and Concert, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at FHS
- 11/7 - Election Day (Don't forget to vote!)
- 11/9 - Patriotic Day Event at FHS
- 11/13 - School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall
- 11/22-24 - No School (Thanksgiving Break)
- 11/27 - School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall

## DECEMBER

- 12/1 - No School (Staff Development)
- 12/11 - School Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at Farmington City Hall
- 12/11 - FHS Instrumental Holiday Concert, 7 p.m.
- 12/18 - FHS Vocal Music Holiday Concert, 6 p.m.
- 12/22- 1/1 - No School (Winter Break)



Dan Thompson, Boeckman Middle School Assistant Principal

### Thompson selected as MASSP Capital Division Assistant Principal of the Year!

Congratulations to Dan Thompson, Assistant Principal at Robert Boeckman Middle School, on being selected as the Minnesota Association of Secondary Principals (MASSP) Capital Division Assistant Principal of the Year!

Thompson joined ISD 192 in July of 2020. Prior to his work in Farmington, he taught language arts, science, and social studies at the middle school level in Eastern Carver County Schools for ten years and served as an Intervention and Equity Specialist for four years. He has also coached football, basketball and golf.

In ISD 192 Thompson is known for his willingness to assist and

support others both at Boeckman Middle School and across the district. Earlier this year, when asked what his favorite thing is about working at BMS, Dan stated, "working with the kids is obviously my favorite part of the job, however, I really appreciate the pride the school and the community takes in being Tigers!"

In honor of Thompson during National Assistant Principals Week, Boeckman Middle School Principal Joe Sage shared, "Mr. Thompson plays a crucial role in our operations ensuring our learners and staff are supported. On behalf of everyone in our BMS Community, thank you Mr. Thompson!"



# THANK YOU!

We want to extend a huge thank you to our Farmington Community Education teachers and staff for all of their hard work this summer! Our community and district is a better place because of you! Keep shining!



The Farmington High School Class of 2023

## FHS graduation rates on the rise!

Official graduation rates are not released until nearly a year after most students have graduated. The state of Minnesota released the graduation rates for the 2021-22 school year in late April of 2023. The state graduation rate for the class of 2022 was 83.6% (58,586 students), which represents a 0.2 percentage point increase in students from 2021. As a district we saw our graduation rate jump from 91.9% in 2020-21 to 94.1% in 2021-22. In addition, we have another 2.3% of the class of 2022 that are continuing to pursue their FHS diploma.

Here is a more detailed snapshot of our 2022 graduation information:

- 100% of our Black or African American learners graduated. (Compared to 73.5% across Minnesota.)
- 87.8% of our Hispanic or Latino learners graduated. This class had the highest number of learners in this group and the highest percentage of this group to graduate in the last four years. (Compared to 69.3% across Minnesota.)
- 94.7% of learners that identify as two or more races graduated. (Compared to 79.2% across Minnesota.)
- 83.3% of multilingual learners (previously English Language learners) graduated.
- (Compared to 65% across Minnesota.)
- 86.5% of learners with an IEP (Individual Education Plan) graduated.
- (Compared to 65.5% across Minnesota.)
- 86.2% of learners qualifying for Free/Reduced meals graduated.
- (Compared to 71.1% across Minnesota.)

"Our staff across the district, and specifically at Farmington High School, have worked to prepare and support our learners through their entire K-12 experience to get them to this milestone. While the ultimate goal is to have 100% of learners graduating, this is very encouraging and we are certainly moving in the right direction!" Superintendent Berg shared regarding the most recent ISD 192 graduation rates.



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