

School Talk: A Strong Start and an Invitation to Shape Our Schools' Future

The halls are filled with energy once again as we proudly wrap up an outstanding first week of the school year. From our youngest learners to our high school seniors, students returned ready to learn, reconnect, and grow.

A Warm Welcome Across All Grades

Our K–5 students arrived to a high-energy welcome as staff created a celebration tunnel to cheer them into the building. Smiles were everywhere—and for the few students feeling a bit of first-day anxiety, our dedicated staff were right there to offer gentle reassurance and help them settle in smoothly.

Meanwhile, our middle and high school students set a fantastic tone for the year during their opening assemblies. They showed up focused, attentive, and respectful, laying a solid foundation for academic success in the months ahead.

Join Us for Local Referendum Informational Meetings

As we look to the November election, we invite all community members to learn more about our local school district referendum. We are hosting two public informational sessions to share details, answer questions, and provide a firsthand look at our facilities:

- **Monday, September 21:** 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM
- **Tuesday, September 22:** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Both sessions will take place in the **Caledonia Elementary School Board Room**. Following each session, attendees will have the opportunity to take a guided tour of the high school to see our current facilities and learning environments.

The District's website is also a great source of information about the proposed plan.

www.cps.k12.mn.us

You can also scan the QR code below (left) to see more information. You can also scan the QR code below(right) or go to the link to look up your tax impact for your property.



TAX CALCULATOR

Find the tax impact for your property by using the tax calculator. Scan the QR code with your phone or by visiting bit.ly/caltax2026.

Statewide Ballot Spotlight: Permanent School Fund Constitutional Amendment

In addition to local school funding questions, Minnesota voters will see a statewide constitutional amendment on their ballots. For voters looking for official state election logistics and sample ballot information, please visit the [Minnesota Secretary of State Elections & Voting Portal](#).

- **What it covers:** The proposed amendment addresses how annual financial distributions are made from Minnesota's Permanent School Fund to K–12 public school districts.
- **Key details:** The measure proposes modernizing the fund's distribution formula to allow an annual payout based on a percentage of the fund's value, aimed at increasing financial distributions to school districts statewide without raising income or property taxes.
- **Voting rules to remember:** Under Minnesota law, passing a constitutional amendment requires a majority of all voters casting a ballot in the election. Leaving the amendment question blank on your ballot has the same practical effect as a "No" vote.

Thank you to our entire community for your unwavering support in making the start of this school year a success. We hope to see you at our upcoming local informational sessions!