



**White Bear Lake Area Schools
School Board Meeting Highlights
September 25, 2017
Work-Study Meeting**

At the September 25, 2017 School Board Work-Study Meeting of the White Bear Lake Area School Board, the following items were presented and discussed:

1. **Overview of Social Work Support.** Avis Fink and John Nachtsheim discussed and presented the increased support model related to the five recommendations of the District's Mental and Chemical Health Review, specifically the increased availability of social work for all elementary students, upcoming training to all staff related to mental health and related supports available to district families. The added positions in our elementary schools are new and the role and collaborative work is developing to help provide strong support for students and staff.
2. **Gifted and Talented Program Update.** Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Sara Paul and Gifted Coordinator Jo Tate led a presentation team including teachers Diane Nikkel and Karen Wallrich, an Explorations Program parent and principal Dan Schmidt. The report included the areas of programming structure and implementation, professional development and parent involvement.

See the presentation [here](#).

3. **Annual World's Best Workforce Update.** Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Sara Paul led a team consisting of Tim Maurer, Kathleen Daniels, Deb Thibault, Elizabeth Ulmer, Brian Morris, AVID staff members and students, and a student taking advantage of Career Pathways opportunities. The discussion focused on the academic work from last year that will be included in an annual update for the statutory World's Best Workforce requirements.

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