



December 2023

Greetings East Grand Forks students, staff, and families.

With the holiday season upon us, I want to express warm wishes for everyone to have a safe and restful winter break. I am very proud to be a part of our school/community and thankful for the effort and support of all of the EGF staff, students, and families. Like most any school year, we have encountered some challenges along the way, but the resiliency of this staff and community is real and we are capable of anything we are determined to accomplish.

I am grateful for the Green Wave team effort, thoughtfulness, and positivity that I see in our schools. I am so thankful for our students, who are an inspiration to all of us each day! I appreciate so many of the things at EGF that make us stand out from the others!

As we prepare for the holiday break and the New Year, I wish you and your family a prosperous and joyous time. Thank you for your partnership and may we end this year with great memories and start the New Year making many more!



Let's keep it rolling GREEN WAVE!!!

Bryan J. Hackbarth

East Grand Forks Interim Superintendent



Early Release today— New Heights & South Point Elementary will dismiss at 12:50pm. Central Middle School & Senior High will dismiss at 1:15pm.

No School—December 22 - January 2, 2024

East Grand Forks Website- Please go to [District Website](#) for all ISD 595 information.

District Calendar- Please go to [2023-24 District Calendar](#) for more details regarding the district calendar.

Events Calendar- Please go to [2023-24 EGF Events Calendar](#) to see the daily schedule of EGF events.

E-Learning Days- Please go to the [E-Learning Section](#) for more information.

Wondering if you should keep your child home due to illness? Please refer to the following sick day guidelines.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JPo7AdSgxqQa8r4An9_KQgZx05NrDYAb/view?usp=sharing





Students sing along at South Point Elementary. Kudos to Mr. Moffitt and the rest of the SP staff for making this a SP classic!



Music Concert at South Point Elementary. Well done Mrs. Loer and EGF students!



Mr. Mark Mindt from the Spirit Lake Nation stopped my EGF last week. Mark facilitated American Indian Education (AIE) through a comic book writing workshop with a Dakota focus as he infused flute playing, storytelling, and art. Mark will be coming back to EGF again soon.

World's Best Workforce Public Input

The World's Best Workforce (WBWF) was developed in 2013 ([Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.11](#)) to ensure that school districts and charter schools in Minnesota enhance student achievement through teaching and learning supports. School boards that govern districts and charter schools are required to develop comprehensive, long-term strategic plans that address the following four WBWF goals:

- All children are ready for school.
- All racial and economic achievement gaps between students are closed.
- All students are ready for career and college.
- All students graduate from high school.

Note: *Due to legislative changes, third grade reading is no longer a WBWF goal area as of the 2023–24 school year.*

What is a WBWF strategic plan?

A WBWF strategic plan is a multi-year, detailed document that illustrates how a district or charter school will execute its goals or initiatives concerning the four WBWF goals. The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) recommends that districts and charter schools develop goals that are specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely (SMART).

What's Happening At EGF Schools?

Videos of what is happening at the district level and in each building to address the needs of the World's Best Workforce Legislation and how it fits into our strategic plan.

Below you will find a copy of our WBWF SUMMARY REPORT for the last school year.

All school districts were required to submit last year's data to the Minnesota Dept of Ed in December 2023.

Please open this form and provide input after reading through the summary report and listening to each video. We appreciate your input and support.

FORM TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON THE 22-23 WORLD'S BEST



WORKFORCE PLAN: [FEEDBACK FORM](#)

■ 1 2022-23 Combined WBWF AI Summary Report Template .pdf

Preschool 22-23: [Focus to ensure all School Readiness students are ready for Kindergarten](#)

New Heights & South Point 22-23: [READ WELL BY THIRD GRADE](#)

Central Middle School 22-23: [Focused on Closing the Achievement Gap & Career/College Readiness](#)

Senior High 22-23: [Career/College Ready, All Students Graduate, Closing the Achievement Gap](#)



Keeping kids safe at HOME, at
SCHOOL, at PLAY, and ON the WAY!!



Winter Sports & Walking Safety

Winter Dressing and Frost Bite

It is important to keep students warm in the winter. Clothing should include multiple thin layers with a water resistant outer layer and winter coat. They should be covered from head to toe, so do not forget hats, gloves, and snow boots. To prevent frost bite, monitor the time they spend playing outside. Send them back inside after a reasonable amount of time for a hot drink and to warm up before going back out. Often times it is hard to get the middle and high school students to wear warm coats, but remind them that while they may be driving or riding in a car or bus, they need to be prepared for the cold weather in the event that they need to exit those vehicles for some unseen reason.

Winter Sports Helmets

If you have youth using a sled, skates, snowboard, or skis this winter season, consider also getting them a winter sports helmet. These are made with a harder plastic and have extra padding for warmth during the cold weather. However, using a multi-sport helmet is always an option when you do not have a winter-specific helmet, to reduce the risk of injuries.

Safe Kids Grand Forks has different types of helmets that are available for both children and adults. If you are interested in purchasing a helmet, please contact us at 701.780.1489.



Winter Pedestrian Safety

During the winter months, walking to and from school often has students encountering low-light conditions. Encourage them to always cross at street corners where there is overhead lighting and have something reflective on their coat, shoes or back pack. We have reflective zipper pulls if you are interested (email safekids@altru.org). Also, make sure that kids stay off of snow banks that are in or near a parking lot or road where they could inadvertently slide into oncoming traffic. If snowbanks on the street corners get piled too high and making kids be less visible, make sure they "peek out" from behind them before just stepping out into traffic.



Altru Health System is proud to serve as the lead agency for Safe Kids Grand Forks.

For more information on this and other childhood injury prevention topics, visit safekidsgf.com, call us at 701.780.1489 or email safekids@altru.org.



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The East Grand Forks Education Foundation is a charitable nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting and enhancing quality educational programs for every student in the East Grand Forks, Minnesota Public School District #595. To achieve its purpose, the foundation reaches out to alumni and the community to secure funds and resources.

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ISD 595 Job Openings- The East Grand Forks School District is looking to fill a number of positions throughout various departments and you can find them on the school district website. If you are interested, you can submit an application through the Frontline link attached below. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

[Frontline - Apply Here!](#)