

The Poudre School District Board of Education met for its work session on November 18, 2025 at the Johannsen Support Services Center. The agenda for this meeting included:

Action items

The Board began the meeting with two resolutions, one approving the recognition of National American Indian Heritage Month and the other approving the recognition of the 50-year anniversary of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

During these recognitions, the board members heard from a student and a PSD parent who spoke to the resolutions and shared their experiences in PSD.

The board also unanimously approved its consent agenda.

Informal Reports / Discussion items

The board meeting saw the first reading of the 2026-2027 school year calendar, presented by Calendar Committee co-chairs Cheryl Day, Principal at Lopez Elementary School and Bryan Kiel, Assistant Principal at Poudre High School. The proposed 2026-27 school year calendar has a start date of Aug. 19, 2026, with a transition day on Aug. 18, and an end date of May 28, 2027. This proposed start date is approximately a week later than the current school year's start date. This change recognizes the feedback received from the community about shifting the start date of the school year later in an effort to mitigate the impacts of heat in school buildings.

The calendar is expected to come back for a second reading and approval at the Board of Education meeting on December 9 and will be posted to the PSD website in January. The development of staff-specific calendars aligned to the adopted school year calendar is expected to take place in the spring of 2026.

Board members spoke with various local and state representatives who were invited to the meeting to discuss legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative sessions. The representatives in attendance included:

- Andy Boesenecker, State Representative
- Cathy Kipp, State Senator
- James Thompson, Regional Director for U.S. Senator Michael Bennet
- Kathy Gebhardt, State Board of Education
- Lori Garcia Sander, State Representative
- Yara Zokaie, State Representative

Key discussion points from the conversation included:

- A request for a statewide Individualized Education Plan (IEP) platform to ensure all districts are using the same system

- The need for streamlined out-of-state licensure processes for educators and special services providers
- Concerns regarding the impact of TABOR on the state budget

Full meeting

Sections of the board meeting can be watched below.

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