MINNESOTA
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
LICENSING AND STANDARDS BOARD

Memorandum

Date: **July 17, 2026**
To: **Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board**
From: **Board Chair**
RE: **2026 Board Retreat - REPORT**

Summary:

The Board held its annual retreat this year in Saint Cloud, MN on June 25th and 26th. June 25th was a full day of engaging sessions with PELSB's community partners. Session 1 explored the evolving landscape of Artificial Intelligence in education, focusing on practical, ethical, and professional implications. Board members heard from a representative of AI4MN. It was clear from that session that further discussion is needed. PELSB is working to partner with MDE on this topic. Session 2 focused on tensions and opportunities in special education licensure and workforce solutions. Finally, session 3 was a working session focused on how state and local organizations can partner to address teacher retention.

On June 26th, PELSB hosted its annual community partner breakfast and held its monthly board meeting. As we look ahead to the 2027 retreat, board members and community partners are encouraged to send feedback and suggested topics to PELSB's executive director.

Options:

This is a report. No action is needed.