Cook County Schools

ISD 166, Grand Marais, MN

Nov 27, 2024 Attendance Pilot Update ~ Sarah Lakosky, Dean of Students



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- Cook County Schools ISD 166 has 470 students in Preschool through 12th grades
- Approximately 100 staff/faculty
- Our students travel a distance, from the northern Canadian border, from the Grand Portage Band of Chippewa, from the Gunflint and Sawbill Trails, and from the southwest near Schroeder, MN to our school in Grand Marais.

ISD 166 Focus

- The 2024-2025 school year has seen improved focus on attendance protocols, data collection, communication, and follow through.
- Attendance and tardies continue to be a work in progress.

ISD 166 Action Items

- A full time position was created and filled for the Check and Connect program. This person is in training.
- We work steadily with the Assistant County Attorney's office to share data, schedule Diversion meetings, and file truancy petitions.
- We communicate with families to support students who may benefit from more access to resources.

ISD 166 Goals

- We want every child in Cook County to have access to education.
- We want to build and strengthen relationships between Cook County families and the ISD 166 community.
- We strive to recognize the challenges and differences in culture, mental health, and socio-economic disparities and will work hard to bridge the gaps many of our students experience.