



## Closing Process of the Winona Mall Included a Walk-Through on April 15, 2024



The representatives of HVED that completed the walk-through of the Winona Mall prior to closing included: L to R: Deb Marcotte, Executive Director; Tom Nett, IT; Jen Ihrke, Program Director for SAIL and SPECTRUM; Cheri Duffenbach, Human Resources

Manager, Zach Selnes, Director of Special Education; Bradley Carlton, Business Manager; and Matt Schultz, Superintendent of Lanesboro Schools and member of the Winona Mall Oversight Committee. Thank you to all for your extra efforts in completing our due diligence in the closing process.

## HVED Closed on the Winona Mall on April 16, 2024

The closing for the Winona Mall at 1213 Gilmore Avenue, Winona, MN took place at 11 AM on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at Town n' Country Title with Amy Kostner facilitating the closing with Ron Pagel, Board Chair and Christine Troendle, Board Clerk, as authorized signers for HVED. This moment was the culmination of a search that began over a decade ago that included a facility study in 2018 for a site that all member districts would support. That effort was realized when all 12-member district school boards passed the Winona Mall Joint Powers Agreement in October 2023. Then with the



assistance of several local, city, and state governmental agencies, legal and financial institutions, and the great efforts of several of HVED's Board Members, Superintendents, and Cabinet Members, the closing was accomplished. This event marks the beginning of the planning phase for all HVED programs: a PAES Lab; the River Valley Academy Area Learning Center; SAIL Behavior Program; SPECTRUM Autism Program and the District Office to come together onto one common site.



After closing, letters that had been prepared with legal counsel and edited by Bradley Carlton, Business Manager, and Mackenzie Rollinger, District Office Administrative Assistant, pictured at left, were delivered to all lease holders within the former Winona Mall.

## HVED's Strategic Plan 2024-2027

Available at: [https://rst6-livesite.rschoolday.com/sites/hved6013.org/files/files/Private\\_User/cmaschka/HVED\\_Strategic%20Plan\\_Final\\_FullDocument\\_12-20-23.pdf](https://rst6-livesite.rschoolday.com/sites/hved6013.org/files/files/Private_User/cmaschka/HVED_Strategic%20Plan_Final_FullDocument_12-20-23.pdf)

**Vision:** Embracing Partnerships and Possibilities to Improve Lives

**Mission:** Fostering Student Growth Through Collaborative Education

**Core Values:** Collaboration • Service • Healthy Dialogue • Support • Growth

- We embrace collaboration as the path to fostering student growth.
- We provide meaningful value through service to others.
- We believe healthy dialogue builds trusting relationships.
- We believe students succeed through personalized support and individual growth.



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### Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC)



Save the dates for the HVED SEAC meetings held via zoom. **Zoom links are available on the HVED website [www.hved6013.org](http://www.hved6013.org) under Upcoming Events/News.**

Our goal is to have parents of special education students from every member district and a representative from the charter schools who is willing to commit to this important parent connection and communication tool for special education programming and support. **Learn more at <https://www.hved6013.org/page/2574>**



**Next meeting for spring 2024: Monday, April 29, 2024, 6:30 PM Meeting topics: Extended School Year (ESY) criteria and Avoiding the "Summer Slide." Zoom meeting link available on the HVED website at [www.hved6013.org](http://www.hved6013.org)**

**Meeting for Summer 2024 on Monday, July 29, 2024, 6:30 PM Request a topic by emailing [SEAC@hved.org](mailto:SEAC@hved.org)**

**ATTENTION:** all parents of special education students throughout HVED!

You are invited to join HVED's Special Education Advisory Council.

**Quarterly virtual meetings by zoom from 6:30 – 7:30 PM on the following dates:**  
**Monday, April 29, 2024**  
**Meeting Topics:**  
**Extended School Year (ESY)**  
**Avoiding the Summer Slide**  
**Monday, July 29, 2024**

**Visit our SEAC section on the HVED website at [www.hved6013.org](http://www.hved6013.org) under the "Parents" tab.**

**Our goal is to have at least one parent representative from every school!**

**Let it be YOU!**

### PARENTS with CHILDREN in SPECIAL EDUCATION

Are you interested in being involved?

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) acts as a liaison between Hiawatha Valley Education District (HVED) and its member school districts and charter schools it serves.

SEAC's purpose is to:

- Build collaborative relationships
- Identify needed resources
- Encourage parental engagement
- Recommend priorities for services



If interested, please email [SEAC@hved.org](mailto:SEAC@hved.org)

Visit the PARENT tab on the HVED website for meeting information  
[www.hved6013.org](http://www.hved6013.org)



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