

March 30, 2022

To: Spectrum Community

Re: Important Updates (Graduation Rates, Road Construction, and Theater Production)

The communication is being provided for following reasons: (1) to celebrate Spectrum's high level of student participation and commitment (i.e., graduation rates); (2) to share information about upcoming construction in the Elk River area and how it may impact school transportation in the near future; and (3) to invite you to attend Spectrum Theater's musical production of *Willy Wonka* this weekend.

2021 Graduation Rates Released by MDE Today

2021 graduation rates were released by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) today.

Spectrum students graduated at a rate of 93.3% in 2021. The School Board continues to set a

minimum 90% goal while continuing to exceed the state levels. 93.3% was a slight drop in Spectrum's graduation rate from 2020 (97.3%). However, Spectrum students continue to graduate (within 4 years) at a high rate, exceeding our internal goal and far exceeding levels across the state (83.3%). We believe there are many reasons for the slight decline, but as students, families, and staff continue settling back into routines, these numbers will return to previous rates. We are proud of Spectrum students' diligence, hard work, accomplishments, and perseverance leading up to graduation and beyond!



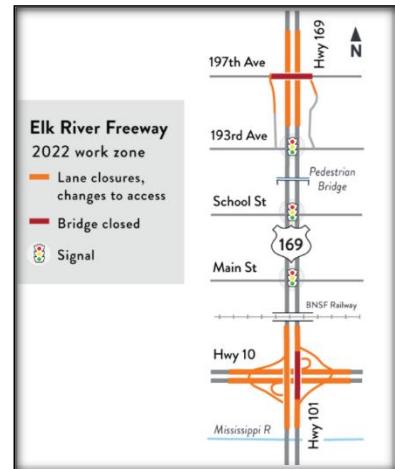
More information on graduate rates at Spectrum, other districts, and across the state can be found on the Minnesota Department of Education's website [here](#).

Road Construction in Elk River and Impact to Transportation

As you may be aware, the City of Elk River has been making plans for major road construction effecting Highway 10, Highway 169, and most of the crossing streets at some point over the next three years. 2022 work includes two bridges, freeway lanes, adjacent road and sidewalk connections, city utilities, and underground infrastructure. According to the [Star News](#), night work will begin as soon as April 11.

While it can be difficult to anticipate the exact impact this construction will have on students and families driving to and from school as well as school bus routes, we do expect that there will be some delays and adjustments to routes once construction begins. Spectrum will be working with Northstar closely to monitor any changes and communicate them out in a timely manner.

More information on the construction projects and timelines can be found at the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MNDot) website [here](#) (see map on the right).



Spectrum Theater Production – April 1, 2, and 3

Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka is a musical guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth! It follows enigmatic candy manufacturer, Willy Wonka, as he stages a contest by hiding golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. Whomever comes up with these tickets will win a free tour of the Wonka factory, as well as a lifetime supply of candy. Four of the five winning children are insufferable brats: the fifth is a likeable young lad named Charlie Bucket, who takes the tour in the company of his equally amiable grandfather. The children must learn to follow Mr. Wonka's rules in the factory... or suffer the consequences.

Come join us for a scumdidilyumptious fun time! There are 4 show times:

Friday, April 1st @ 7 p.m. / Saturday, April 2nd @ 2 and 7 p.m. / Sunday, April 3rd @ 2 p.m.

Ticket Prices: \$10 Adults / \$5 Students and Seniors / Children 5 and under are free

