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Our Values: Be responsible. Treat people right. Build a better future.

AGENDA

Crow Wing County Committee of the Whole
Regular Meeting

05/19/2026
9:00 AM
County Board Room, 3rd Floor, Historic Courthouse, Brainerd MN

*Note: Times are approximate

The agenda has been published as shown below but is subject to change to include such business as may come before the Board.

ATTEND IN-PERSON OR BY MICROSOFT TEAMS (CALL 218-302-1725, CONFERENCE ID: 491 110 781#); LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE AT WWW.CROWWING.GOV OR ON THE CROW WING COUNTY YOUTUBE CHANNEL

ONE OR MORE MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD MAY ATTEND REMOTELY

1. **9:00am - CWC 4H Update - Tony Hansen and Sashanna O'Shea**

    1.1. Extension 4-H Program Update

2. **9:20am - Kitchigami Regional Library System Update**

    2.1. 2026 Annual Report

3. **9:35am - Chenier Easment Request - Tom Strack**

    3.1. Kurt & Samantha Chenier Easment Reqeust

4. **9:45am - Johnson Easement Request - Tom Strack**

    4.1. Kurt Johnson Easement Request

5. **9:55am - Student Survey Data - Kara Terry and Melissa with DHS**

    5.1. Crow Wing County Data

6. **10:15am - BLADE Grant Presentation - Breezy Point PD - Joseph Garcia**

6.1. Breezy Point PD Presentation

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Crow Wing County 4-H Report

May 19, 2026

Sashanna O'Shea, Extension Educator
Jared Aderman, Youth Leader
Heather Nelson, Youth Leader
Adara Jedlinski, Youth Leader



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Our vision for Minnesota youth

Youth who thrive
in their **happiness**,
success and **connection**
to others and the
world around them



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Our Center goals

1. Youth will **learn** by developing a passion in their areas of interest
2. Youth will **lead** by being innovators and positive change agents
3. Adults will create high quality, culturally responsive **learning environments**

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Youth Leadership Pathways in Crow Wing County

- LOCAL AMBASSADORS
- CLOVER PLUS CLUB
- BEYOND READY TO SERVE COHORT

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Crow Wing County 4-H Ambassadors

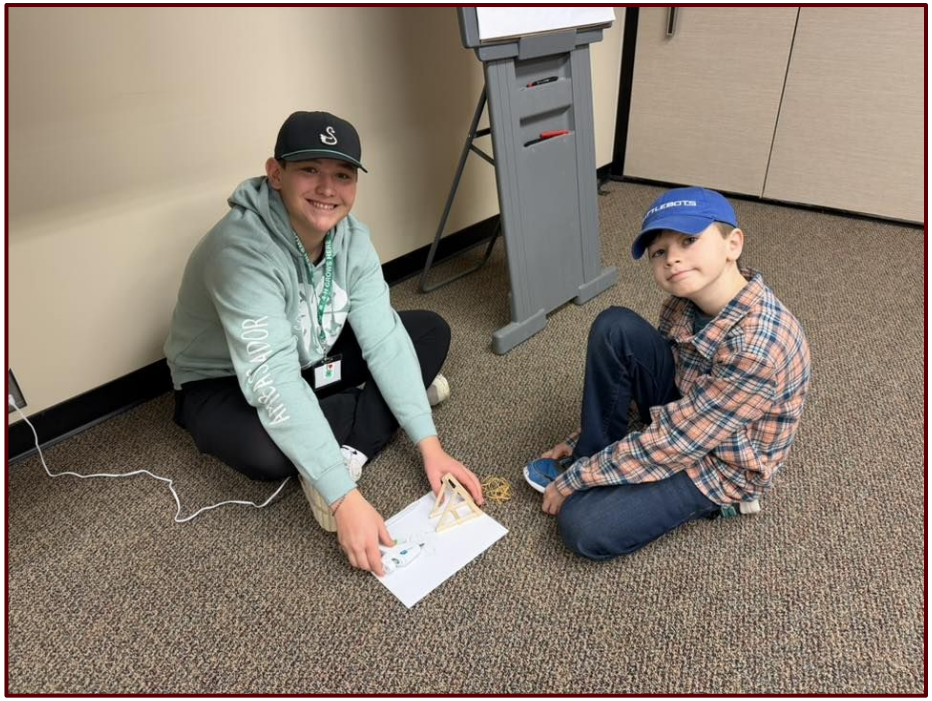




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Clover+ Project Club



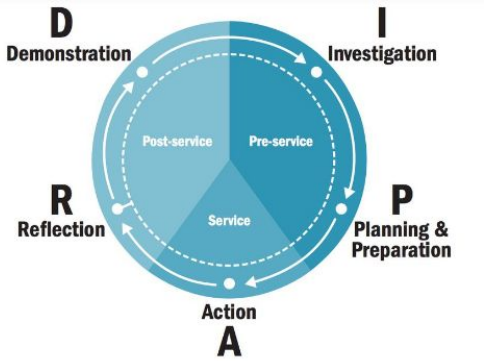


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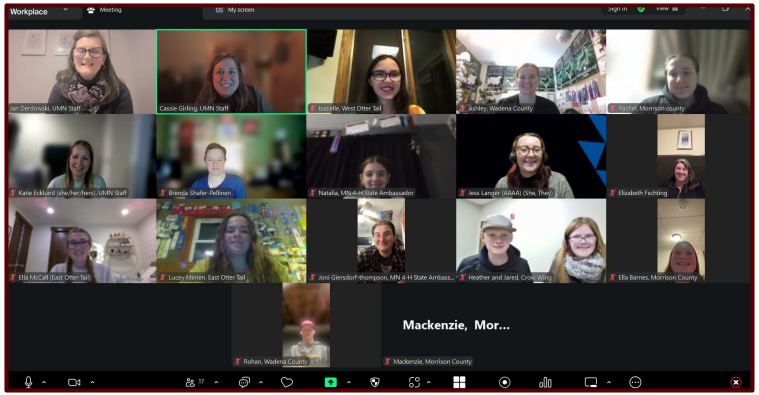
MN 4-H Beyond Ready to Serve

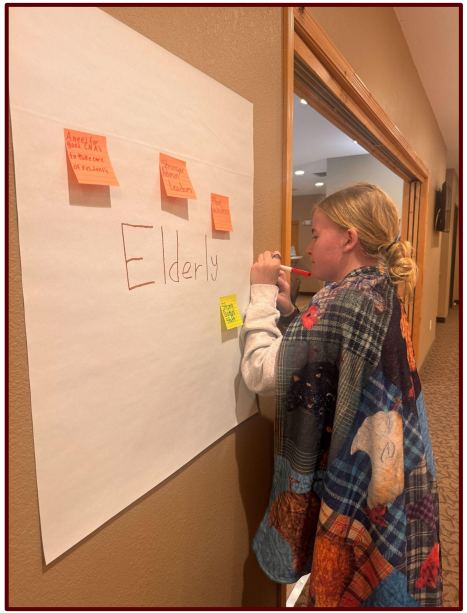


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Where we started and what we learned

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Turning ideas into action

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The impact and what's next

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Kitchigami Regional Library System (KRLS)

2026 Annual Report



Kitchigami
Regional Library

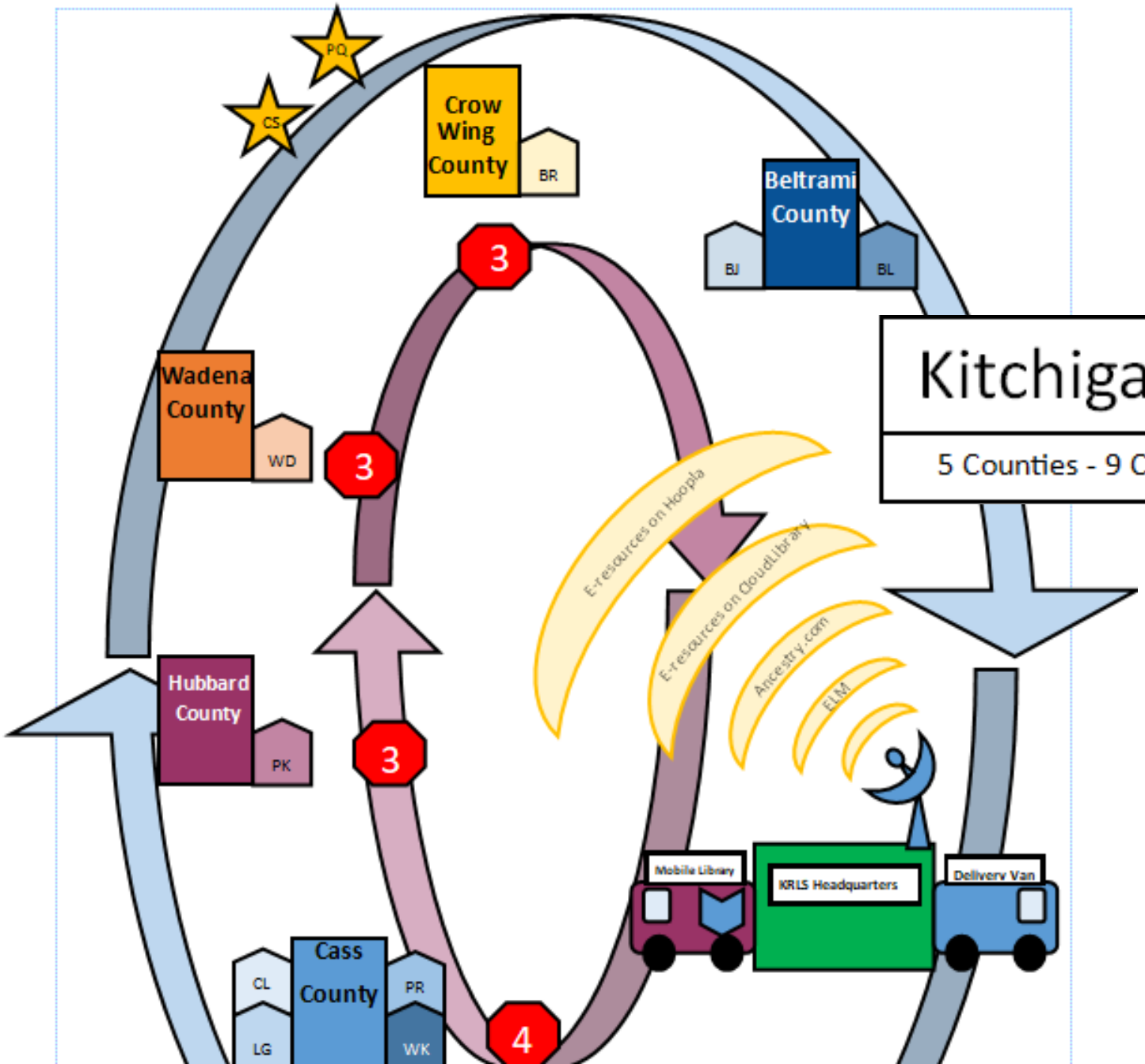
Who we are:

9 physical branches, bookmobile, headquarters, and an e-library of electronic materials and databases

39 FTE staff plus substitute staffing

5 counties, 9 cities, 2 associate libraries

Serving a population of 183k+ county residents with 61k+ library cards (34.5%)



Kitchigami Regional Library System

5 Counties - 9 City Libraries - 2 Associate Libraries - 13 Mobile Library Stops

Kitchigami Regional Library



Mission:

KRLS enhances quality of life [. . .] by providing access to library resources and services that meet residents' varied and continually evolving needs.

Vision:

KRLS empowers libraries to enrich their communities.

Values:

Public Trust
Diversity/Inclusion
Innovation
Access
Excellence

Kitchigami Regional Library

What we do in Kitchigami:

441,123 Circulations

322,813 visits

247,992 items

168,207 Downloadable Circulations

61,377 Users

38,922 Wifi Sessions

How we do it:

- Programs designed to promote public education, provide entertainment, and strengthen community engagement
- Resources designed to ensure all community members can access timely and relevant information
- Facilities that are safe, welcoming and adequately equipped to serve community needs
- Staff who are committed to building meaningful connections with the community they serve



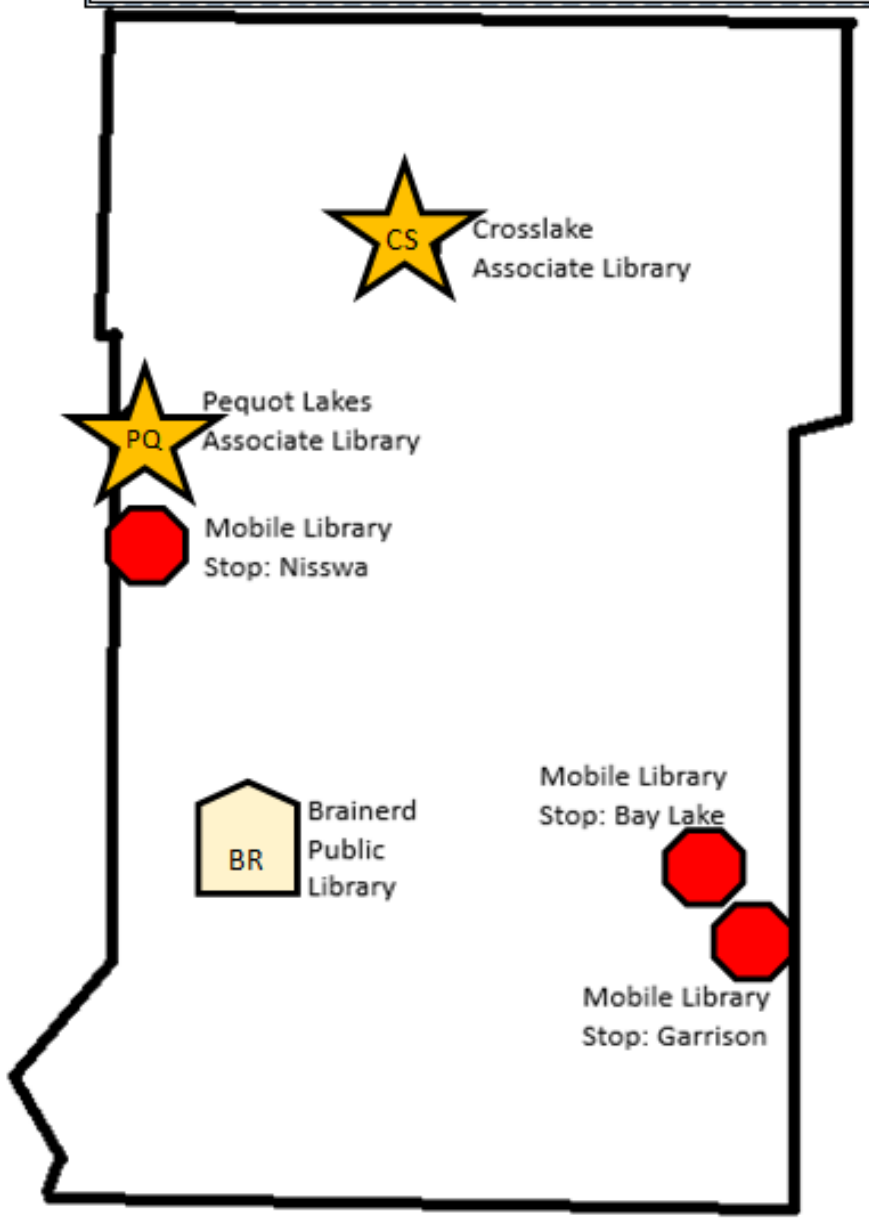






Who we are: Brainerd Public Library

Crow Wing County Library Services 2025



$715,831 Total Cost

By Funding Partner:

Crow Wing County	$509,127 (71.2%)
City of Brainerd	$81,090 (11.3%)
KRLS	$125,614 (17.5%)

BR

$688,893 Brainerd Public Library
$110,089 KRLS Funds
$81,090 City of Brainerd Funds
$496,984 CWC Funds

Mobile Library

$16,088 Mobile Library
$4,795 KRLS Funds
$11,293 CWC Funds

$10,000 Associate Library
$10,000 KRLS Funds

KRLS HQ

$850 KRLS Board
$850 CWC Funds

Share of Regional Collection

$16,425 E-materials

$6,970 Rotating Large Print

Share of Regional Administration

$1,700 KRLS Board

$28,105 Technical Support (IT, Website, Material Processing)

KRLS HQ

What we do in Crow Wing County

Brainerd Public Library
2025

- 22,801 registered users (**32.6%** of county population)
  - 11,714 CWC Patrons
  - 7,568 City of Brainerd Patrons
  - 3,519 Reciprocal Borrowers/Outside County Lines
- 104,817 visits (**32%** of regional total)
- 170,298 circulated items (**38%** of regional total)



What we do in Crow Wing County

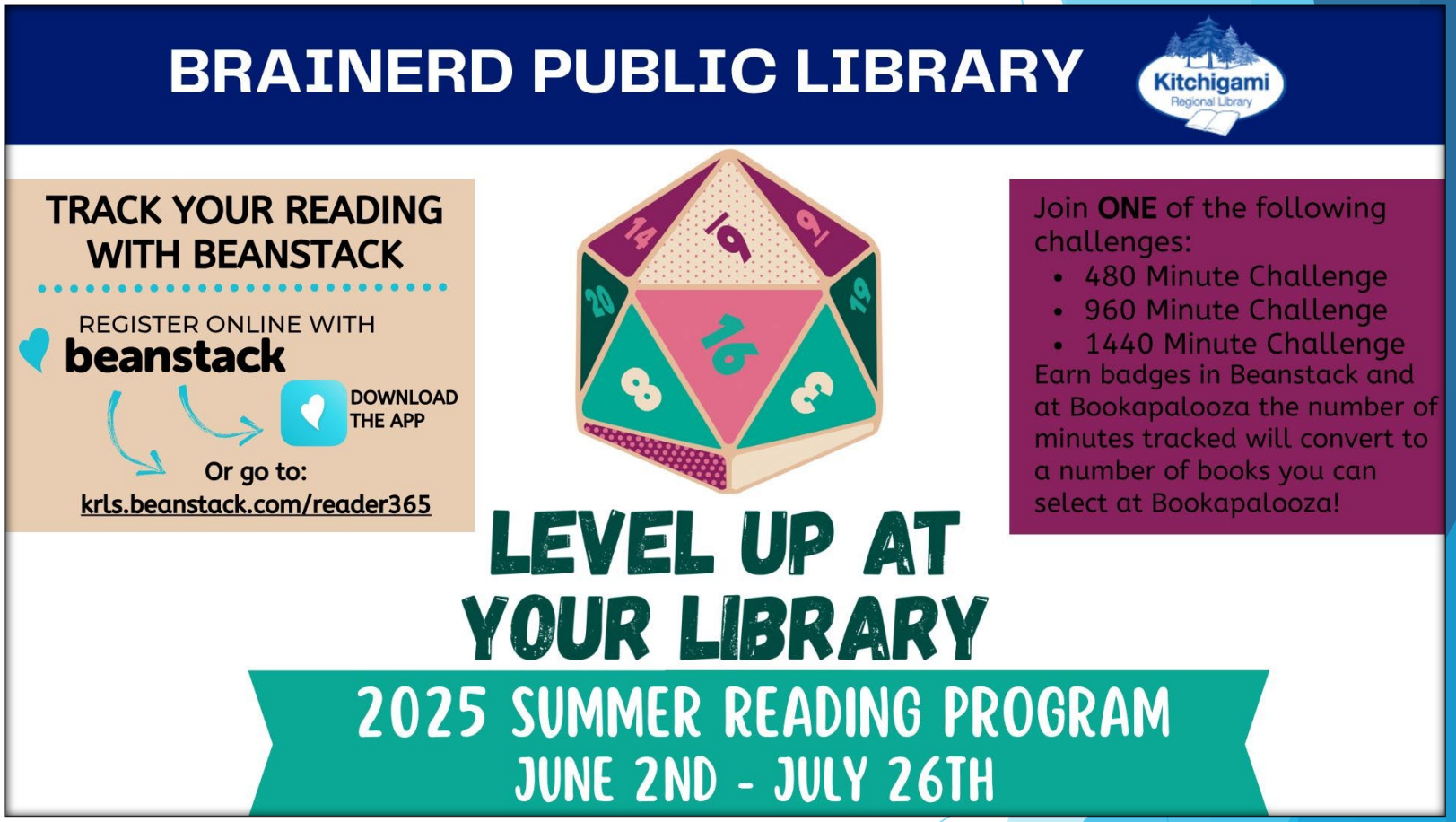
Brainerd Public Library 2025

- 69,701 items in physical collection (**29%** of regional total)
- 21,138 reference questions (**38%** of regional total)
- 6,188 public computer internet uses (**20%** of regional total)
- 11,648 Wireless Sessions (**30%** of regional total)
- 3,822 residents using free meeting room
  (or with a minimal charge for business purposes)
- 160 programs with 3,250 attendees
- 38 Special Library Events with 1,583 attendees



Summer Reading Program

- 333 participants registered
- 182 completed
- 311,558 minutes read
- 525 books awarded



Kitchigami Regional Library

What we do in Crow Wing County

- Mobile Library 2025
  - Nisswa – 662 circulated items
  - Bay Lake -661 circulated items
  - Garrison –1,098 circulated items
- Associate Libraries 2025-
  - Pequot Lakes – 28,373 circulated items
  - Crosslake – 13,906 circulated items
- E-Library
  - 19,965 items
  - 54 databases
  - Access to materials statewide via interlibrary loan (9,200 items borrowed instead of purchased)



Kitchigami Regional Library





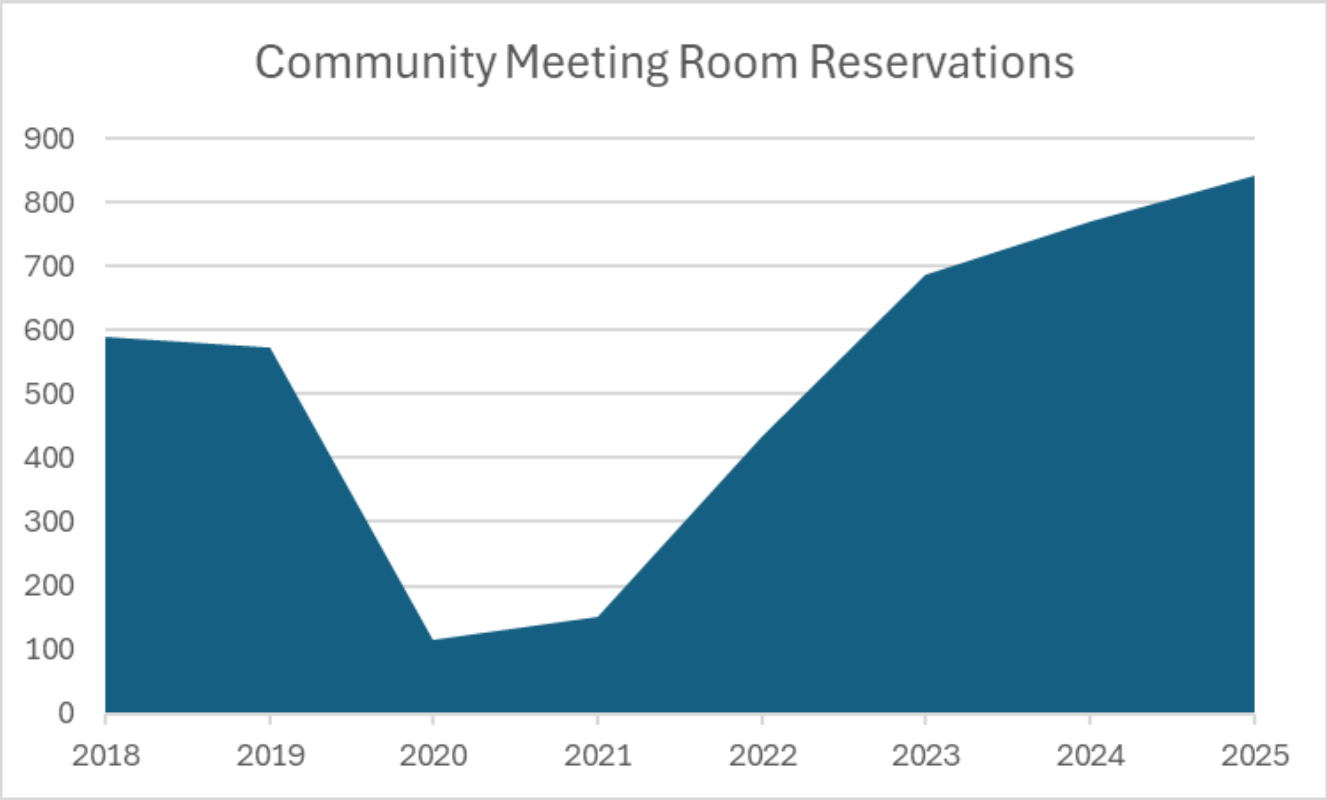


2026 Initiatives

- Increase library presence in the community through partnerships
- Expand our services by going to where the community members gather
- Expand and promote the Hublet and Bibliotheca Lockers
- Implement new methods of marketing to create awareness of library services
- Develop ongoing protocols for services and establishing new programming

Kitchigami Regional Library

Meeting Rooms



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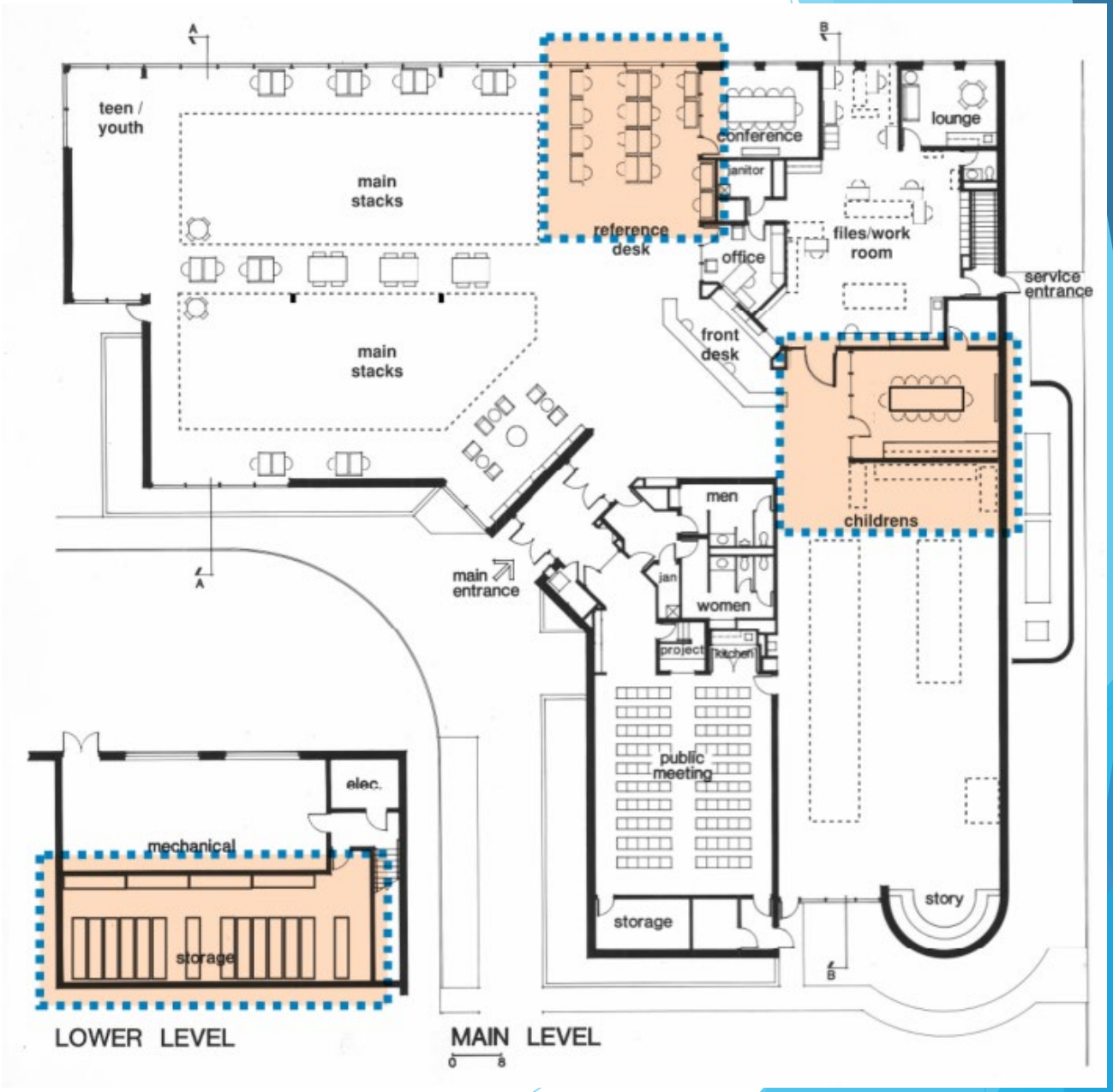
- 771 Reservations
- 3134 Attendees

2025

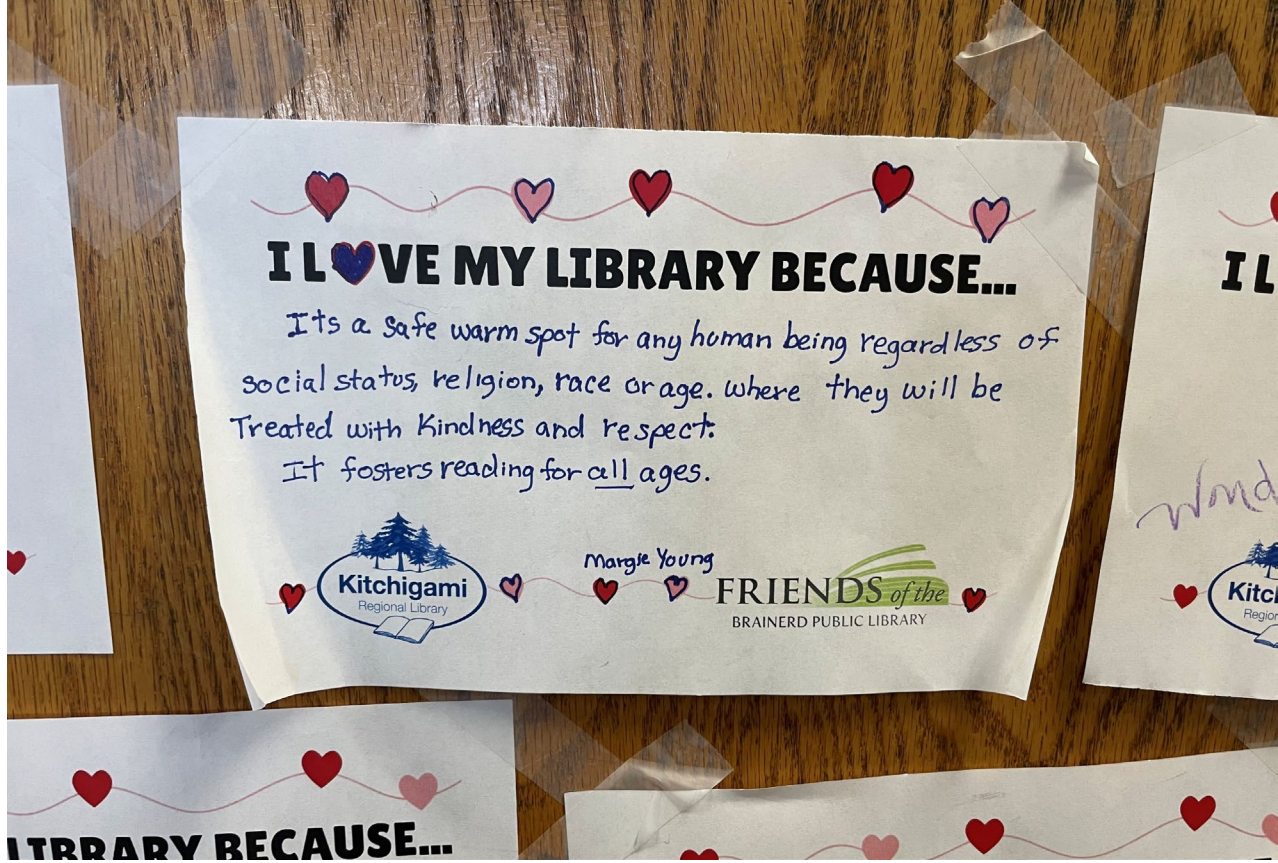
- 842 Reservations
- 3822 Attendees

2026 MN Department of Education Grant

- 16 New Computers
- New Conference Room with Technology updates
- High Density Mobile Storage System







I love my library because...

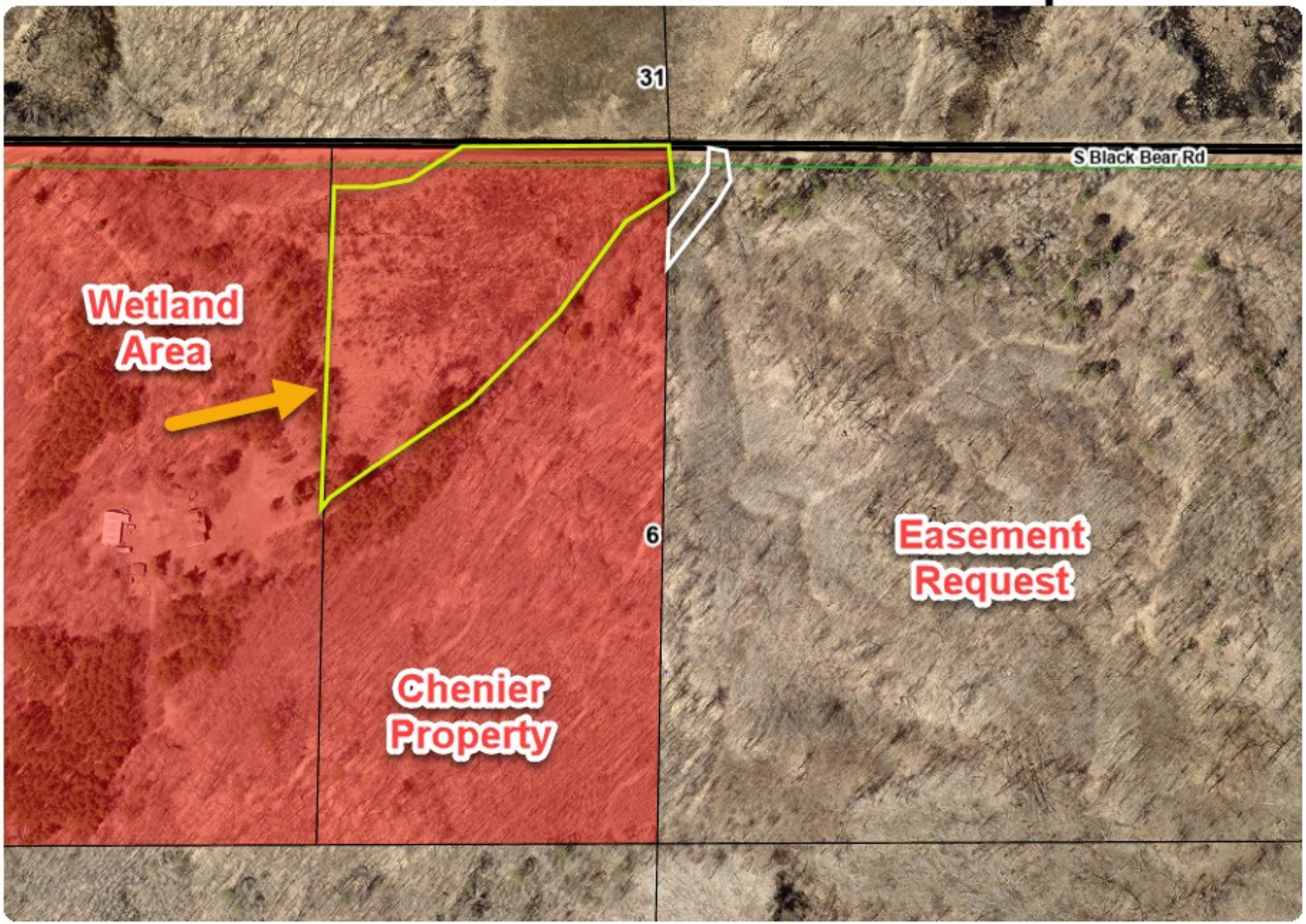
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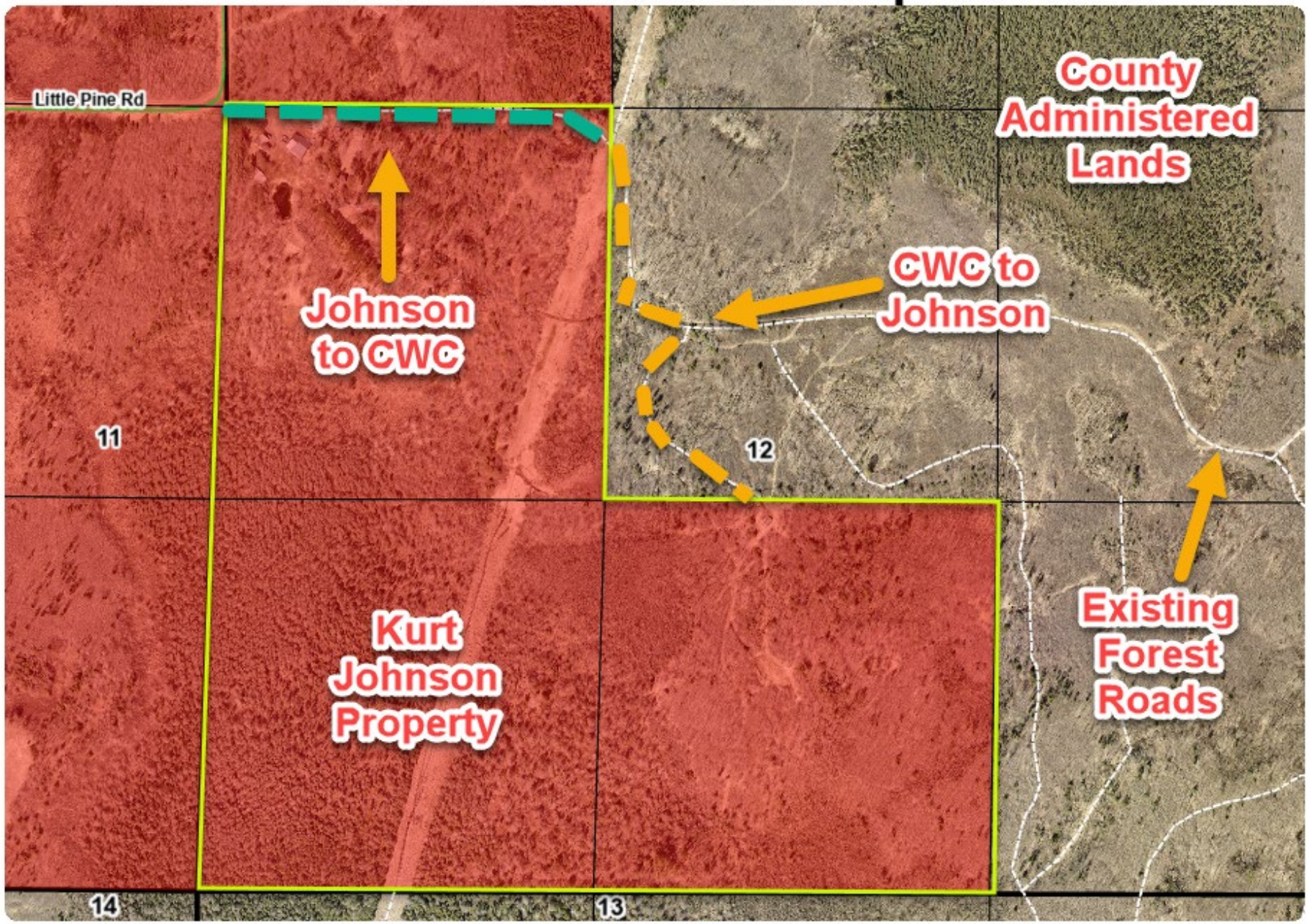
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Kurt & Samantha Chenier Easement Request



Kurt Johnson Easement Request



Crow Wing County Data Guiding BLADE's Prevention Work

Wilder Research

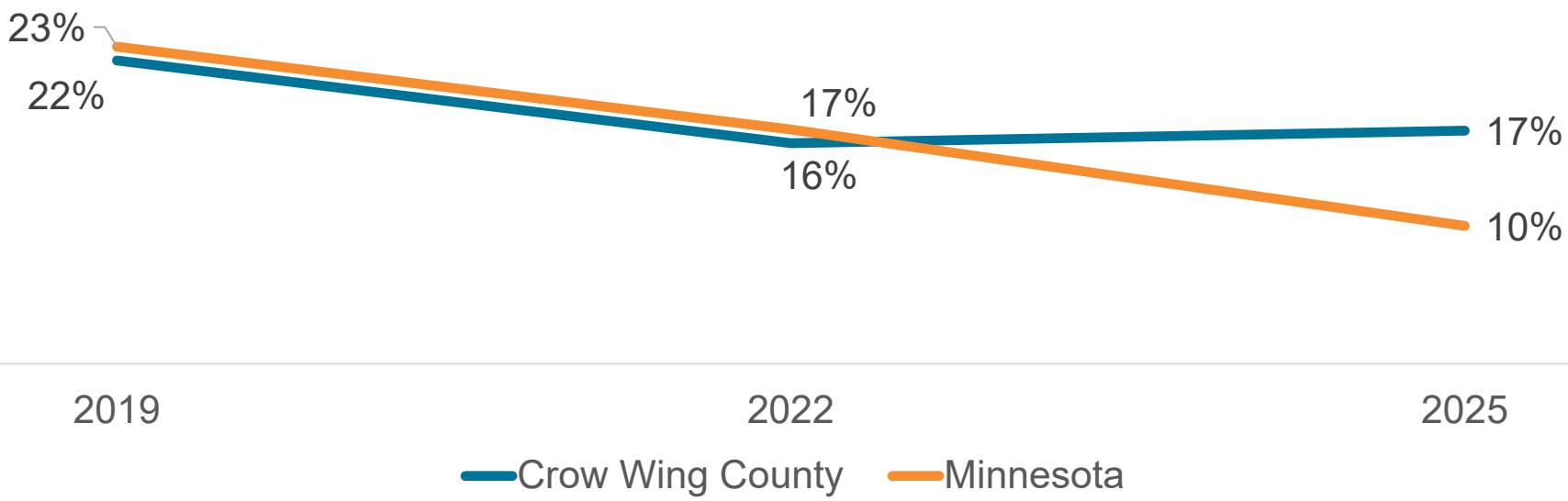
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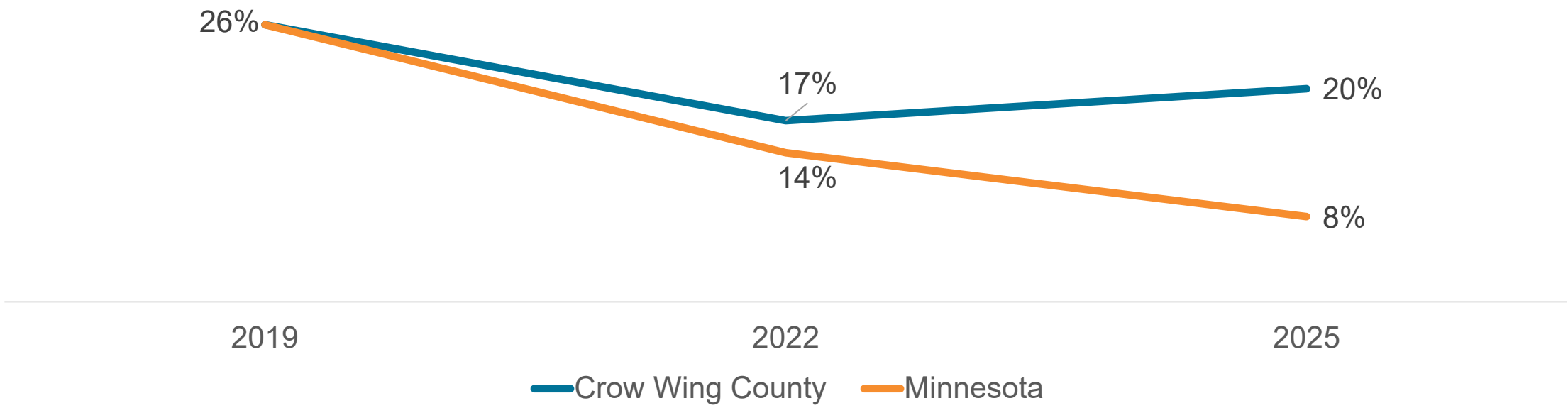
- 2025 Minnesota Student Survey
  - 52 8th graders
  - 45 9th graders
  - 247 11th graders
- 2025/2026 Know the Truth survey
- 2026 Brainerd Lakes Expo poll
- 2025 Recovery Walk survey
- 2025 Dyeing to Make a Difference survey



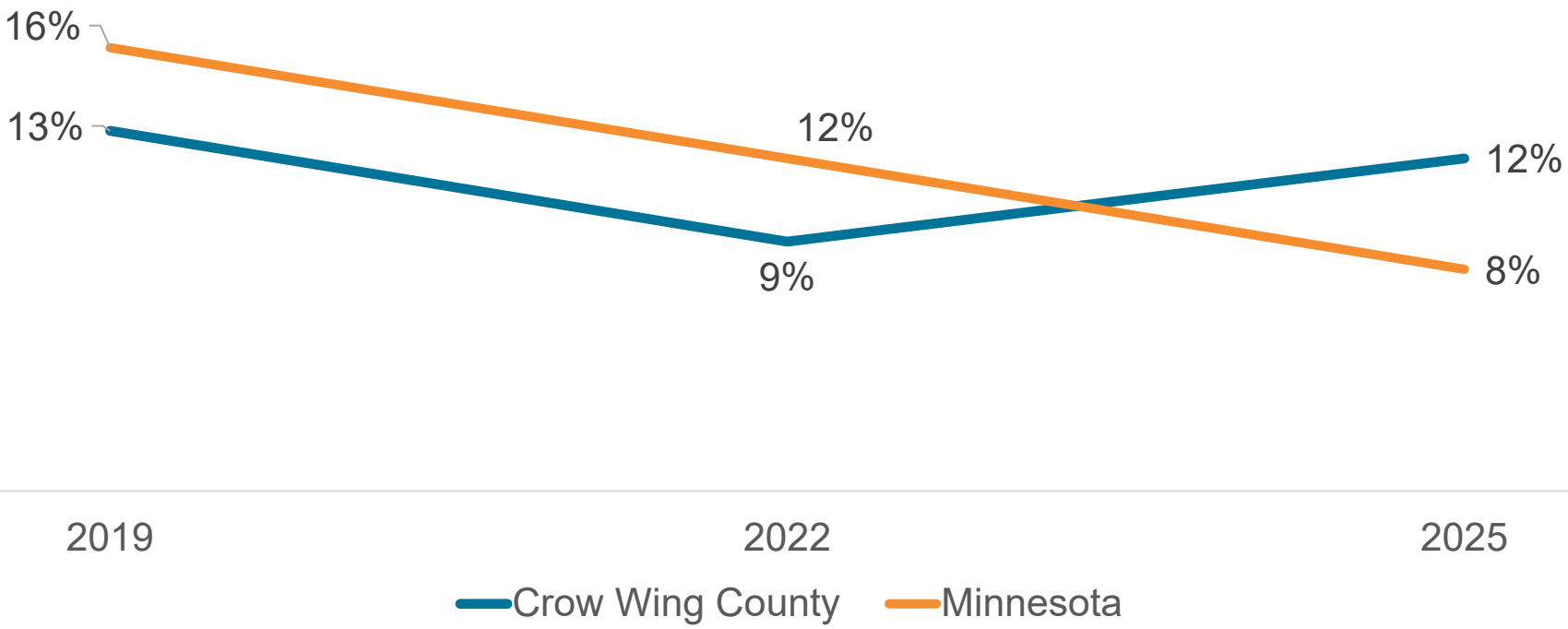
Past 30-day alcohol use, 11th grade trends



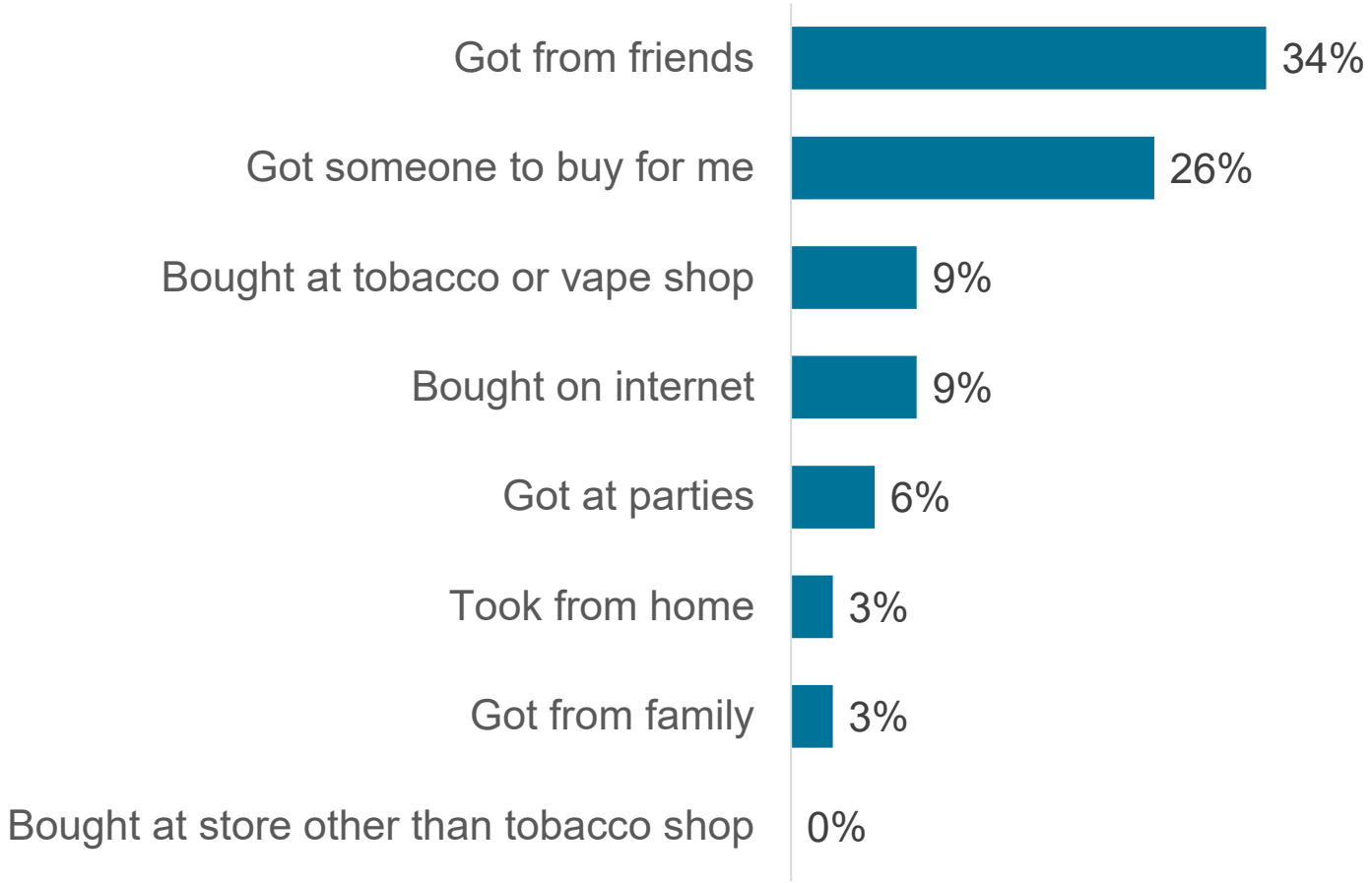
Past 30-day vaping, 11th grade trends



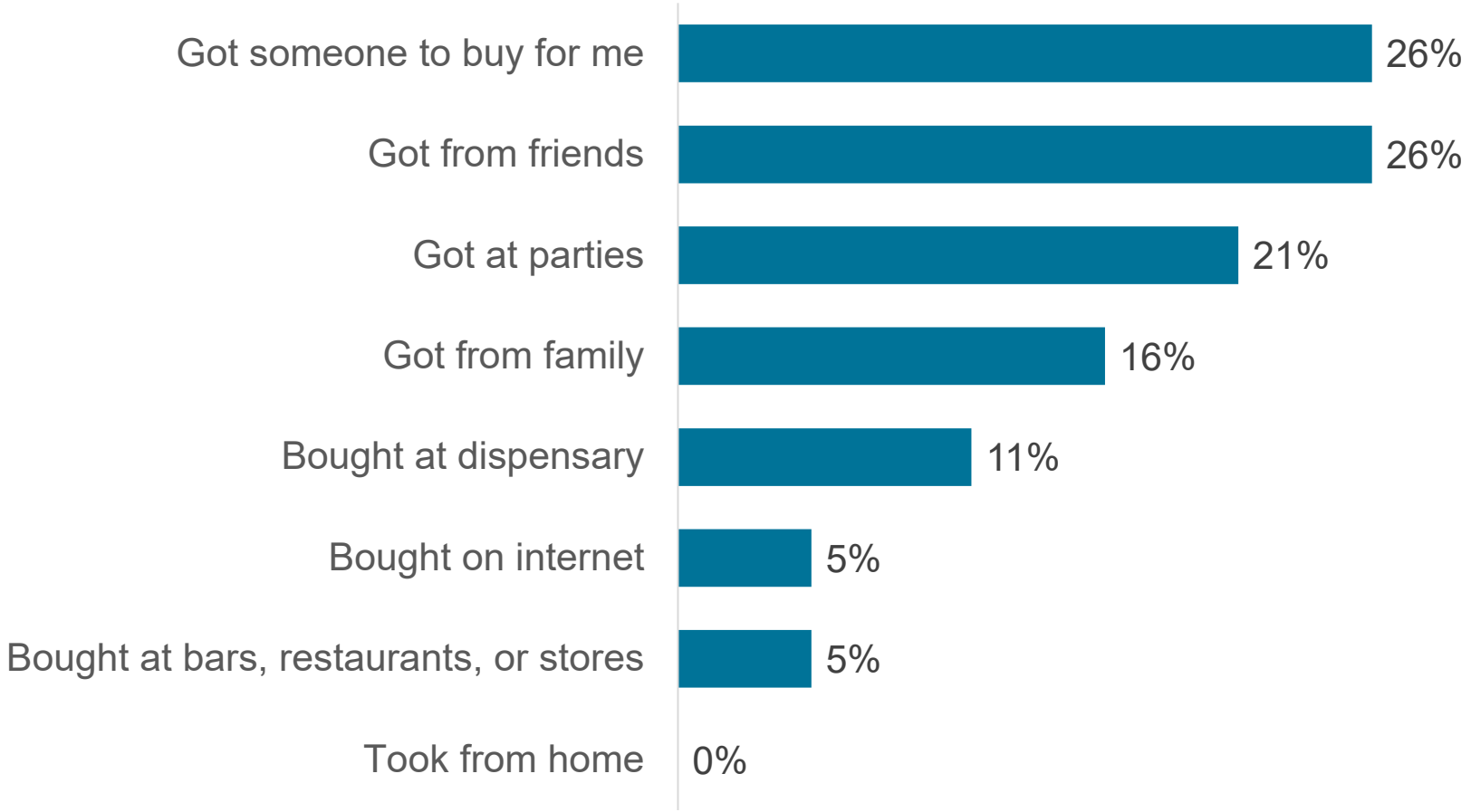
Past 30-day marijuana use, 11th grade trends



Vape sources (among 11th grade students reporting past-month use)

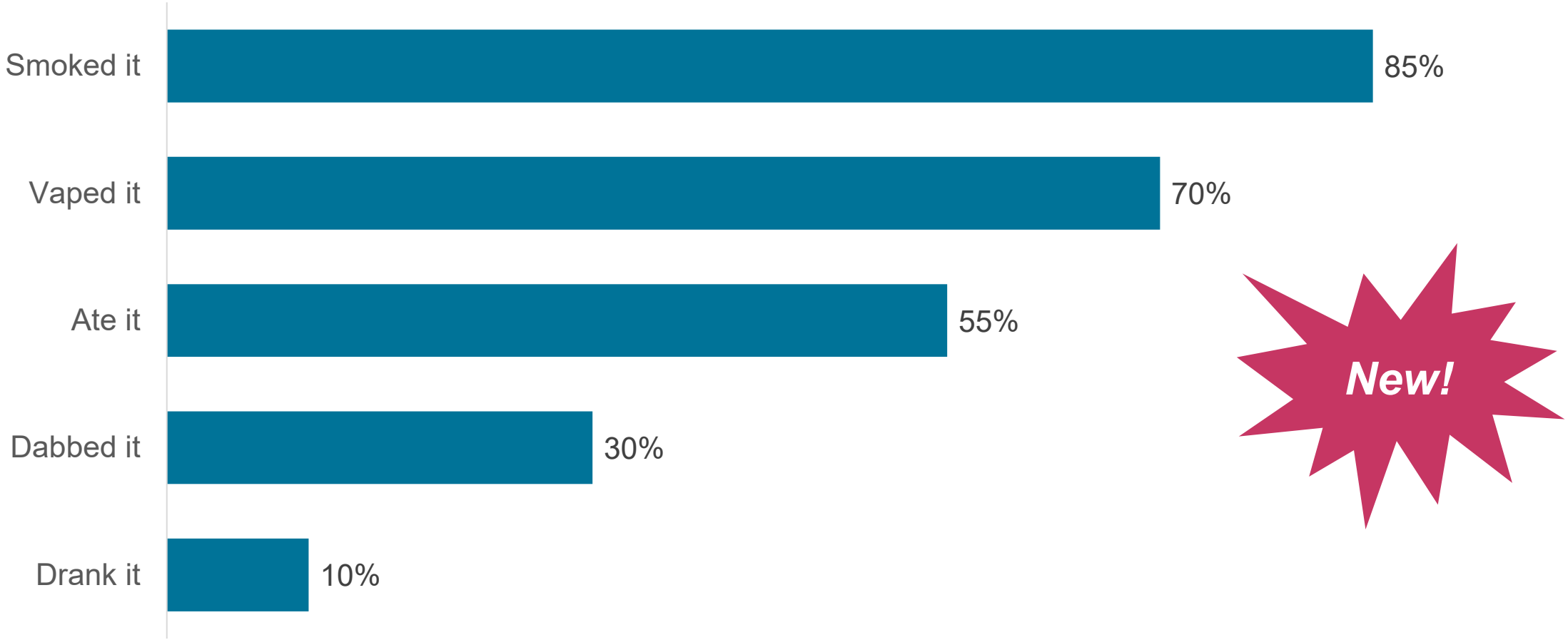


Marijuana sources (among 11th grade students reporting past-month use)



New!

How students used marijuana (among 11th grade students reporting past-month use)

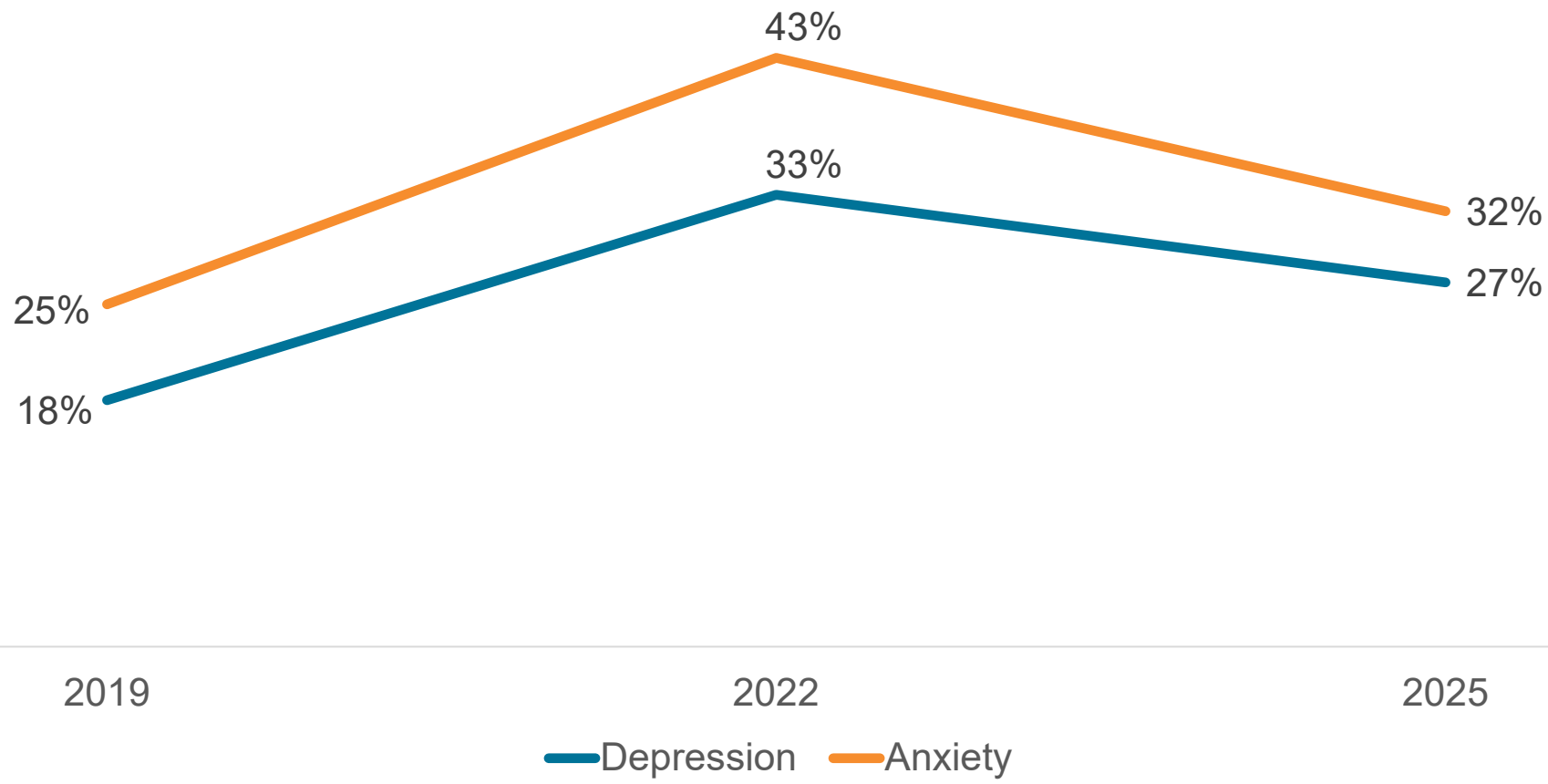


Perceived great or moderate risk of harm, 11th graders

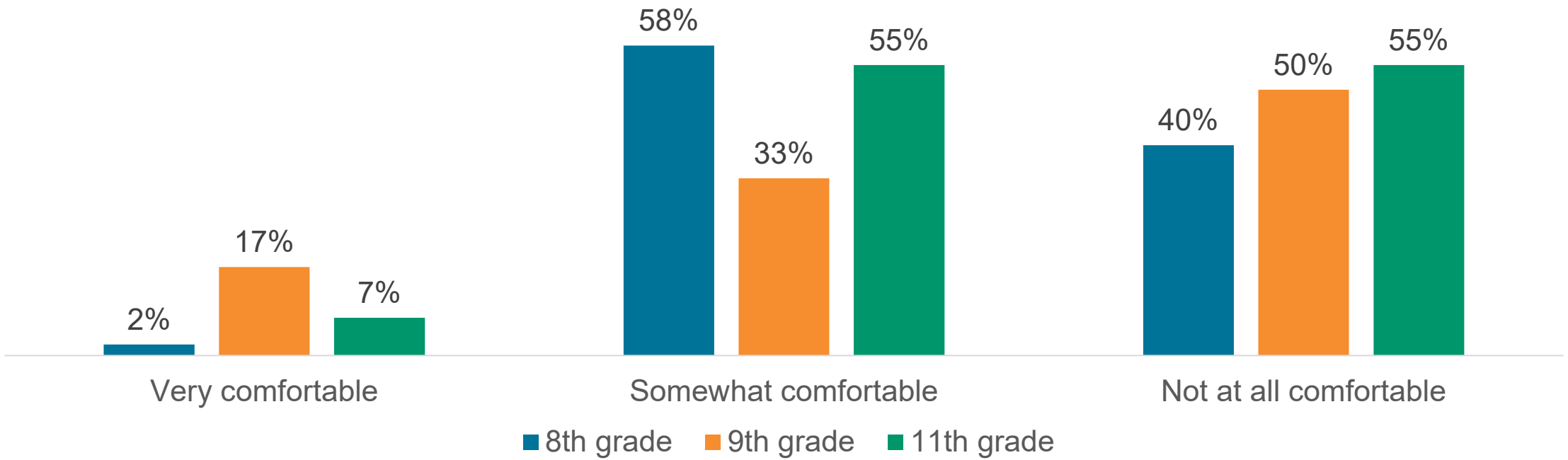
	2019	2022	2025
Alcohol	72%	63%	63%
Vapes	52%	54%	65%
Marijuana	46%	29%	37%
Prescription drugs	83%	74%	79%

In 2025, three 11th graders (1%) said they misused pain relievers in the past 12 months

Past 2-week mental health symptoms, 11th graders



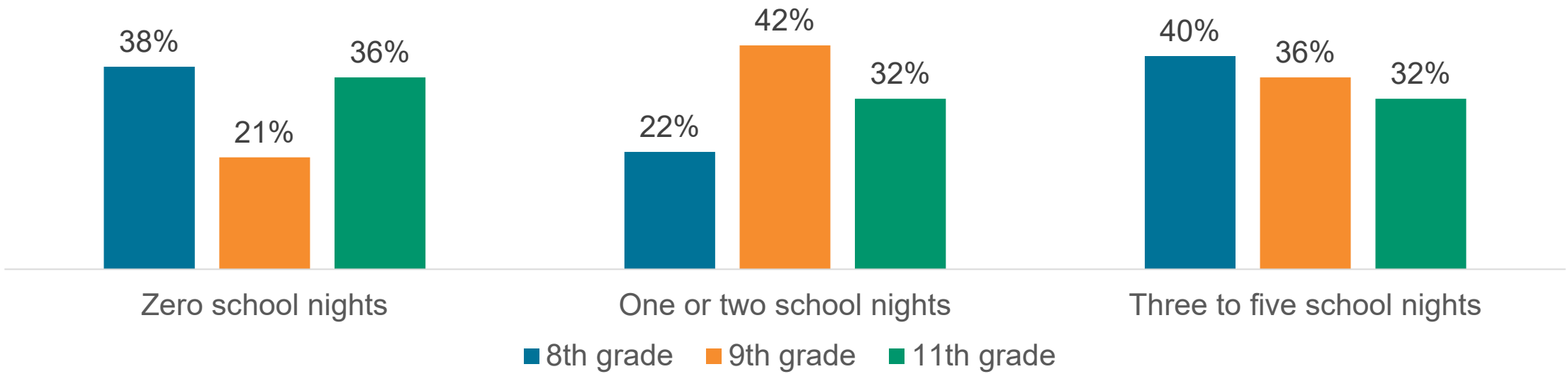
Comfort with talking to a counselor or social worker at school when feeling upset, stressed, or having problems



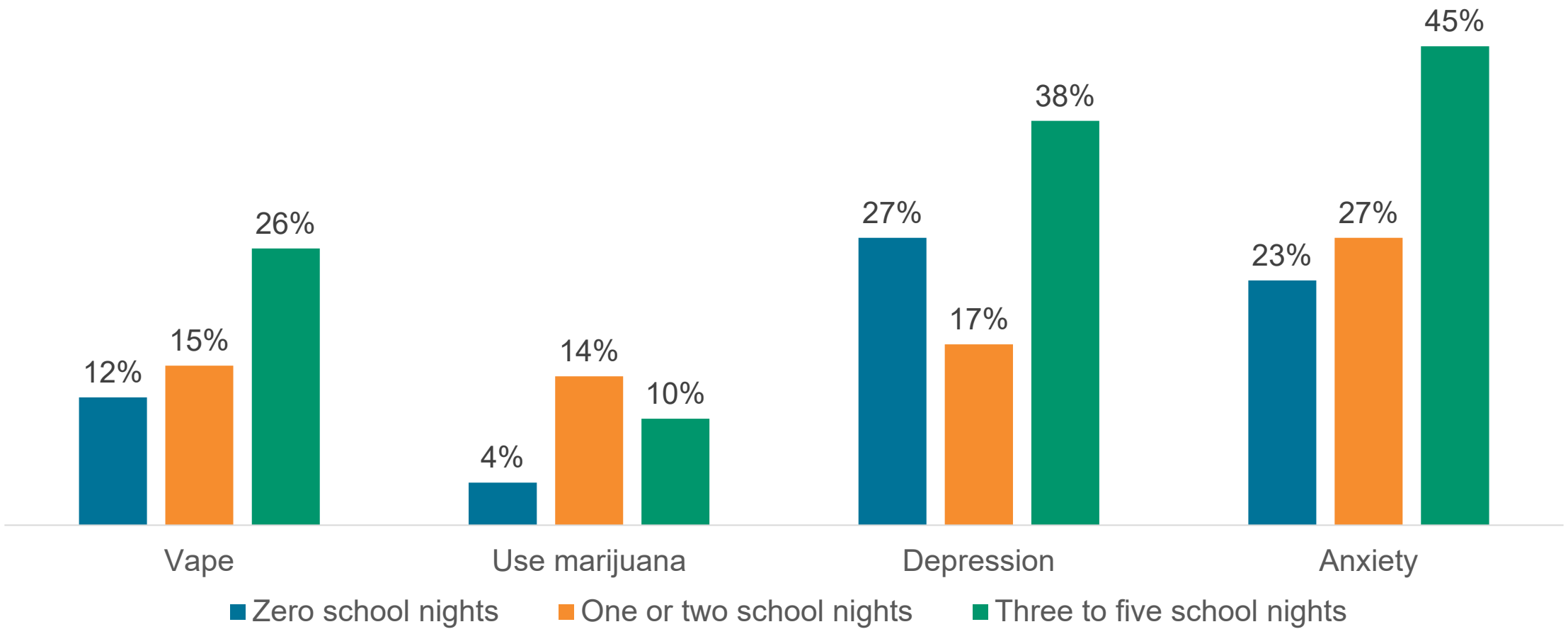
Late night technology use

New!

Students playing games, watching videos, texting, or using social media on their devices **between midnight and 5:00 AM**



Late night technology use, 8th, 9th, and 11th graders



Protective factors

- Students who are more **engaged in learning** are **almost 2 times less likely** to say they **vape**
- Students who have **one or more trusted adults** they can talk to about problems are **almost 2 times less likely** to say they **vape** and **almost 2 times less likely** to say they use **marijuana**
- Students who feel a greater sense of **empowerment** are **almost 2.5 times less likely** to say they **vape** and **over 4.5 times less likely** to say they use **marijuana**
- Students who have a **positive sense of identity** are **over 3 times less likely** to say they **vape** and **over 2 times less likely** to say they use **marijuana**



2025/2026 Know the Truth survey

- Brainerd and Crosby-Ironton 9th graders
- Most students (95%+) reported no past-month substance use
- Students were least likely to perceive risk of harm from alcohol
- Top reasons for abstaining: parental disapproval, health risks, and potential for addiction
- Key take-aways: substance use is risky, it can lead to addiction, and the importance of help-seeking
- Recommendations: share more about the recovery process and talk more about impact on family relationships

2026 Brainerd Lakes Expo poll

- Spend time together. Be present
  - Do fun activities together
  - Attend young people's events
- Show love and express encouragement
  - Be proud and share praise
  - Be kind, emotionally available, neighborly
- Listen with respect
  - Really listen
  - Put down the phone
  - Don't judge

How do you show up for young people in your life?

How do you want adults to show up for you?

2026 Brainerd Lakes Expo poll

- Hold young people accountable and set a good example
  - Model healthy choices
  - Communication expectations (e.g., limit screen time)
- Provide care
  - Young people frequently mentioned food + being fed
- Volunteer and mentor
- Provide a safe space

2025 Recovery Walk survey

Survey participants (Mark all that apply)

- 3 out of 4 are in recovery
- 1 out of 3 were supporting friends and family in recovery
- 1 out of 4 were there for work, volunteering, or generally supporting CWC's recovery community

Resources and supports wanted

- Housing for people in recovery and transitioning back into community – especially for women
- Social events and networking opportunities
- Community current efforts – "You are nailing it!"
- Provide mental health resources

2025 Dyeing to Make a Difference survey

- Tie-dye and awareness raising event at Brainerd High School
- 194 students surveyed
  - **82%** said they were **more likely to seek help** for themselves or someone they know as a result of the event
  - **72%** agreed their **school community is supportive** of students seeking help for substance use related concerns
  - **80%** said the event at least somewhat **changed their view of people** struggling with substance use disorder

POST-IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

LIFEPAK 35 Cardiac Monitor

Breezy Point Police Department – ALS Emergency Medical Program

Crow Wing County Commission – Committee of the Whole | May 2026

Program Summary

In Q1 2026, BPPD deployed a LIFEPAK 35 cardiac monitor to frontline patrol units, funded by the BLADE Opioid Grant ($20,000) and BPPD match ($33,305.16), totaling $53,305.16.



The Challenge

- Fentanyl/Xylazine combinations resist standard Naloxone
- Delayed intervention leads to cardiac arrest
- Manual CPR interruptions

Key Capabilities

- Real-time cardiac monitoring & defibrillation
- Capnography & $EtCO_2$ confirms Narcan effectiveness
- See-Thru CPR during LUCAS compressions
- Second-by-second data capture for quality assurance review

OUTCOMES & IMPACT

Since Deployment – Q1 2026



Project Goals

- ALS care delivered within 7 minutes of dispatch
- 100% ROSC rate for opioid cardiac arrests
- >85% neurologically intact survival
- 90%+ CPR compression fraction with LUCAS
- Zero equipment failures since deployment
- Wireless hospital data transmission active on all calls

Looking Ahead

- Continued data collection and outcome reporting
- Training expansion for additional officers
- Procurement/Deployment of Additional units

Community Impact

- Improved overdose cardiac arrest survival in rural areas
- Strengthened law enforcement's emergency medical role
- Preserved families and prevented repeat trauma
- Model program for other rural agencies

Partners

- Crow Wing County
- BLADE (Bureau of Law and Drug Enforcement)
- City of Breezy Point
- Regional EMS partners

Advanced Tools. Immediate Action. Real Outcomes.