

Superintendent Report

School Board Meeting

October 19, 2020

Our Mission

Empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed.

Our Vision

To be the school district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts, and activities.

The Superintendent Report summarizes the communication with the Board of Education (BOE) throughout the month including the weekly District Status Report. In addition, the Report includes the building administrator reports as well as other information believed to be beneficial to the work of the BOE and school district. Detailed information for the items listed under the District Status Report Summary can be found within each weekly Status Report from the District's website. I appreciate feedback as to how we can improve the report. Thank you.

1. Principal Reports

2. Weekly District Status Report Summary from September 18, 25 and October 2 & 9.

A. Information, Communication, and Correspondence

- **News from Around the State and Beyond**

- [Survey: One-third of teachers considering resigning, early retirement due to coronavirus](#)
- [COVID-19: Rising case rates put six Minnesota counties under distance learning recommendations](#)

- [Test-optional admissions: New standard for colleges?](#)

- [Survey: Kids using social media more amid coronavirus](#)

- [Steps to reach new normal in education](#)

- [Taking the Stress Out of Grading](#)

- [What does uptick in child screen time mean?](#)

- [How is pandemic learning loss determined?](#)

- [Pandemic fuels "crisis" in education workforce](#)

- [Parents: Prioritize high-quality remote instruction](#)

- **School Learning Model Update**

- **MSHSL Fall Activity Update**

- **COVID-19 County Case Rate and Learning Models**

- **Audit Presentation and Approval**

- **Athletic Code Policy**

- **School Board Candidate Forum**

- **World's Best Work Force (WBWF) Plan Review Public Meeting**

- **World's Best Work Force (WBWF) Plan Review Public Meeting Change**

- **Steele County United Way Grant**

3. Board & Administrator for Board Members Monthly Publication – September 2020 Reflection - I

have provided a brief reflection on a few of the articles from the September publication. I hope you have had an opportunity to read and reflect.

- Focus on succession planning to prepare for a superintendent's absence during pandemic –

The article offers recommendations for a board on how to prepare for the possibility of the superintendent having to quarantine or isolate due to COVID-19.

- Review rules for decorum – The article encourages a board to review rules for decorum in the event action is needed to prevent disturbances or other violations at a board meeting.
- Important COVID-19 terms cheat sheet – The article offers a list of COVID-19 terms to assist board members in navigating the complexity of COVID-19 related issues and the impact on schools.

4. **Construction Update** – There continues to be a list of items that need to be completed in addition to the shop addition. We are still waiting for the portable epoxy top science tables. There are unfinished tasks impacting the Family and Consumer Science kitchen, greenhouse, restrooms, Elementary School office, etc. It was determined it is best to wait until summer 2021 to complete the canopy renovation at the east entrance of the Elementary School. With the exception of the canopy, it is my hope the entire project can be brought to conclusion in the next few weeks.

Board members are welcome to visit both buildings to see the progress being made. Please contact the building principal or me in advance so that someone can meet you to escort you around. Keep up with some of the progress including photos by going to <https://www.nrheg.k12.mn.us/Page/3294>.

5. **November 3 Referendum** – By the time you read this, you may have already received the referendum brochure in the mail. Thank you to Sue Kulseth for her work on the brochure.

Thank you for all you do!
Dale N. Carlson, Ph.D.