

Superintendent Report

School Board Meeting

November 16, 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 October 16, 23, 30 and November 6.

A. Information, Communication, and Correspondence

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

- [Free school meal waivers extended through June 30](#)

- [Can expanded rapid testing keep schools safe?](#)

- [Experts predict jump in childhood obesity numbers](#)

- [COVID-19: Three COVID-19 education trends set to persist post-pandemic](#)

- [How to keep schools open safely](#)

- [Sports: What one school district's decision to let them play means for the rest of Minnesota](#)

- [Online kindergarten could have long-term impact](#)

- [PE teachers innovate to keep students moving](#)

- [Education leaders focus on student needs, learning](#)

- [Does socioeconomic status affect the brain?](#)

- [Report: Student achievement falls during pandemic](#)

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

- **Audit Presentation and Approval Rescheduled**

- **Fund Transfers**

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

- **Mr. Anderson Chosen as United Way 2020 Community Volunteer**

- **Costa Rica March 2021 Postponed**

- **MSHSL Engagement Session**

- **School Learning Model Look-up**

- **Building and Grounds Committee Meeting to Meet**

- **Election Night Gathering**

- **Potential *In-Person* Learning Transition Plans and MDE Response**

- **Clarifying Guidance for Shifting Learning Models and Implications for Activities and Athletics**

- **Distance Learning and Activities**

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

- **MSBA Call with Governor Walz**

- **Student Enrollment Update including Hybrid vs Distance Learning**

- **Board Member Quarterly Check-in**

3. **Board & Administrator for Board Members Monthly Publication – October 2020 Reflection - I** have provided a brief reflection on a few of the articles from the October publication. I hope you have had an opportunity to read and reflect.

- Advocate for the financial health of your district – The article encourages board members to work with those who make decisions that affect the district financially including local and state officials. Strategies are shared beginning with using an “educated approach.”
- School board members form a team – The article offers a principle for board members to keep in mind: “While each school board member plays her own part, the school board performs as a team.
- Understand the double-edged sword of social media – While the article offers that social media can be a great resource for board members to communicate with constituents, the author also cautions school boards on the dangers of posting on public social media. The article acknowledges the delicate balance between individual board members posting opposing views from the school district’s position and the individual board member’s right to free speech. Boards are encourage to have a social media board policy in place.
- Map centers, people of influence – The article encourages school boards to engage various representatives in the community to enhance its community relations plan.
- Must you support the board’s official stand? – The article talks about the importance for all board members to support the board’s final decision regardless of how an individual board member voted.

4. **Construction Update** – There continues to be a list of finishing items that need to be completed and/or redone. In the FACS room, some restrooms and a portion of a hallway, there was damage to wall tile and flooring from welders. We are working with Knutson to make sure this is addressed. The Science room portable epoxy top science tables are in the process of being assembled. There are unfinished tasks impacting the Elementary School office and shop addition as well. As previously shared, it was determined best to wait until summer 2021 to compete the canopy renovation at the east entrance of the Elementary School.

5. **November 3 Referendum Result** – I recommend for the Board to schedule a budget work session in January to begin the process of examining and determining next steps in response to the failed operational referendum beginning with the impact on the 2021-2022 budget development.

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