

# Superintendent Report

School Board Meeting

February 16, 2021

## 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 January 15, 22, 29 and February 5.**

#### **A. Information, Communication, and Correspondence**

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

- [Learning: Pandemic "learning loss" grows as schools race to reopen](#)

- [Report estimates cost of pandemic learning loss](#)

- [How K-12 leaders can foster resiliency](#)

- [Politics: Governor Walz's releases COVID-19 recovery budget with education priorities](#)

- [Safety: CDC makes case for schools reopening](#)

- [Politics: Governor Walz's Due North Education Plan unveiled](#)

- [US seeks better data on COVID-19, education](#)

- [Why Every Educator Needs to Understand the 'Science of Reading'](#)

- [Report: Students with historically higher absenteeism rates struggle most during COVID-19](#)

- [China bans children from using mobile phones at school](#)

- [Can summer programs curb learning loss?](#)

- [Report: Tutoring, other methods can curb learning loss](#)

- [Politics: Governor Walz proposes \\$745 million in new state aid for E-12 education](#)

- [Cardona: Teacher vaccinations, mental health are priorities](#)

- **School Learning Model Update**

- **2021 MSBA Leadership Conference**

- **Building and Grounds Committee to Meet**

- **2021-2022 Budget Work Session Planned**

- **MSBA Negotiations Seminar**

- **MSBA Officer Workshops**

- **2021 MSBA Leadership Conference**

- **Secondary School Grade Improvement Day (GRID) Initiative**

- **Building and Grounds Committee Met**

- **"A Conversation with the Governor"**

- **Learning Model Update**

- **Vaccine Update**

- **Secondary School "Panther Den"**

- **Superintendent Search Process Update**

3. ***Board & Administrator for Board Members Monthly Publication – January 2021 Reflection - I*** have provided a brief reflection on a few of the articles from the January publication. I hope you have had an opportunity to read and reflect.

- Follow these 7 steps for easy, effective board resolutions – The article offers steps a board can implement to assist in writing resolutions or board action statements.
  1. Format the resolution
  2. Create a title
  3. Use formal language
  4. Write out each important statement
  5. Last statement should state the final resolution
  6. List board members at bottom of resolution
  7. Option – resolution may only officer names i.e chair, clerk, etc.

Maintain a copy of the resolution.

- Board members can of New Year’s resolutions too – The article encourages board members to have “New Year’s resolutions” of their own. The resolutions can be informal resolutions that each board member maintains privately.
- 4 strategies to start 2021 – The article offers strategies from the P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School employs including:
  1. Accept that change is the “new normal.”
  2. Focus on your role.
  3. Don’t fight your feelings.
  4. Give grace to all.

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