

District Status Report

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2019-2020 Report #23

The purpose for the weekly Status Report is to communicate to members of the School Board important and meaningful information relevant to the business of the school district. The Report is available to the public on the school district's website. Please contact me at 417-2602 if you have any questions regarding information contained in the Status Report. I would also appreciate hearing from you on ways I can improve the Report and make it more meaningful and informative for you.

Dale

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.**

Information – Communication – Correspondence

1. News From Around the State and Beyond

Analysis: Fewer students pursue teaching

Budget: State budget forecast estimates \$1.3 billion surplus

2. Lions Pancake Breakfast and Backpack Program – Please see the announcement below regarding the pancake breakfast.

The Backpack Program, sponsored by the Area Food Shelf of New Richland, serves students at NRHEG Elementary and High School. The New Richland Area Lions Club is hosting a pancake breakfast Sunday, December 8 from 7:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Proceeds from the breakfast will benefit the Backpack Program. There will also be a silent auction and bake sale. Items you would like to donate to the silent auction can be left at Wagner Foods or Red Leaf Café in New Richland.

What is a Backpack program? Backpack food programs provide nutritious, non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food to children to ensure they get enough food on weekends and holidays to avoid hunger when they can't depend on school meals. Every backpack food program is unique to the community and the school it serves. By providing kids with the nutrients they need when they're away from school, they show up on Monday morning healthy and ready to learn.

This year the NRHEG REACH program students are filling the bags at the New Richland Food Shelf. Two hot entrees, two breakfast items, and two snacks are packed and delivered to NR and Ellendale every Wednesday. The teachers place the bags in the backpacks of students who qualify for the program. The program started here in 2010. Since that time the Area Food Shelf of New Richland has packed 26,670 bags with 58,516 pounds of food. The New Richland Area Lions Club is sponsoring the Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Backpack Program. The Area Food Shelf of New Richland is the sole provider of the backpack Program.

- ### 3. School Board Organizational Meeting Rescheduled – Based on Board member responses, either January 7 or 8 will work for the Organizational Meeting. I will work with the Board Chair on what date to recommend in advance of the December 16 Board meeting.
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- Full step advancement for each member each year. The 2019-2020 step advancement will take effect January 1, 2020.
 - 3.0% increase per cell for 2019-2020 beginning January 1, 2020 and a 2.0% increase per cell for 2020-2021 beginning July 1, 2020.
 - Effective as of the December 22, 2019, pay period, a one-time payment of \$150 for members on step 3-5 and \$250 for members on step 6-25 will be distributed. For the one-time payment, the step placement is based on the member's current step prior to the step advancement effective January 1, 2020.
 - Move to "two pay periods per month" beginning with the 2020-2021 school year (July 1, 2020).

School Board Calendar of Events

December 16, 2019	6:00 pm	Truth-in-Taxation Public Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
January TBD , 2020 (RESCHEDULE)	5:30 pm	School Board Organizational Meeting – Board Room
January 16-17, 2020		MSBA Leadership Conference – Minneapolis Convention Center
January 21, 2020 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center

Dale's Calendar for December 9 – 13 (As of 12-6-19)

Monday	9:00 am	Facility Core Planning Group Meeting
	1:00 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:00 pm	Administrative Team Meeting with Terri
	3:15 pm	Staff Development Committee Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am	Monthly check in with Macy
	10:00 am	Monthly check in with Carrie
	10:30 am	Check in with Sue
	1:30 pm	Crisis Manual Planning with Sue
	7:00 pm	GBB
Wednesday	7:30 am	Health and Safety Meeting
	9:00 am	Principal Evaluation Conference with Dave
	1:30 pm	Board Packet Prep with Sue
Thursday		Out of the District
Friday		Out of the District

Thank you for all you do!