

# *District Status Report*

*10 January 2020*

*2019-2020 Report #27*

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.

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## **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 next Status Report is planned for Friday, January 24

### Information – Communication – Correspondence

#### 1. News From Around the State and Beyond

[educationdive.com](http://educationdive.com) Five K-12 Trends to Watch in 2020

[How will leadership change in this decade?](#)

[How educators can encourage career exploration](#)

[Study: Sleep determining factor in test scores](#)

[Politics: Teachers union opposes constitutional amendment to address achievement gap](#)

#### 2. 2020 MSBA Leadership Conference – I plan to leave Wednesday afternoon so that I am there to assist board members arriving later Wednesday. There may be interest for Board members to gather informally Wednesday evening and even discuss plans for Thursday including sessions to attend.

I am not aware that any Board members have registered to attend either “Early Bird” pre-conference session Wednesday evening. The sessions are:

- The Ins and Outs of Superintendent Evaluation
- The Poverty Simulation Experience

MSBA is also offering the Phase IV training (Representing Your Community Through Policy and Engagement) on Wednesday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. I am willing to attend as well. If a Board member wishes to attend one of the Wednesday evening sessions and/or the Phase IV training, please let Sue Kulseth or me know ASAP. There is a tuition fee of \$115 (or \$125 for walk-in) for the Early Bird sessions.

Thursday morning, we traditionally have met for breakfast around 7 am which may also provide an opportunity to review plans for the day. In the past, we have sat together for the Opening Session Thursday morning which is scheduled for 9:00 am in the Main Auditorium. There are a few “Skills Sessions”

Thursday morning at 8:00 am prior to the Opening Session including:

- The Open Meeting Law
- Vision 2020 on the Political Horizon
- Board Chair Q & A with MSBA
- Critical Choices in the Superintendent’s Contract

I would be happy to assist and/or attend with you if you are interested in any of the Skills Sessions.

Following the opening session, members have taken the opportunity to walk the Exhibit Hall prior to lunch as “Round Tables” do not begin until 1:30 pm. Lunch plans on Thursday do not include the MSBA recognition lunch this year which starts at 11:30 a.m. However, this can be another opportunity for members to come together and share what they have already learned as well as discuss plans for the afternoon.

The afternoon includes the Round Tables at 1:30 pm followed by workshops beginning at 2:30 pm and going until 4:45 pm. There is a note in your conference guide that Governor Walz has been invited for a 5:00 pm presentation.

As the afternoon comes to a close, it has been our tradition to enjoy a meal together Thursday evening. We have 6:00 pm reservations at The Capital Grille located at 801 Hennepin Avenue, Lasalle Plaza.

Friday morning includes Round Tables at 8:00 am, Workshops at 9:15 am, and the Closing Session at 10:15 am where we once again have sat together. The conference ends by noon on Friday. You may want to

consider checking out of your room early Friday morning before heading to the Convention Center. Please let me know how I can assist you as you navigate the many opportunities at the conference. I look forward to spending time with you as we learn and grow together.

3. **Facility Construction Update** – The facility remodel and addition project planning continues to move forward. Knutson Construction hopes to put the bid documents out sometime next week. You will notice on my calendar below that we have scheduled “pre-bid walkthroughs” on January 24 for potential contractors. A tentative date of February 13 has been set to open bids. That will be a public meeting so anyone is able to attend.

Depending on the winter and spring weather along with other potential scheduling considerations, we are hopeful construction on the shop addition can start in April or early May. The majority of the project is planned to be completed over the summer of 2020 with the shop addition at the Secondary School being completed by late 2020.

We will be working with Knutson to plan for the end of the school year as well as the summer of 2020. Staff are examining programming plans and the impact on facility needs so that we can share with Knutson who will then work with us to come up with a plan that will hopefully minimize the impact on our summer programming for students. There is likely to be some inconvenience however. Please contact me with questions.

## School Board Calendar of Events

January 16-17, 2020	MSBA Leadership Conference – Minneapolis Convention Center
January 21, 2020 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
February 18, 2020 (Tuesday) 6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center

## Dale's Calendar for January 13-24 (As of 1-10-20)

### Week of January 13

Monday	10:30 am	Check in with Doug
	11:30 am	Check in with Sue
	1:30 pm	Check in with Dave
	2:00 pm	Administrative Team Meeting with Terri
	3:15 pm	Staff Development Committee Meeting
Tuesday	8:30 am	Check in with Corrine
	9:00 am	Monthly Check in with Macy
	10:00 am	Monthly Check in with Carrie
	1:00 pm	Meeting with Dan and Dave
	2:00 pm	Principal Evaluation Conference
	3:30 pm	Check in with Dave
	7:00 pm	BBB
Wednesday		2-hour Late Start
	8:00 am	Teacher Staff Development
	10:30 am	Exit Interview Review with Corrine

Leave for MSBA Leadership Conference in PM

Thursday MSBA Leadership Conference

Friday MSBA Leadership Conference

Week of January 20

Monday	10:30 am	Check in with Doug
	1:30 pm	Check in with Dave
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue
Tuesday	8:30 am	Administrative Team Meeting with Heather and Deanna
	9:00 am	Administrative Team Meeting with Macy
	9:30 am	Administrative Team Meeting with Karla
	10:00 am	Administrative Team Meeting (start with ALICE phone conference)
	1:00 pm	Scheduling Student Activities Board Policy Development Meeting
	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting
	7:00 pm	BBB
Wednesday	2:00 pm	Bid Submittal Process Meeting
Thursday	9:00 am	SWMetro South Leadership Team Meeting
Friday	10:00 am	Secondary School Pre-Bid Walkthrough
	11:00 am	Elementary School Pre-Bid Walkthrough

Thank you for all you do!