

District Status Report

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2019-2020 Report #42

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

Teachers: Virus changed parents' view of their work
Teacher training disrupted by school closures
After-school activities can engage students remotely
How much time should students spend on schoolwork?

2. Board Member Quarterly Check-in – Thank you Board members for taking time to check-in with me this week. Items discussed included:

- Ash Ave Property Update
- Maintenance needs identified
- Student calendar and end-of-school year plans including any change in last student day
- Staff response to distance learning
- Grading update and potential changes
- Remote Board meeting reflections
- November Board member election
- Distance Learning update
- Childcare and meal update
- Graduation
- Construction
- Childcare Leave Request
- 2020-2021 staffing
- 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 budget
- Budget work session planned

Please call me with questions regarding any of the items.

- ### 3. Construction Update – Foundations have been completed at the Secondary School. Walls on the new shop are anticipated to start going up next week. Secondary Science and FACs rooms along with the Elementary Office have been stripped of any items we want to retain and reuse and they are ready for contracts to begin their demolition which could begin next week. You are welcome to visit anytime, but please contact Doug, Dave, or Dale in advance so one of us can meet you. Keep up with some of the progress including photos by going to <https://www.nrheg.k12.mn.us/Page/3294>
- ### 4. Secondary School Weight and Fitness Update – We are moving forward with moving the weight and fitness area to current classrooms. We will be installing a door in the wall between the two current rooms. All impacted teachers have been notified and involved in decisions related to the project to make sure instructional and classroom needs are satisfied.
- ### 5. AFSCME Negotiations Meeting Date Set – The first meeting has been set for Monday, March 18, beginning at 3:30 pm in the Secondary School Media Center. We will be likely incorporating a remote option to participate as well. Joining me on the Board's negotiating team are Karen Flatness, Neil Schlaak, Rick Schultz and Karla Christopherson.
- ### 6. Graduation Plans – We received guidance from MDE today and will spend time reviewing the guidance to determine if and how it changes our planning. More to come . . .
- ### 7. Principal of the Year! – Congratulations to Principal Dave Bunn for being named by his peers as *Southeast Minnesota Association of Secondary Principals High School Principal of the Year*. This type of acknowledgement is special when it comes from colleagues. Thank you Dave for all you do and for your

“tireless work in your school and communities your school represents” as referenced in your nomination as well “wearing your red and black with pride.”

- 8. Long-term Substitute Nurse Needed** – School Nurse Carrie Petsinger is anticipating to be on a leave of absence for up to 12 weeks beginning October 2020. Below are highlights of the posting.

Position Type:	Long Term Substitute Nurse (RN Preferred)
Date Posted:	April 30, 2020
Location:	NRHEG Secondary School
Hours/Week:	Up to 40 hours per week
Hourly Rate:	\$20.00 - \$30.00 dependent on qualifications and experience
Date Available:	On or about October 1, 2020 and ending December 23, 2020. Desire to train substitute nurse beginning September 1, 2020, on a part-time basis.

- 9. Gopher Conference Expansion** –I joined the other seven school district superintendents and activity directors for our spring Gopher Conference meeting on Thursday this week. The main agenda item was consideration of membership applications of four school districts including: Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton, Triton, Kenyon-Wanamingo and Randolph. After much discussion, I supported to approve all four schools for membership beginning with the 2021-2022 school year. The final vote by the superintendents was to approve all four schools.

School Board Calendar of Events

May 18, 2020	3:30 pm	AFSCME Negotiations – Secondary School Media Center / Remote
May 18, 2020	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center/Remote
June 1, 2020	5:30 pm	School Board Budget Work Session – Secondary School Media Center/Remote
June 15, 2020	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote (Tentative)

Dale's Calendar for May 11 - 15 (As of 5-8-20)

Monday	10:30 am	Check in with Doug
	11:00 am	Check in with Carrie
	12:30 pm	MSBA Call-in with MDE Commissioner
	1:30 pm	Check in with Dave
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue
	3:15 pm	Staff Development Committee Meeting
Tuesday		Out of the District
Wednesday	11:00 am	Budget Prep with Karla
	3:30 pm	Health Insurance Webinar
Thursday	9:00 am	Meeting with Karla
	10:00 am	Check in with Macy
	4:30 pm	MDE Call-in
Friday		In the District
Thank you for all you do!		