

# *District Status Report*

*16 August 2019*

*2019-2020 Report #7*

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

Teens exercise, study more during summer months, report says

### 2. 8-19-19 School Board Meeting – A few items to bring attention to . . .

#### a. Within the Consent Agenda . . .

- 1) Catastrophic Insurance for 2019-2020
- 2) Employment
- 3) Contract Renewals
- 4) Fall Coaching Contracts
- 5) Resignations
- 6) Rescinding of 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Probation
- 7) 2019-2020 1:1 Mobile Device Handbook
- 8) Statewide Enrollment Options

#### b. Under Recommended Actions, the Board will be asked to take action on the following item(s):

- 1) 2019-2020 Student Handbooks
- 2) 2019-2020 School Year Calendar Revisions
- 3) 2019-2021 Driver Wage Schedule
- 4) 2019-2021 Community Education Wage Schedule
- 5) Handicap Lift Van Purchase
- 6) 2019-2020 Resolution for Membership to the Minnesota State High School League
- 7) 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Board Policies
- 8) 2018-2019 School Board Self-Evaluation
- 9) 2019-2020 School Board Goals
- 10) 2019-2020 Superintendent Goals

### 3. Design and Build Update – The Secondary School user groups (Science, FACS, Ag, Industrial Tech) met for third time on Monday, August 12. Discussions are still taking place as to classroom design and shop addition location and design at the Secondary School, and secure entrance location and design at the Elementary School. ISG and Knutson will review design input from staff and provide revised designs along with preliminary costing estimates. A next step will be to convene the **Core Planning Group** which consists of ISG, Knutson, principals, business manager, superintendent, and Board Chair to begin providing direction to ISG and Knutson for moving forward with design decisions.

### 4. Board Budget Work Sessions – The Budget work session is planned for Wednesday, September 11, beginning at 5:30 pm, in the Secondary School Media Center. Objectives for the work session include:

- 2019-2020 Budget adjustment expectations and directives
- Budget reduction process including priorities and parameters to apply for 2020-2021 budget development
- Long-range financial strategy including operational revenue and expenditures. Adopt a district philosophy that maintains any fluctuation in the property tax within a defined range. This would assist the District in managing a "smoothing" effect on property taxes and develop a long-range strategy in responding to decreasing debt and opportunities to increase revenue.

Dinner will be provided and available at 5:15 pm.

5. **New Staff Orientation** – Board members are invited to join us Monday morning, August 19, beginning at 8 am, for our new staff orientation. New staff would enjoy and value meeting as many Board members as possible. Let me know if you are able to join us for introductions at 8 am.
6. **August 29 Kickoff Breakfast and Keynote** – A reminder of the Kickoff Breakfast hosted by you, the School Board, to be held on Thursday, August 29, beginning at 7:45 am. I would encourage you to arrive by 7:30 am. Please also plan to stay for our keynote, Dr. Stuart Robertshaw “Dr. Humor.”
7. **Staff Kickoff Week Schedule** – I have highlighted below the schedule for the week of August 26 and invite Board members to attend any or all events.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 26 -- Secondary School Cafeteria** (Teachers only)

- Analyzing and Applying Data to Improve Instructional Practice with Susan Burris

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 27 -- Secondary School Cafeteria**

- Trauma Responsive Schools with Danielle Theis in AM (Teachers/Paraprofessionals)
- Principal Meetings in PM (Teachers only)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28 – Assigned Schools**

- Analyzing and Applying Data to Improve Instructional Practices (Teachers)
- Infinitec Professional Development Modules (Paraprofessionals)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2019 - United Methodist Church, Ellendale**

- Breakfast hosted by School Board
- Dr. Stuart Robertshaw “Dr. Humor” - Keynote Speaker

## School Board Calendar of Events

August 19, 2019	6:00 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center <b>NOTE CHANGE IN STARTING TIME</b>
August 20, 2019	7:00 am	Paraprofessional Negotiations Meeting – Board Room
August 26, 2019	8:00 am	Teachers Report to Work
August 29, 2019	8:00 am	Staff Breakfast hosted by School Board – Ellendale Methodist Church
September 4, 2019		First Day for Students
September 11, 2019	5:30 pm	School Board Budget Work Session – Board Room
September 16, 2019	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center

## **Dale's Calendar for August 19 - 23 (As of 8-16-19)**

Monday	8:00 am	New Staff Orientation
	1:30 pm	Transportation Inservice Planning with Karla
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:30 pm	Budget Planning with Karla
	6:00 pm	School Board Meeting
Tuesday	7:00 am	Paraprofessional Negotiations Meeting
	8:00 am	New Teacher Orientation
	11:00 am	Meet with Sandy
	1:00 pm	Check in with Sue
	2:30 pm	Budget Planning with Doug, Dave, Karla
Wednesday	8:00 am	School Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair
	10:00 am	Levy Review with Macy and Karla
	11:00 am	Contract Language Prep with Deb
	5:00 pm	Driver Inservice
Thursday	8:00 am	SW Metro Meeting -- WEM
Friday		Out of District

Thank you for all you do!