

# *District Status Report*

*23 August 2019*

*2019-2020 Report #8*

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.**

## Information – Communication -- Correspondence

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

Graduation: A push to rethink remedial education

Curriculum: Does pre-kindergarten make a difference?

### 2. 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.

### 3. 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.

### 4. 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

### 5. 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.”

6. **School Board “Talk and Tour”** – You should have received an e-mail from Special Education Director Heather Harms on August 20 at 8:20 pm inviting you to a second “Talk and Tour” coordinated by Mrs. Harms and held at the Waseca District Office on October 1 beginning at 5 pm. I plan to attend and would be happy to have up to four Board members ride with me. Please respond to Mrs. Harm’s e-mail or let me know if you are interested in attending. The agenda includes:
- Photo Tour of programs
  - MDE File Review
  - Transportation
  - Enrollment Options
  - Special Education Advisory Committee
7. **MSBA School Board Leadership Conference** – If you have not already, please be sure you have put the annual leadership conference on your calendar for Thursday, January 16, and Friday, January 17, 2020, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. When it becomes available, Sue Kulseth will make hotel reservations for us.

## School Board Calendar of Events

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 26 - 30 (As of 8-23-19)

Monday	8:00 am 4:30 pm	Teacher Staff Development Meeting with Larry N.
Tuesday	8:00 am	Teacher and Paraprofessional Staff Development
Wednesday	8:00 am 4:00 pm	Teacher Staff Development Secondary School Open House
Thursday	8:00 am 6:30 pm	Kickoff Breakfast and Keynote Speaker Lions
Friday		Out of District

Thank you for all you do!