

District Status Report

11 September

2020-2021 Report #11

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. **Construction Update** – At the Secondary School, Science room epoxy countertops and lap stations are planned to be installed next week. There continues to be some finishing touches in other areas, but most of the work, with the exception of the new shop and greenhouse is completed.

The Elementary Office and east entrance should be completed by the end of next week if not sooner. There have been some delays in the finishing touches of electrical work along with adjustments needed to door mechanisms, etc. so that the “secure entrance” system is working as it is intended.

Knutson Construction is planning to provide an update on the project including the budget at the September 21 School Board Meeting.

Board members are welcome to visit both buildings to see the progress being made. Please contact the building principal or me in advance so that someone can meet you to escort you around. Keep up with some of the progress including photos by going to <https://www.nrheg.k12.mn.us/Page/3294>.

2. **School Learning Model** – I will refer you to the update that I have forwarded to staff, parents, and Board members today (September 11). We will continue in Hybrid Learning at the Elementary School and begin Distance Learning at the Secondary School beginning Monday, September 14.
3. **September 21 School Board Meeting to be Held at Secondary School** – Until the Board decides to convene all *in person*, it is necessary to continue live streaming the Board meetings. Due to the current technology equipment needed to live-stream the School Board meeting, the September 21 School Board meeting will be held at the Secondary School Media Center. We are hopeful to have the equipment in place as soon as possible that will allow the Board to live stream from either location. Even after the Board returns to in-person meetings for all Board members, there is the intent to continue to live stream School Board meetings. Let me know if you have questions.
4. **Speech and Language Pathologist (SLP) Resignation and Position Status** – The Board will be asked to accept the resignation for Erin Krenik at the September 21 School Board meeting. Ms. Krenik is in her second year with us and has submitted her resignation effective in October. We are in the process of posting the position. This will be the second of two SLP positions open and unfilled. We have contracted with a firm to provide part-time SLP services to secondary students. This might be an alternative for the elementary level as well.
5. **MSHSL Fee Increase** – I have attached a copy of the notice we received earlier this week from the MSHSL regarding a fee structure change for 2020-2021. The immediate impact is an increase of well over 300% from 2019-2020 fees of less than \$3,000 to almost \$11,000 for 2020-2021. I believe many are shocked at the increase; I know I am. I was expecting an increase, but not this significant.

School Board Calendar of Events

September 21, 2020	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote (The meeting has had to be moved due to the Live-Stream Technology equipment)
October 19, 2020	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote

Dale's Calendar for September 14-September 18 (As of 9-11-20)

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
	3:00 pm	Weekly Call with Steele County Public Health
Tuesday	10:00 am	Administrative Team Meeting
	3:00 pm	Waseca County Public Health Meeting
Wednesday	1:30 pm	Tax Levy Workshop
Thursday	4:00 pm	MDE Call-in
Friday		In the District

Thank you for all you do!