

# *District Status Report*

*02 October*

*2020-2021 Report #14*

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

[Steps to reach new normal in education](#)

[Taking the Stress Out of Grading](#)

2. **MSHSL Fall Activity Update** –Activities Director Dan Stork continues to work to get procedures in place for fall activity competitions. Among the many issues includes a restriction on the number of tickets available for varsity football games. Schools are allocated a total of 250 tickets. Schools within our football district have agreed that 125 will go to the home team and 125 will go to the visiting team. At this time, the tickets will be allocated to the parents/families of varsity football players. Remaining tickets will be made available to qualifying senior students for purchase. No tickets will be available to the general public. In addition, spectators will not be permitted to view the game outside the fence if on school property.

The Minnesota State High School League has prohibited spectators, including parents, to attend volleyball matches.

3. **COVID-19 County Case Rate and Learning Models** – Board members can give me a call with questions or they can also contact Board Chair Rick Schultz. A request for the Board to convene to review the case rate and current learning models should be forwarded to Mr. Schultz.
4. **Audit Presentation and Approval** – The Board will be presented with the 2019-2020 audit at the October 19 School Board meeting. As we anticipated, there is a significant shift in the final 2019-2020 budget ending June 30, 2020, in large part due to COVID-19. The Board should expect to see an overall budget surplus of approximately \$500,000 with an Unassigned General Fund increase of more than \$300,000. The Board can expect to be provided with a description of the changes at the School Board meeting which will be important in the messaging for the November 3 Referendum.
5. **Athletic Code Policy** – As a follow-up to the public comments at the September School Board meeting, administration will plan to revisit the current policy specific to the ineligibility period for violations. A timetable for the review has not been determined. If the Board is interested in accelerating the review process and prioritize it over other administrative responsibilities, it would be appropriate to give that direction at a School Board meeting
6. **School Board Candidate Forum** – The candidate forum hosted by NRHEG Teachers' Association is planned for Thursday, October 8, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Secondary School Media Center. All candidates have been invited to take part. In compliance with social distancing practices, the general public is invited to watch the live streamed event virtually. The link is [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mw\\_ILTe8M8o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mw_ILTe8M8o).

The evening's program begins with brief statements prepared by the candidates followed by their responses to questions supplied both by the public and by the teachers' association. Anyone wishing to submit questions can do so either in advance or during the event by sending them to a designated email address: [boardforum@nrheg.k12.mn.us](mailto:boardforum@nrheg.k12.mn.us).

7. **World's Best Work Force (WBWF) Plan Review Public Meeting** – School districts continue to seek guidance from the Minnesota Department of Education as to the status of WBWF plans given the waiver of student assessments in the spring of 2019 which impacted many of our student performance metrics included in our 2019-2020 WBWF plan. Typically, either in September or October, the district holds its annual WBWF plan public meeting review of the previous year. We tentatively had that scheduled for October 19 beginning at 6:00 pm prior to the start of the regular School Board meeting. At this time, we

are going to adjust the schedule and tentatively include it as part of the regular School Board agenda and not hold a special meeting at 6:00 p.m. There is a good possibility that we will not be able to report out at the October meeting until we receive further guidance. This may also impact the development and Board approval of our 2020-2021 WBWF plan that the Board typically approves in November.

## School Board Calendar of Events

October 8, 2020	6:30 pm	School Board Candidate Forum Hosted by Education Minnesota-NRHEG Secondary School Media Center
October 19, 2020	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote
November 16, 2020	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote
December 21, 2020	6:00 pm	Truth in Taxation Public Hearing – Secondary School Media Center
	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote
December 24, 2020 – January 1, 2021		Winter Break

## Dale's Calendar for October 5 - 9 (As of 10-2-2020)

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	3:00 pm	Waseca County Public Health Meeting
Wednesday	2:00 pm	Fulltime Substitute Teacher Discussion
Thursday	7:30 am	Weekly Waseca County Public Health School District Meeting
	4:00 pm	Weekly MDE Commissioner Call
	6:30 pm	School Board Candidate Forum
Friday	8:00 am	School Board Meeting Agenda Planning with School Board Chair
		Out of District in PM

Thank you for all you do!