

District Status Report

09 October

2020-2021 Report #15

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

[What does uptick in child screen time mean?](#)

[How is pandemic learning loss determined?](#)

[Pandemic fuels "crisis" in education workforce](#)

[Parents: Prioritize high-quality remote instruction](#)

2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **World's Best Work Force (WBWF) Plan Review Public Meeting Change** – 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 reschedule the public meeting at a later date and time to be determined. We are unsure how this will impact the development and Board approval of our 2020-2021 WBWF plan that the Board typically approves in November.
5. **Steele County United Way Grant** – The school district was awarded a grant from Steele County United Way and the COVID Relief Fund in the amount of \$2,000, for the purpose of supporting those families who have outstanding lunch balances due to the recent challenges presented by the pandemic. Thank you to Mr. Anderson for submitting the grant application.



School Board Calendar of Events

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 12 - 16 (As of 10-9-2020)

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	8:00 am	Meet with Karla regarding ESSER application
	9:00 am	Monthly check in with Macy
	1:00 pm	Audit Presentation Review
Wednesday	9:00 am	Board Packet Prep with Sue
	1:00 pm	Fulltime Substitute Teacher Discussion
Thursday		In the District (Tentative)
	7:30 am	Weekly Waseca County Public Health Check in with County Schools
Friday		Out of the District

Thank you for all you do!