

District Status Report

23 October

2020-2021 Report #17

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

COVID-19: Three COVID-19 education trends set to persist post-pandemic

[How to keep schools open safely](#)

2. **COVID-19 County Case Rate and Learning Models** – We continue to monitor closely the county case rates as well as our quarantine and positive cases in the school district. Unless we experience positive cases or a high number of quarantines, I anticipate continuing with *Hybrid Learning* for both buildings for the next several weeks. Based on the Board’s discussion at the last School Board meeting, the Board will be convened when it is believed there is data to support a potential move to a different model. 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. **World’s Best Work Force (WBWF) Plan Review Public Meeting Change** – MDE provided more clarity this week regarding the WBWF review process. At this time, we plan to present a review of our progress with the 2019-2020 WBWF plan at the November 16, 2020, School Board meeting. We may also present a draft of the 2020-2021 plan for Board consideration. MDE is modifying the report template to acknowledge the absence of MCA student assessment data from the spring of 2020.
4. **MSHSL Engagement Session** – I listened in on today’s session but did not feel that I learned any new or helpful information to better understand the rationale for how the MSHSL determined the COVID-19 additional fee structure. I don’t believe we are going to get a response to the specific question at this point.
5. **School Learning Model Look-up** – A question was asked at Monday’s Board meeting if I knew the different learning models of area school districts? One can go to the MDE website at [Enter the Safe Learning Model Look-Up system](#) to look up the current learning model for each school district, school building, grade level, etc. Simply enter the school district you are seeking.
6. **Building and Grounds Committee Meeting to Meet** – After visiting with Rick Schultz, the next Building and Grounds Committee Meeting is tentatively planned for Tuesday, January 19, 2021, beginning at 5:30 pm prior to the start of the regular School Board meeting. Agenda items may include discussion about potential land sale, construction project follow-up, and examining the Board’s goal of developing a long-term facility plan.
7. **Election Night Gathering** – Please let Rick Schultz or me know if there is interest in providing an opportunity for Board members to convene Tuesday evening on November 3, to monitor election results. We would publish that there would possibly be a quorum of the Board but now business would be conducted. We are not confident that results will be made available by 10:00 pm.

School Board Calendar of Events

November 13, 2020	5:00 pm	Special School Board Meeting to Canvass Results – Board Room
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

January 4, 2021 5:30 pm School Board Organizational Meeting – Board Room

Dale's Calendar for October 26- 30 (As of 10-23-2020)

Monday	10:30 am	Check in with Doug
	1:00 pm	Weekly check in with Donna
	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
	4:00 pm	Zoom meeting with Senator Rosen and MDE Commissioner
Tuesday		Out of District
Wednesday		Working Remotely - Tentative
Thursday	7:30 am	Weekly Waseca County Public Health Check in with County Schools
	9:00 am	Weekly check-in with Donna
	4:00 pm	Weekly MDE Call
Friday		Out of the District - Tentative

Thank you for all you do!