

District Status Report

06 November

2020-2021 Report #19

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

[PE teachers innovate to keep students moving](#)
[Education leaders focus on student needs, learning](#)
[Does socioeconomic status affect the brain?](#)
[Report: Student achievement falls during pandemic](#)

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. As I mentioned in the staff and family updates yesterday (Thursday), we have experienced an increase in the number of quarantines and positive cases involving students and staff. The zip code rates significantly increased this past week. The positivity rates appear to be trending upward. The MDH 14-day county-wide cases for all three counties are in the 20s to 30s projected to go into the 40s in Freeborn and possible Steele based on today's reported numbers. We updated the [COVID-19 Dashboard](#) today.

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. However, in the case that the data supports making a timely move to *distance-learning* due to an increase in the positive case metrics and/or inadequate staffing, I will work with the Board Chair in making that decision as there will not be time to convene the Board. 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. We are planning to provide an update on the learning model and metrics at the November 13 special meeting as well as the November 16 regular meeting.

3. **World's Best Work Force (WBWF) Plan Review Update** – We received from MDE a modified report template to use to document the progress of our 2019-2020 plan. At this time, we plan to present a review of our progress with the 2019-2020 WBWF plan at the December 21, 2020, School Board meeting, but may request a special meeting if needed in order to meet required MDE timelines. We do not believe we will be ready for the November 16 Board meeting as we just recently received the guidance. We may also present a draft of the 2020-2021 plan for Board consideration at the December meeting.
4. **School Learning Model Look-up** – If you want look up a specific learning model for a school district or school, you can go to the MDE website at [Enter the Safe Learning Model Look-Up system](#). Simply enter the school district you are seeking.
5. **Building and Grounds Committee Meeting to Meet** – 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.
6. **Student Enrollment Update including Hybrid vs Distance Learning** – Please see below the enrollment update as of 11-2-2020.

Elementary – 359 (does not include ECSE) (decline of 16 or 4.3%)
The projected 2020-2021 enrollment from last May was 375
328 Hybrid (91.4%) and 31 DL (8.6%)

Secondary – 486 (includes 5 SE everyday but not 7 PSEO) (Increase of 3 or 0.6%)
The projected 2020-2021 enrollment from last May was 490
381/486 Hybrid (78.4%) and 105/486 DL (21.6%)

District – 845 (does not include ECSE or PSEO) (2.3% reduction)
 The Projected 2020-2021 enrollment last May was 865
 709/845 Hybrid (83.9%) and 136/845 DL (16.1%)

7. **Board Member Quarterly Check-in** – I will have Sue Kulseth set a time with each of you to hold our quarterly check-in remotely in the coming few weeks. I am targeting the week of November 30 – December 4 at this time.

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 November 9 - 13 (As of 11-6-2020)

Monday		Out of District in AM
	1:00 pm	Weekly check in with Donna
	1:30 pm	Check in with Doug / 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	9:00 am	Check in with Macy
	10:15 am	3 rd party billing meeting
	1:00 pm	New School Board Orientation Planning with Sue
Wednesday	7:30 am	Check in with Teacher Association President
	2:00 pm	WBWF Planning with Jessica, Doug, Dave
Thursday	7:30 am	Weekly Waseca County Public Health Check in with County Schools
	9:00 am	Check in with Donna
	9:30 am	Evaluation Conference with Doug
	1:00 pm	Evaluation Conference with Dave
	4:00 pm	Weekly MDE Call
	7:00 pm	Football
Friday	1:00 pm	Riverland Superintendent's Roundtable
	2:30 pm	Region 2 Superintendent Meeting with MDE
	5:00 pm	Special School Board Meeting

Thank you for all you do!