

District Status Report

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2020-2021 Report #27

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

Assessments: States move to suspend school report cards, create accountability flexibilities
Why tutoring is gaining momentum as a learning loss fix
Why online learning will only grow post-COVID, despite challenges
Survey: 25% of parents will not vaccinate children

2. 2021 MSBA Leadership Conference – The 2021 MSBA Leadership Conference will be held virtually this year on three different Thursday mornings. As it is free, Sue Kulseth went ahead and registered each Board member. See the communication below from MSBA

The **2021 MSBA Leadership Conference** will be presented to you in a **virtual format**. Save the dates on your calendar for these Thursday mornings — **January 14, January 21, and January 28, 2021**.

The conference will include a number of top-notch workshops, roundtable sessions, and much more. Some sessions will be available via recording at a later time. Watch the [MSBA website](#) for more details.

This year's conference will feature two keynote speakers: **Phyllis Braxton-Frierson** and **Dr. Phil Gore**.

- **Braxton-Frierson** is the CEO and Founder of PINK Consulting, LLC, and has worked in the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) field for nearly 25 years.
- **Gore** is in his sixth year as Division Director for Board Development Services with the Texas Association of School Boards and is a nationally recognized researcher on school governance.

3. Building and Grounds Committee 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. Committee members include: Terri Engel, Travis Routh, Rick Schultz, Dale Carlson and Karla Christopherson.

4. 2021-2022 Budget Work Session Planned – A Board Budget Work Session will be held on Monday, January 25, 2021, at 5:30 pm in the Secondary School Media Center, to begin addressing actions needed to occur in order to achieve the Board's finance goal of that *by June 30, 2020, adopt a planned budget for 2021-2022 that achieves the Board's fund balance target range while balancing the amount of revenue with planned expenditures. In the event of an unsuccessful referendum vote, the Board will need to be prepared to conduct a budget reduction process in advance of adopting the 2021-2022 budget.* The Finance Committee may be asked to meet prior to the work session.

School Board Calendar of Events

January 14, 2021	Morning	MSBA School Board Leadership Conference (Virtual)
January 19, 2021	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote
January 21, 2021	Morning	MSBA School Board Leadership Conference (Virtual)
January 25, 2021	5:30 pm	School Board Budget Work Session
January 28, 2021	Morning	MSBA School Board Leadership Conference (Virtual)

Dale's Calendar for January 11 - 15 (As of 1-8-2021)

Monday	10:30 am	Check in with Doug
	1:00 pm	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
	5:30 pm	School Board Organizational Meeting
Tuesday	8:00 am	SW Metro South Leadership Team Meeting
	9:00 am	Regional Support Team Consult
	9:30 am	Meeting with Matt H
	10:00 am	Check in with Macy
	3:30 pm	Waseca County COVID Partner Call
Wednesday	7:30 am	Monthly Check in with Teacher Association President
	9:00 am	Pre-HITA Meeting
	1:00 pm	Administrative Team Budget Planning
Thursday	7:30 am	Weekly Waseca County Schools Call with Public Health
	8:30 am	MSBA Leadership Conference (8:30 am – 1:00 pm)
	9:00 am	Check in with Donna
	4:00 pm	Weekly MDE Commissioner Call
Friday		Out of the District

Thank you for all you do!