

District Status Report

29 January

2020-2021 Report #30

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

[How K-12 leaders can foster resiliency](#)

[Politics: Governor Walz’s releases COVID-19 recovery budget with education priorities](#)

[Safety: CDC makes case for schools reopening](#)

[Politics: Governor Walz’s Due North Education Plan unveiled](#)

[US seeks better data on COVID-19, education](#)

[Why Every Educator Needs to Understand the 'Science of Reading'](#)

2. **Learning Model Update** – The majority of our Grade 6 students started this week attending school four days a week. Mr. Bunn has announced that Grade 12 students who had responded ‘yes’ to a survey regarding interest in attending school “in person” four days a week under hybrid safety health standards will be able to begin Monday, February 1. Once the staff has had the opportunity to confirm the number of students attending, consideration for increasing the number of interested students will be examined based on available capacity.

Administration held a Regional Support Team (RST) consultation this week regarding guidance and criteria to be considered when developing a potential plan to maximize the number of our Grade 7 and Grade 8 students to attend in person more days in a week than the current two. The RST reminded us that the Safe Learning Plan guidelines have not changed for our older students. If we are unable to provide the recommended 6 feet of distancing, then we would not be following the recommendations of public health officials unless we can put in mitigation strategies similar to what we have done for grades K-6.

Administration will continue to examine strategies and a plan to submit to the RST for consideration in providing more in person opportunities for our grades 7 and 8 students.

3. **Vaccine Update** – While we have had great success in the past two weeks in getting appointments for those employees who expressed interest in receiving the vaccine, I am concerned about the low percentage of our employees wanting the vaccine. There is some speculation that a future guideline/criteria/metric for determining moving secondary level students to in-person learning might include the number/percentage of staff who have received the vaccine. We currently are at about 50% for the district. I do not have the breakdown per school building at this time. We did survey employees a second time to offer another opportunity to be put on the vaccine list and will know the results later today.
4. **Secondary School “Panther Den”** – Principal Bunn provides below a summary of an “after-school homework help” program named Panther Den that is in the process of beginning as early as next week.
- After School Homework Help is otherwise known as “Panther Den” (Doing Everything Necessary)
 - Students will be offered the opportunity to come in after school virtually or in-person on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Those days are chosen to allow hybrid students that are home to access assistance via Google Meet.
 - Two teachers will facilitate the program.
 - The program will run from 3:30-5:00 for the MS and 3:15-4:45 for the HS in the lower commons, starting February 1.
 - Compensation will be based on the teacher contract under Teacher’s Compensation-School Year applied to Targeted Services. Total cost is estimated at about \$4,800 and will be funded through COVID-19 relief funding.
5. **MSBA Negotiations Seminar** – Board members who are negotiating in the coming year are encouraged to participate in the MSBA Negotiations Seminar being offered over two 3-hour sessions. Please contact Sue Kulseth to let her know the dates to register you. I plan to participate on February 11 from 9 am – 12 pm for Part I and on February 25 from 9 am – 12 pm for Part II in the event any Board members would like to join me. Below is from MSBA.

After the Leadership Conference wraps up at the end of this month, we invite you to continue learning by attending **MSBA's Negotiations Seminars** and **Officers' Workshops**.

Please scroll below to access workshop schedules and registration information. Board members, if you opt to attend these sessions, please ask your school district office to register you through the [MSBA website](#).

Preparation is the key to successful bargaining. [MSBA's Negotiations Seminars](#) help school leaders prepare for negotiations.

Note: The Negotiations Seminars will be presented in two parts. Participants must attend both parts in order to receive credit.

Negotiations Seminar Agenda:

- **Part 1** will include a “Negotiations Overview,” “Legal Issues,” and “Hot Topics.”
- **Part 2** will feature “ULA, Layoffs, and Nonrenewals,” “Words Matter,” “Costing Overview,” and “Costing Analytics.”

[Click here to access the full agenda.](#)

Negotiations Seminars Schedule — THESE TIMES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED:

Choose from ONE of the following dates for PART 1:

- 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 3, 2021
- 9:00 a.m. to noon Thursday, February 11, 2021
- 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, February 13, 2021

Choose from ONE of the following dates for PART 2:

- 9:00 a.m. to noon Thursday, February 25, 2021
 - 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, February 27, 2021
 - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2021
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Negotiations Seminar Registration:

Seminar Fees (includes both Part 1 and Part 2):

- Advance registration — \$195
- Late registration — \$215
- **Registration closes one week before the Part 1 date you choose to attend.**

Registration: [Access MSBA Event Registration](#)

IMPORTANT: Board members, please coordinate your registration through your school district office.

6. **MSBA Officer Workshops**– Board officers wishing to participate in MSBA’s Officers’ Workshop are to contact Sue Kulseth to inform her of the dates and times you want to participate. I am happy to join those wishing to participate. Information from MSBA is below.

The [MSBA Officers’ Workshop](#) is focused on school board officers’ responsibilities and basics/fundamentals of laws affecting school boards. Elected school board officers, superintendents, staff who support the board, and all interested school board members are encouraged to attend.

Note: The Officers’ Workshop will be presented in two parts. Participants must attend both parts in order to receive credit.

Officers’ Workshop Agenda:

- **Part 1** will focus on **the Statutory Duties of School Board Officers and the Open Meeting Law.**
- **Part 2** will be dedicated to **your specific officer role** (chair/vice chair, clerk, or treasurer).

Officers’ Workshop Schedule — THESE TIMES HAVE BEEN CORRECTED:

Choose from ONE of the following dates for PART 1:

- 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 10, 2021
- 9:00 a.m. to noon Thursday, February 18, 2021
- 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, February 20, 2021

Choose from ONE of the following dates for PART 2:

- 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 24, 2021
- 9:00 a.m. to noon Thursday, March 4, 2021
- 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday, March 6, 2021

Officers’ Workshop Registration:

Workshop Fees (includes both Part 1 and Part 2):

- Advance registration — \$195
- Late registration — \$215
- **Registration closes on January 29 for the February 10 workshop. For all other workshop dates, registration will close on February 5.**

Registration: [Access MSBA Event Registration](#)

IMPORTANT: Board members, please coordinate your registration through your school district office.

School Board Calendar of Events

February 15, 2021		No School for Students and Staff (Presidents' Day)
February 16, 2021	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote
March 1, 2021	6:30 pm	Special School Board Meeting (Superintendent Search) – Sec. School/Remote
March 4, 2021	12:00pm	Special School Board Meeting (Superintendent Search) – Location TBD
March 9, 2021	6:00 pm	Special School Board Meeting (Superintendent Search) – Sec. School/Remote
March 10, 2021	6:00 pm	Special School Board Meeting (Superintendent Search) – Sec. School/Remote
March 15, 2021	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote
April 19, 2021	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting—Secondary School Media Center/Remote

Dale's Calendar for February 1-5 (As of 1-29-2021)

Monday	10:00 am	Check in with Donna
	10:30 am	Check in with Doug
	1:00 pm	Health Office Coverage Planning
	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	1:00 pm	Meet with Corrine and Karla
	2:30 pm	Learning Model Planning with Dave
Wednesday	10:00 am	Consultation with SiteLogiq regarding long range facility planning
Thursday	8:00 am	MSBA Leadership Conference
	9:00 am	Check in with Donna
	9:30 am	Meet with Corrine
	1:00 pm	Principal Evaluation Conference
	4:00 pm	Weekly MDE Commissioner Call
Friday	10:00 am	Principal Evaluation Conference

Thank you for all you do!