

District Status Report

26 March

2020-2021 Report #38

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

- States consider strategies to recover learning loss
- How a drone will deliver internet access to rural students
- COVID-19 variant could have implications for schools
- Survey: Parents worried students are falling behind
- Teaching: New data highlight disparities in students learning in-person
- Teaching: Survey shows critical gaps for in-person learning

2. **Elementary Principal Search Update** – Michael Meihak and I have been busy the past week screening applications and conducting phone interviews where I administer a “structured” or scored interview using a *Principal Selection and Development Interview* instrument I have been trained and certified to administer. I am in the process of confirming the staff and parent interview teams for interviews planned for Wednesday, April 7. I hope to select 3 – 5 candidates for in-person interviews. If the April 7 interviews are successful, Michael and I plan to interview finalists the week of April 12 and have a recommendation to the Board at the April 19 School Board meeting.

3. **Prom 2021** – I was briefed this week on plans for Prom 2021 scheduled for Saturday, May 8. The Prom Committee is planning to hold an outdoor Grand March and then travel by bus to Stillwater and board a river boat for the evening. In order for the school district to support holding the event, all COVID-19 mitigation strategies and requirements found in the MDH guidance for indoor and outdoor venues must be followed including screening, mask wearing, social distancing, dining, and grouping. You can find the guidance at <https://staysafe.mn.gov/industry-guidance/entertainment.jsp>.

There is growing concern being shared by public health officials about an increase in the spread of the virus especially among students. While I want to support providing students with wonderful experiences like Prom, my primary mission and objective is to keep our buildings open for in-person learning through the end of the school year. A final decision regarding the school district’s involvement in Prom 2021 has not been made. I will update the Board as I know more. Call with questions.

School Board Calendar of Events

April 19, 2021	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting—Secondary School Media Center/Remote
May 17, 2021	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote
June 4, 2021		Last Day for Students – 2-hour early dismissal
	2:30 pm	Staff Recognition Program
June 21, 2021	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote

Dale’s Calendar for March 29 – April 2 (As of 3-26-2021)

Monday	10:00 am	Check in with Donna
	10:30 am	Check in with Doug
	12:30 pm	2021-2022 Secondary Staffing with Dave
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue

3:00 pm Steele County Public Health Weekly Call
4:30 pm Phone Interview
6:30 pm Phone Interview

Tuesday 8:00 am LTFM Planning with Karla

Wednesday In the District

Thursday No School for Students – Teacher Planning Day
Out of District

Friday Offices Closed

Thank you for all you do!