

District Status Report

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2020-2021 Report #43

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

Court: U.S. Supreme Court considers whether students can be punished for comments outside class
Researcher questions narrative on note-taking
Are your students ready to succeed in college and career?
Court: U.S. Supreme Court weighs student's profanity case

2. Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Planned – The Building and Grounds Committee met on Wednesday, April 28. The agenda included:

- High School Gym bleacher replacement – Committee recommends moving forward with one of two quotes to be determined by Administration. Recommendation will be presented to the Board at the May 17 School Board meeting for consideration for approval. The cost is estimated to be between approximately \$90,000 and \$110,000 and funded by LTFM.
- High School Gym moveable wall removal – Administration will move forward with input from the Committee. Projected cost is estimated to be between \$10,000 and \$18,000 and funded by LTFM.
- High School Gym lobby entrance remodel -- Committee recommends moving forward with one of two quotes to be determined by Administration. Recommendation will be presented to the Board at the May 17 School Board meeting for consideration for approval. The cost is estimated to be approximately \$60,000 and funded by LTFM.
- Secondary School electronic sign replacement – The Committee is interested in replacing the current sign at the Secondary School that is no longer operational. Approximate costs based on two quotes are estimated to be between \$30,000 and \$40,000 and would be funded by LTFM. This item will be placed on the May 17 Agenda for discussion.
- City of New Richland Legion Field Lease Agreement and Update – The Board will be asked to consider approval of renewing the Legion Field Lease Agreement for a short term period ending June 5, 2021. A longer term agreement will be forwarded to the Board after confirmation with the City.

3. Paraprofessional Negotiations – The Paraprofessional Association has made a request to begin negotiations for 2021-2023. No date for the first meeting has been identified but there might be interest in mid-May. Board team members include: Rick Schultz, Travis Routh, Loren Schoenrock, Karla Christopherson and Dale Carlson.

4. Teacher Negotiations – The second meeting was held on Wednesday, April 28. The School Board Team provided a response to the Teacher Association's proposal including the following items.

- Increase to the District contribution to health insurance – Unable to respond at this time until total compensation package is determined.
- Move away from specific paid leaves to "Paid Time Off" (PTO) – Not interested.
- Reduction in the number of student and/or work days – Not interested in reduction of student instructional days.
- Increase in the District's TSA matching contribution – Unable to respond at this time until total compensation package is determined.
- Salary Proposal – Agree with Association to delay until state budget is determined.
- Modifications to Schedule C & D including:
 - Add Pep Band to the list along with \$500 stipend
 - Add Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Advisor to the list to match FFA Advisor
 - Increase Senior Class Advisor stipend
 - Increase pay of Activities Director stipend

Unable to respond at this time to the proposed modifications time until total compensation package is determined.

The next meeting is planned for Wednesday, May 12, beginning at 7:00 pm. Board team members include: Dan Schmidt, Travis Routh, Rich Mueller, Karla Christopherson and Dale Carlson

5. **Graduation 2021** – Graduation 2021 plans are being discussed and developed. Mr. Bunn and Senior Class Advisor, Mrs. Bently, are reviewing the Minnesota Department of Health’s Indoor and Outdoor Venue Guidance to ensure all plans adhere to the guidance. At this time, consideration is being given to hold an in-person graduation ceremony for our 2021 graduates with limited seating for guests on Sunday, June 6, in the High School gymnasium. Mrs. Bently has asked if there are two Board members who would be interested in being present for the distribution of diplomas. Please let me know ASAP. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.
6. **Employee Recognition June 4** – Please make plans to be part of hosting the employee recognition scheduled for Friday, June 4, beginning at 2:00 pm. More will be shared as plans are developed.
7. **Staff Appreciation Week** – We celebrate “Staff Appreciation Week” next week as it aligns on the calendar with the state and/or national recognitions of several specific employee groups including paraprofessionals, administrative professionals, principals, food service, teachers, nurses and substitutes. Earlier in the year, there were state and/or national recognitions for custodians, school boards, and bus/van drivers in which we celebrated and acknowledged. So next week, we celebrate all employees and thank them for their service to students, families, and the school district.
8. **MDH and MDE Guidance Updates and Announcements** – Below are COVID-19 updates from MDE and/or MDH as of April 28, 2021.

Direct Scheduling for COVID-19 Vaccination Sites

Minnesotans can now use the Vaccine Connector to directly schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments at the state’s COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program locations.

These sites are strategically located around the state to give Minnesotans another option to get their COVID-19 vaccine. There are currently locations in Saint Paul, Bloomington, Oakdale, Mankato, Duluth, Rochester, Lino Lakes, and St. Cloud. A federally-supported location at the State Fairgrounds specifically serves residents of socially vulnerable zip codes in and around Minneapolis and Saint Paul.

If all appointments are full, Minnesotans can also sign up to be informed when they are able to book a Community Vaccination Program appointment and be notified about other vaccination opportunities near them.

Visit the [Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector](#) to get an appointment or sign up for updates!

Vaccine Outreach Campaign: Teens

As a part of the statewide "Roll Up Your Sleeves, Minnesota" campaign, vaccine appointments will be prioritized for 16- and 17-year-olds and their parents at the Mall of America community vaccination site this week.

This push comes as Minnesota is seeing a significant increase in COVID-19 cases, especially among younger Minnesotans.

Getting vaccinated will help give Minnesota’s teens the best chance to learn in-person, participate in sports and activities, attend graduation, and go to prom. Of course, they still need to continue masking, handwashing, and social distancing. For those still too young to be vaccinated, testing is critical.

At this time, the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is the only COVID-19 vaccine that has been studied and authorized for use by people ages 16 and 17. Learn more at [Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine for People Ages 16 and 17 \(PDF\)](#).

- Schedule an appointment now: [Mall of America Community Vaccination Registration](#).
- Visit the [Minnesota COVID-19 Vaccine Connector](#) to get an appointment at a different Community Vaccination Program location or sign up for updates. **Please verify that they are administering Pfizer before scheduling an appointment.**
- Go to [CDC: VaccineFinder](#) to schedule an appointment for a Pfizer vaccine at a pharmacy near you.

School Board Calendar of Events

May 12, 2021	7:00 pm	Teacher Negotiations – Secondary School Media Center
May 17, 2021	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote
June 2, 2021	7:00 pm	Teacher Negotiations – Secondary School Media Center
June 4, 2021		Last Day for Students – 2-hour early dismissal
	2:00 pm	Staff Recognition Program
June 6, 2021 (Tentative)	TBD	Graduation
June 21, 2021	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote

Dale’s Calendar for May 3 - 7 (As of 4-30-2021)

Monday	10:00 am	Check in with Donna
	10:30 am	Check in with Doug
	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 Steele County Public Health Call
Tuesday	1:00 pm	ESSER SERVS Entry with Karla
Wednesday	7:30 am	Waseca County Public Health School District Call
	9:30 am	Region 2 Superintendent Meeting in Mankato
Thursday	8:00 am	School Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair
	9:00 am	Check in with Donna
	4:00 pm	MDE Weekly Call
Friday		Out of District

Thank you for all you do!