

District Status Report

31 July

2020-2021 Report #5

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. **MDE Safe Learning Plan for 2020-2021** – I was able to join the MSBA webinar today regarding the Safe Plan. Many questions were asked and MSBA is following up on those they were unable to answer. I encourage you to look over the [Minnesota’s Safe Learning Plan for the 2020-21 School Year](#) document if you have not been able to do so yet. Leading up to the August 17 Board meeting, we will be sharing updates as appropriate as to the likely learning model that each school will begin the school year even though there is a possibility it could change for September 8. The Board will have to approve our plans for the three models as well as determining how we start the school year for each building.

It is very possible that our two school buildings will implement a different model to start the year based on learning model parameters outlined in the *Safe Learning Plan*. For example, the “bi-weekly case rate” for our counties as determined by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) may suggest the Elementary School is *In-person for all* while the Secondary School is in the *Hybrid* model.

In both the *In-Person for all* and the *Hybrid Model*, we will have a distance learning plan for those choosing to keep their children home. The distance learning plan under those two scenarios will have the same rigor and expectations as those attending class in person.

A parent survey is being planned for next week asking for more specific information about a parent’s intentions for their child(ren) regarding the distance learning option, transportation needs, meal needs and daycare needs.

2. **Construction Update** – Board members are welcome to visit both buildings to see the progress being made. Please contact the building principal or me in advance so that someone can meet you to escort you around. Keep up with some of the progress including photos by going to <https://www.nrheg.k12.mn.us/Page/3294>.
3. **MSBA 2020 Summer Seminar** – Let Sue or me know if you have interest in registering for the Summer Seminar.

MSBA is presenting its **2020 Summer Seminar, “Access and Inclusion Matters: Throughout COVID-19 and Beyond,”** in a virtual format!

The Summer Seminar will be held remotely over three evenings:

- 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 5, 2020
- 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 12, 2020
- 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, August 19, 2020

A recording of each Wednesday night session will be available for viewing the following Thursday at 9 a.m. The four breakout sessions on August 12 (see below) will also be recorded. The 6 p.m. and 7:05 p.m. breakout sessions will be available for viewing the next morning, Thursday, August 13, at 9 a.m. and 10:05 a.m., respectively.

Summer Seminar fees:

- Register by July 8 — \$225
- Register by July 29 — \$255
- Register after July 29 — \$285

Summer Seminar Webpage: www.mnmsba.org/SummerSeminar

- 4. Policy Committee Meeting** – The Policy Committee will meet on Monday, August 10, at 5:30 pm in the Secondary School Media Center. The agenda will include the review of the following policies.
1. NRHEG New Policies
 - a. Scheduling Student Activities – 908 NEW
 2. NRHEG Other Policies for Review
 - a. 403 Discipline, Suspension, and Dismissal of School District Employees
 3. MSBA Revised Policies for School Board Consideration

Legislative and Recommended Changes to Policies

- a. 414 Mandated Reporting – Statutory change adds two crimes under the definition of ‘sexual abuse’
- b. 421 Gifts to Employees and School Board Members – Adds definition of “financial interest”
- c. 510 School Activities – Adds language reflecting 2019 legislative action regarding student activity accounts and deletes outdated reference
- d. 516 Student Medication – Statutory change adds student possession and use of sunscreen
- e. 524 Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy – Updates social media references and revises references
- f. 534 Unpaid Meal Charges – Adds 2019 Minnesota Attorney General Opinion language
- g. 601 Curriculum and Instruction – Statutory change adding dyslexia screening and additional reporting requirements
- h. 613 Graduation Requirements – Statutory changes revise Graduation Assessment Requirements (Art. V) and Graduation Credit Requirements (Art. VI). Legal References updated
- i. 615 Testing Accommodations, Modifications, and Exemptions for IEPs, Section 504 Plans, LEP Students
- j. 616 School district Accountability – Update advisory committee provisions
- k. 620 Credit for Learning – Statutory change deletes North Central Assn. of Colleges and Schools from ‘eligible institution’ definition
- l. 623 Mandatory Summer School Instruction – Adds dyslexia screening language
- m. 703 Annual Audit – Updates Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide title
- n. 720 Vending Machines – Updates sealed bid statutory requirement
- o. 721 Uniform Grant Guidance – Federal change increases two threshold levels under “procurement Methods”
- p. 802 Obsolete Equipment – Statutory change expands potential recipients of surplus school computers and adds option to sell/give surplus school computers to ‘qualifying students’

Non-substantive Changes to Policies (These changes reflect updates to the legal and cross reference (including changes in statute numbers and/or names, new statutes, rules, or cases), changes to the notes within the policies, changes to accompanying forms, and minor corrections. The substance of the policy language is not affected.

- a. 205 Open Meeting and Closed Meeting
- b. 404 Employment Background Checks
- c. 424 License Status
- d. 506 Student Discipline
- e. 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records
- f. 530 Form Immunization Form and Instructions
- g. 602 Organization of School Calendar and School Day
- h. 624 Online Learning Options
- i. 904 Distribution of materials on School District Property by Non-school Persons

5. **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 August 17 at this time.

School Board Calendar of Events

- August 10, 2020 5:30 pm Policy Committee Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
- August 17, 2020 6:30 pm School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center/Remote-tentative
- August 31, 2020 Staff Return – District-wide Welcome (Tentative)
- September 8, 2020 First Day for Students
- September 21, 2020 6:30 pm School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center/Remote-tentative

Dale's Calendar for August 3-7 (As of 7-31-20)

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| Monday | 9:00 am | Administrative Team Meeting |
| | 11:00 am | Audit Exit Meeting |
| | 11:30 am | Phone conference with attorney |
| | 1:00 pm | COVID Employee Health Plan Meeting with Corrine and Carrie |
| | 2:00 pm | Check in with Karla |
| Tuesday | 8:00 am | COVID Preparedness Plan Prep with Carrie |
| Wednesday | 7:00 am | Driver Meeting – tentative |
| | 11:00 am | Administrative Team Meeting Reviewing Learning Model Plans |
| Thursday | 8:00 am | School Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair |
| | 9:30 am | Region 2 Superintendent COVID-19 Legal Seminar |
| | 11:30 am | MDE weekly call-in |
| Friday | | Out of the District |

Thank you for all you do!