



# New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva Public Schools

Independent School District No. 2168

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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.*

## School District Update

Dale Carlson, Superintendent  
February 2021

Our vision as a school community is to *be the school district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts, and activities*. We strive to do this every day by *empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed*.

### School Board Recognition Week

The Minnesota School Boards Association has set February 22-26 as Minnesota School Board Recognition Week to build awareness and understanding of the vital function elected school board members play in our society. NRHEG Public Schools is joining other public school districts from across the state to celebrate School Board Recognition Week to honor local board members for their commitment to the NRHEG school community and its students.

Strong schools help build strong communities and our school board devotes countless hours to making sure our schools are helping every child learn at high levels. School board members make the difficult decisions every month, and spend many hours studying education issues and regulations in order to provide the kind of accountability our citizens expect.

The key work of boards is to raise student achievement by:

- Creating a vision for what the community wants the school district to be and for making student achievement the top priority;
- Establishing standards for what students will be expected to learn and be able to do;
- Ensuring progress is measured to be sure the district's goals are achieved and students are learning at expected levels;
- Being accountable for their decisions and actions by continually tracking and reporting results;
- Creating a safe, orderly climate where students can learn and teachers can teach;
- Forming partnerships with others in the community to solve common problems; and
- Focusing attention on the need for continuous improvement by questioning, refining and revising issues related to student achievement.

Even though we're making a special effort to show our appreciation this month, school board members' work is a year-round commitment.

Thank you to all former and current school board members for your high level of care and service to our students, employees, and communities. The current members serving our school district include: Rick

Schultz (Chair), Dan Schmidt (Vice Chair), Terri Engel (Clerk), Travis Routh (Treasurer), JoAnn Maloney (Member), Rich Mueller (Member), Loren Schoenrock (Member).

### **Superintendent Search Process**

South Central Service Cooperative (SCSC) is facilitating the Superintendent search process for the School Board. The process includes a Community Engagement Survey to be completed by going to the District website at <https://www.nrheg.k12.mn.us/domain/725>. The survey closes at the end of the business day on Tuesday, February 16.

The tentative timeline includes SCSC providing a candidate profile to the School Board on February 16 based on the survey results. At a special March 1 School Board meeting, the Board will determine candidates to interview. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for March 4. The School Board hopes to make a decision on a candidate by the March 15 School Board meeting.

A reminder that the School Board conducts its regular monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month beginning at 6:30 pm. Typically, the location of the meeting is rotated monthly between the NRHEG Secondary School Media Center in New Richland and the NRHEG Elementary School Media Center in Ellendale. However, until further notice, the School Board will hold its regular monthly meetings at the Secondary School Media Center due to “live-stream” technology requirements. The School Board intends to continue live-streaming regular School Board meetings at least through the COVID-19 pandemic period when restrictions are placed on the number of the public that may attend. The February 16, 2021, School Board meeting is scheduled on Tuesday due to a federal holiday. Until further notice, Board members have the option to attend the meeting remotely due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There will be a minimum of one Board member and myself at the designated site. All COVID-19 CDC safety guidelines will be enforced for any public attending. Members of the public may view the Board meeting live via YouTube by going to the link at <https://www.nrheg.k12.mn.us/Page/3436>. Recordings of the Board meeting are available by going to the same link as above. You may also access the link by going to the District Website at <https://www.nrheg.k12.mn.us/pages/NRHEG>. At this time, anyone wishing to make a public comment to the Board will need to attend in person at the designated site.

We celebrate together in the accomplishments of our students because we are in this journey together as a school community. Thank you for all you do to support NRHEG Public Schools and our students!