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Empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed.

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.

Celebrating the 2019-2020 School Year

Dale Carlson, Superintendent
June 2020

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*.

Graduation 2020!

I had the privilege of participating in Graduation 2020 as we recognized 55 seniors graduating from the NRHEG Public Schools after meeting the academic graduation requirements. Throughout my 35 years in public education, graduation continues to be an annual highlight as it is a time to celebrate together the accomplishments of our graduates, but also the many contributions and support of parents, families, staff, and the communities. This year's ceremony was unique and different in many ways beginning with restrictions on who could attend and not being able to distribute diplomas to the graduates as everyone remained in their vehicle. However, what did not change was the significance of the event for all in attendance in honoring and celebrating the Class of 2020. Congratulations graduates!

Congratulations Retirees!

As we say goodbye to the Class of 2020, we also recognize those staff members who are retiring from the school district this year. As with our graduates, our retirees are moving onto their next stage of their life journey. District staff had an opportunity to celebrate the service of our retirees at a virtual recognition program. Retirees recognized were teachers John Schultz (29 years in the District and 34 total) and Frank Whitcomb (24 years in the District and 30 years in education), along with paraprofessional Judy Tweeten (6 years in the District). Thank you to each of them for their service to students!

Congratulations Principal Dave Bunn!

Congratulations to Principal Dave Bunn for being named by his peers as the *Southeast Division High School Principal of the Year of the Minnesota Association of Secondary Principals (MASSP)*. This type of acknowledgement is special when it comes from colleagues. Thank you Mr. Bunn for all you do and for your "tireless work in your school and communities your school represents" as referenced in your nomination. Mr. Bunn will now compete against high school principals from each of the eight divisions for the title of Minnesota High School Principal of the year to be announced at the MASSP winter conference in January of 2021.

End of Year Reflections!

As I reflect on the past school year, there are numerous accomplishments and successes experienced by our students and staff in which you should be proud of as a key member and supporter of our school community. For many, the 2019-2020 school year is going to be remembered for the last quarter of the year when literally overnight, the school experience changed for everyone. If there is a positive in all this for our students and for all of us; it is having to experience how quickly life events can change and we must figure out ways to adapt and adjust.

Planning for what we can expect to experience at the start of the 2020-2021 school year remains unclear. How the first day of school looks for students and staff will become more clear in the coming weeks and months, but for now, the school district is in the process of examining multiple scenarios considering the likelihood some degree of distancing and additional health and safety guidelines continue to be in place.

A reminder that the School Board conducts its regular monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month. 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, due to construction, the monthly Board meeting will be held at the Secondary School on June 15, July 20, and August 17. 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 clicking on the link <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeJxHiECoUTI90UwNd2p0KA>. 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's website at <https://www.nrheg.k12.mn.us/pages/NRHEG>. At this time, anyone wishing to make a public comment to the Board will have 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! Be safe and stay strong!