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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 2020-2021 School Year

Dale Carlson, Superintendent
June 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*.

Graduation 2021!

I had the privilege of participating in Graduation 2021 as we recognized 67 seniors graduating from the NRHEG Public Schools after meeting the academic graduation requirements. Throughout my 36 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 especially significant and special for our graduates given the challenges they have had to face over the past year due to the pandemic. Congratulations graduates!

Congratulations Retirees!

As we say goodbye to the Class of 2021, 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 an employee gathering on June 4. Retirees recognized included:

- Doug Anderson, Principal 11 years with NRHEG and 35 years in education
- Dale Carlson, Superintendent 6 years with NRHEG and 36 years in education
- Judy Christensen, Paraprofessional 21 years with NRHEG
- Becky Jensen, Teacher 32 years with NRHEG and 34 years in education
- Beckie Johnson, Custodian 21 years with NRHEG
- Kathy Meyer, Teacher 27 years with NRHEG and 35 years in education
- Susan Minter, Paraprofessional 3 years with NRHEG
- Ladonna Olson, LPN 8 years with NRHEG
- Sharon Ramaker, Teacher 23 years with NRHEG and 36 years in education
- Pat Theuer, Data Manager/Elem. Administrative Office Assistant 24 years with NRHEG
- Jolene Viktora, Food Service 25 years with NRHEG

Thank you to each of them for their service to students!

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 2020-2021 school year is going to be remembered for the many sacrifices and challenges our students, staff and

families experienced due to the pandemic, and yet, we persevered through those challenges so that our students could maximize their learning experience. I am grateful for the support our communities provided our students and staff throughout the school year.

Planning for what we can expect to experience at the start of the 2021-2022 school year remains unclear, but I am optimistic that we will move closer to more of a normal return for students and staff. There will likely continue to be some degree of health and safety mitigation strategies in place depending on vaccine availability for our youngest students. How the first day of school looks for students and staff will become more clear in the coming weeks and months, but for now, my hope is that our students, staff, families and communities can enjoy the warm summer months and cherish time with family and friends. For me, the past 15 months have reinforced how important it is to be intentional in reaching out and taking care of those around us.

As I end my time at NRHEG, I am grateful for my six years as part of the NRHEG school community. This is a special place because of the people that are committed to providing a quality education of our children. Educating our children is the best investment we can make together. I wish you all the best moving forward!

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. 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!