



# 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

May 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*.

### **Staff Appreciation!**

Last week, we joined school districts across the country in recognizing school employees for the difference they make in the lives of our students. Acknowledging and celebrating the dedication and commitment of our staff has never been more important. Staff members have made significant contributions over the past year to ensure that our buildings have been a safe place to learn and work, and that our learning models have engaged and challenged our students.

NRHEG school employees have the opportunity and responsibility to educate students and model for them our mission and core beliefs in all that we do. Most public school educators spend a career in service to others. NRHEG employees do what they do every day simply because they care about, and enjoy working with kids.

Our employees serve our students through their understanding, knowledge, leadership, and high level of care. They serve our communities as dedicated and diligent employees. We serve them with our appreciation and gratitude. Thank you to all school employees for what they do each day in service to students, staff, parents, and our communities.

### **COVID-19 Testing, Vaccinations and Learning Model Update**

All students have had the opportunity to attend school *in-person* since early March. Health and safety mitigation strategies continue in both schools including distancing as much as possible, washing/sanitizing hands frequently, and wearing a mask properly. Most important is to stay at home if ill or experiencing any of the symptoms known to be associated with the virus. With three weeks left in the school year, it is important for all of us to remain vigilant in our efforts to minimize virus spread amount our students, families and staff.

Families now have the opportunity to test as often as needed. All adults are able to sign up for the vaccine. Students 16 and older also have the opportunity to sign up for the vaccine and at the time of

writing this article, we are anticipating encouraging news about 12 to 15-year-old students being able to receive the vaccine soon. Regular testing and the increase in those vaccinated will help in our efforts to minimize the spread of the virus and keep our schools open for *in-person learning*. Thank you for all you are doing to take care of yourself and those around you!

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. 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!