

District Status Report

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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. **US News and World Report High School Ranking** – The U.S. News and World Report annual ranks school districts across the country. NRHEG High School received a bronze medal!
2. **School Board Self-Evaluation** – We received MSBA’s new School Board Self-Evaluation this week in the form of an online evaluation tool. I will visit with Board Chair Rick Schultz to see if the Board will be interested in applying this tool as it reflects on progress made toward the Board’s four goals this year. Below is a communication sent this week.

Dear Superintendent and Board Chair,

Minnesota School Boards Association is excited to launch our newest service for school boards.

The **School Board Self-Evaluation** is a reliable and valid instrument developed with the BERC Group and Anderson Data Solutions. It is available electronically via a personalized survey link. MSBA is providing this basic service at no additional cost to school districts.

The **School Board Self-Evaluation** is online and the personalized link in the message below takes you to the evaluation that has been designated for your school district. The results are collected and reported to the board chair and superintendent, coming from board as a whole (individual responses remain confidential). After the superintendent and all school board members have submitted their evaluations, our system generates a one-page aggregate report. This report will provide you with feedback on each of the five standards/role of the school board pillars (Vision, Structure, Accountability, Advocacy and Conduct and Ethics) as well as how your board team responded. It will allow your board to analyze the results from the standards level. MSBA will deliver the report to the board chair and superintendent via email.

We believe school districts will find it beneficial to drill down to individual items under the benchmarks. If your school board would like to dig deeper into the **School Board Self-Evaluation** and data, MSBA provides an opportunity to use your evaluation data as an in-district in-service for a fee. During this 2 - 3 hour in-service, MSBA staff will provide your school board with more in-depth individualized data and reports designed for the board’s ongoing improvement. MSBA staff will lead the conversation on the individualized report and assist your school board with discussion and setting board team improvement goals.

Prior to forwarding the message (below) to your school board, MSBA suggests that you include the **School Board Self-Evaluation** as a board meeting agenda item so school board members are familiar with it when you email it to them. At the time of the discussion, you might also want to suggest a timeline for completing the survey (i.e. suggest that once they receive it, they should complete it within five business days).

MSBA looks forward to providing you with the **School Board Self-Evaluation**. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Gail (ggilman@mnmsba.org) or call [1-800-324-4459](tel:1-800-324-4459).

Sincerely,

Gail Gilman

3. **Paraprofessional Negotiations** –The negotiation teams held its third session on May 8. The next session is planned for Monday, May 23, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Secondary School Board Room.
4. **Teacher Negotiations** – The negotiation teams held its fourth session on May 17. A next date was not set, but a language subcommittee has been formed to work on language of several items that have been agreed to conceptually.
5. **Years of Service and Retirement Recognition** – Please save the date of June 6 at 2:30 pm in the Secondary School Commons where all staff will gather to celebrate those achieving significant milestones in their service to the school district and to education. We will also be recognizing staff members who are retiring from the school district.
6. **Graduation Plans** – Rick Schultz and Karen Flatness will be assisting with diplomas at commencement on Sunday, June 4, at 2:00 pm.

School Board Calendar of Events

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| May 21, 2017 | 7:00 pm | Baccalaureate – Secondary School Gymnasium |
| May 23, 2017 | 6:00 pm | Paraprofessional Association Negotiations – Sec. School Board Room |
| June 4, 2017 | 2:00 pm | Graduation – Secondary School Gymnasium |
| June 19, 2017 | 6:30 pm | Regular School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center |

Dale's Calendar for May 22 - 26 (As of 5-19-17)

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| Monday | | Out of District |
| Tuesday | 9:00 am 1:00 pm 6:00 pm | Check in with Doug Negotiations Prep with Karla Paraprofessional Negotiations |
| Wednesday | 7:00 am 8:30 am | Teacher Language Prep with Deb Awards Assembly |
| Thursday | | Out of District |
| Friday | | Out of District |

Thank you for all you do!