

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. News From Around the State and Beyond

[Why discipline should be a learning opportunity](#)

[What students in poverty really need from educators](#)

[Preschool: Lanesboro schools' child care center is 30 years old and booming](#)

[Politics: Education omnibus bill proposes new school district rating system](#)

[Politics: Gov. Dayton's supplemental budget identifies some crucial funding issues](#)

[Homework overhaul in schools](#)

2. **Facility Planning Task Force Member List** – Rick Schultz and I met this morning with the plan to finalize the member list. There are a few more names Board members are following up on and will let us know by Monday. Mr. Schultz and I plan to review again early next week. We plan to schedule the first Task Force meeting on April 12.
3. **School Safety Meeting Planned** – Doug Anderson, Dave Bunn and I plan to hold a first meeting with New Richland Police Chief Martens and Waseca County Sheriff Milbrath next week to discuss school safety in our school district including conducting an assessment. More information to come on this important issue.
4. **AFSCME Negotiations** – The first negotiations meeting with the AFSCME Association is planned for Tuesday, March 27 beginning at 4:30 pm in the Secondary School Media Center. Thank you to Rick Schultz, Neil Schlaak, Karen Flatness and Karla Christopherson for their service in representing the Board.
5. **Baccalaureate and Graduation 2018** – Board members are invited to attend both Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 20, beginning at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium, and Graduation on Sunday, June 3, beginning at 2:00 pm in the gymnasium. This is an exciting time for our seniors and their families. Come and celebrate with our students, families, staff, and those throughout the community! **The senior planning committee is interested in having two Board members participate in the ceremony. Please let me know if you would be interested.**
6. **Years of Service and Retirement Recognition** – Please save the date of Wednesday, May 30, 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.
7. **Ellendale Community Action Group** – I had the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Ellendale Community Action Group this week. The primary purpose of our meeting was to discuss the group's plans to purchase and install a digital sign to possibly be located on District property in proximity of the Ellendale bus garage next to Hwy 30. Potential next steps include exploring a school district contribution to the sign and Board approval of placement of sign on district property. The Building and Grounds Committee may meet on this issue in the coming weeks.
8. **Blood Drive Results** -- Below is an e-mail sent to Secondary staff from Tim Stoesz regarding the blood drive this week.

The NHS members just wanted to send a big Thank You to the Teachers and Staff for putting up with any inconveniences the blood drive may have caused yesterday! And of course Thank You to those who donated! We had a total of 50 students and staff attempt to donate, and a total of 41 units of blood donated. The Red Cross people commented that things went extremely well from their perspective... much smoother than most school blood drives. Thank you!

School Board Calendar of Events

March 27, 2018	4:30 pm	AFSCME Negotiations – Secondary School Media Center
April 12, 2018 TENTATIVE	TBD	Facility Planning Task Force Meeting – Secondary School
April 16, 2018	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
May 20, 2018	7:00 pm	Baccalaureate
May 21, 2018	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
May 30, 2018	2:30 pm	Years of Service & Retirement Recognition – Secondary School
June 3, 2018	2:00 pm	Commencement 2018 – Secondary School Gymnasium
June 18, 2018	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center

Dale's Calendar for March 26 - 30 (As of 3-23-18)

Monday	9:30 am	Check in with Doug
	10:30 am	Check in with Terri
	1:00 pm	Check in with Dave
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue
Tuesday	1:00 pm	Safety meeting with Chief Martens and Sheriff Milbrath
	3:30 pm	Monthly check in with Paraprofessional Leadership
	4:30 pm	AFSCME Negotiations
Wednesday	10:00 am	Budget Development with Karla
	1:00 pm	WBWF Webinar with Dave, Doug, Terri
	2:30 pm	Scheduling Activities Board Policy Development with Dan, Doug, and Dave
	3:45 pm	Insurance Committee Meeting #3
Thursday	7:45 pm	End-of-Year Staff Recognition Program Planning
	TBD	OSHA Phone conference
Friday		Office is Closed

Thank you for all you do!