

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

Graduation: High-paying trade jobs sit empty, while high school grads line up for university

Data: State data on how well high schools prepare students for college is lacking

Every Student Succeeds Act: Education stakeholders address chronic absenteeism, discipline practices under ESSA

2. **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.
3. **Facility Planning Task Force Meeting #2** – The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2018, beginning at 6:30 pm in the Secondary School cafeteria.
4. **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. Travis Routh has responded with interest in participating. Please let me know if you would be interested.
5. **AFSME Agreement Update** – Association President Teri Kormann informed me that the AFSCME membership voted unanimously to accept the 2018-2020 Agreement. The Board will consider approval at the May Board meeting.
6. **Day at the Capitol** – I spent Tuesday at the Capitol with seven other area superintendents as we met with about 11 representatives and senators including: Representatives Davnie, Erickson, Loon, Bennett, Daniels, Bly, and Munson along with Senators Wiger, Nelson, Pratt, and Rosen. We took the opportunity to highlight a few issues important to public schools in rural Minnesota and throughout the state including: a) making sure the pension bill as approved by the Senate is approved by the House unchanged; b) consideration be given to make School Safety dollars ongoing and not just one time; and c) to not move forward with the several mandates being proposed for schools. One mandate example is the requirement that every graduate must take a civics course. Requiring another course will impact the ability of our students to experience electives in areas such as arts, vocational, etc. I'm never sure the impact of spending a day visiting with our lawmakers actually makes, but I do believe it is important that they see us in person and hear directly from us on important issues impacting our school districts.

School Board Calendar of Events

May 20, 2018	7:00 pm	Baccalaureate
May 21, 2018	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting (Tentative) 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 April 30 – May 4 (As of 4-27-18)

Monday	9:30 am	Check in with Doug
	10:00 am	Check in with Terri
	1:30 pm	Check in with Dave
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue
	4:00 pm	PT Conferences - Secondary
	5:00 pm	Softball
Tuesday	9:30 am	Budget Development with Dave and Karla
	10:30 am	Budget Development with Karla
	5:00 pm	Baseball
Wednesday	11:00 am	Region 2 Superintendent Meeting in Mankato
	6:30 pm	Facility Planning Task Force Meeting #2
Thursday	7:30 am	Health and Safety Meeting
	8:30 am	Check in with Doug and Dave
	1:30 pm	Administrative Team Meeting
	2:30 pm	Administrative Team PLC
Friday		Out of the District

Thank you for all you do!