

District Status Report

17 May 2019

2018-2019 Report #42

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

Are teachers learning what motivates students?

Graduation: Minnesota attorney general says schools can't withhold diplomas because of unpaid lunch debt

2. 5-20-19 School Board Meeting – A few items to bring attention to . . .

- a. Teaching and Learning – 5th Grade Kindness Retreat
- b. Within the Consent Agenda . . .
 - 1) Optional Student Insurance Plan
 - 2) Employments
 - 3) Resignation/Retirement
 - 4) COTA Agreement with J-W-P
 - 5) Tenure and Non-tenure contracts
 - 6) Statewide Enrollment Options
- c. Under Recommended Actions, the Board will be asked to take action on the following item(s):
 - 1) Extended Field Trip Request – Band
 - 2) 2019-2020 Staff Development Plan
 - 3) 2018-2019 Revised Budget
 - 4) 2019-2020 Proposed Budget
 - 5) 2019-2020 Staffing Plan
 - 6) Teacher Non-renewals
 - 7) Health Insurance Bid for 2019-2020
 - 8) Graduating Class of 2019
 - 9) ISG Agreement Proposal
 - 10) Northland Securities Agreement Proposal

2. **Paraprofessional Association Negotiations** – The second meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Board Room. Board team members include: Luke Routh, Travis Routh, Rick Schultz, Karla Christopherson and Dale Carlson.

3. **Teacher Association Negotiations** – Meeting #3 was held this week on May 15. Meeting #4 is scheduled for Thursday, May 30, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Secondary Media Center. Board team members include: Rich Mueller, Neil Schlaak, Dan Schmidt, Karla Christopherson and Dale Carlson.

4. **Baccalaureate and Graduation 2019** – Board members are invited to attend both Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 19, beginning at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium, and Graduation on Sunday, June 2, 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.

5. **Years of Service and Retirement Recognition** – Please save the date of Tuesday, June 4, 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. **Southwest Metro Intermediate District 288 Associate Membership Update** – In my May 3 Status Report, I provided an update on the Associate Membership status with Intermediate District 288. As part of the update, I shared that it was suggested by District 288 to not have School Board members serve on the Board of

Directors at this time; rather, the four superintendents would be representing the districts. This is a change from the original plan, but I am comfortable with representing our District.

I have shared below parts of an update from Special Education Director Heather Harms that was shared recently with principals and business managers in the four school districts.

On May 1, all superintendents from our area schools (JWP, NRHEG, Waseca, and WEM) and special education administration met with the Superintendent Kermes and Director of Special Education Kray of Southwest Metro Intermediate District 288 to discuss our new associate membership.

Only the current setting IV therapeutic programs will become Southwest Metro programs (July 1, 2019) and will remain located in Waseca. Our therapeutic teachers and support staff will remain Waseca staff. No other programs or staff will be affected by this membership with Southwest Metro.

Program Names

MDE Site Name: Waseca Central

Southwest Metro - Waseca Stepping Stones (K-6 program)

Southwest Metro - Waseca Passages (7-12)

School Calendar

Waseca's therapeutic setting IV staff will work off of the Waseca school calendar.

Supervision

The special education director and assistant special education director of the Associate Districts will be the administrator of the Level 4 programs with responsibility for supervision of staff and student discipline.

Zero Reject/ No Wait List

Students from SWMetro Associate Districts will begin receiving services typically within one school week of placement in a SWMetro program. Placement requires the mutual consent of parent/guardian, resident district special education director, and SWMetro special education director.

Access to Existing SWMetro Programs

Students from SWMetro Associate Districts may be placed in any appropriate SWMetro program with no additional charge beyond tuition billing rates and a share of lease levy and long term facilities maintenance rates for the selected site.

Referral Process

The Associate District Special Education Administration (H.Harms and D. Gronseth) determines a Level 4 placement is necessary and appropriate for a student currently enrolled in an Associate District. The Associate District Special Education Director then contacts the SWMetro Special Education Director to refer the student for a possible placement or additional idea for continued intervention.

If placement is agreed upon by the special education directors, an IEP team meeting is scheduled and parental consent is sought. Placement will take place immediately (typically no later than one week from parental consent).

State-Wide Testing

SWMetro will be responsible for any state-wide testing requirements.

Inclement Weather/School Closings

Programs located in Waseca will follow the late start, early release, and school closure decisions of Waseca. SWMetro staff should be added to the Waseca notification system.

Emergency Planning Responsibility

Given that the current Level 4 programs are located within Waseca Public Schools building(s), the planning, training, and emergency drills will be conducted by Waseca in line with Waseca protocol.

Deanna and I will be working with Southwest Metro's Communications Department to develop promotional materials for our sites.

All staff from our 4 districts are able to access

- Professional development including relicensing for free or a minimal fee. Most PD opportunities will be located in Chaska, Jordan, and Shakopee. We can ask for some PD to be offered at our sites including topics of our choosing.
 - Week of August 12-16 is a full week of PD for a charge of \$30 per session.
 - August 14 is the Save Your License day for \$60
 - We will share the document when it becomes available.
- Setting IV Therapeutic Staff will have the opportunity to participate in Southwest Metro activities (Kick-Off Day on August 26, 2019).

Additional Information

Our setting IV therapeutic staff is responsible for all attendance, grading, and MARSS through Southwest Metro. Staff from Southwest Metro will be creating our classes, etc. in their student system of Synergy.

Paras may have an opportunity to receive some high-level training called Registered Behavior Technician (RBT). This may include more than just the setting IV paras.

Another training for paras and supervising teachers may also be available. This training's focus is supporting the team of para/teacher in learning how to more effectively direct the work of the paraprofessional.

School Board Calendar of Events

May 19, 2019	7:00 pm	Baccalaureate – High School Gymnasium
May 20, 2019	6:30 pm	School Board meeting – Elementary School Media Center
May 29, 2019	7:00 pm	Paraprofessional Negotiations – Board Room
May 30, 2019	6:00 pm	Teacher Association Negotiations – Secondary Media Center
June 2, 2019	2:00 pm	Graduation – High School Gymnasium
June 4, 2019	2:45 pm	Staff Recognition Program – Secondary School Cafeteria
June 17, 2019	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center

Dale's Calendar for May 20 – May 24 (As of 5-17-19)

Monday	10:00 am	Check in with Terri
	10:30 am	Check in with Doug
	1:30 pm	Check in with Dave
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue
	3:30 pm	Administrative Team Meeting with Heather and Deanna
	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 am	Administrative Team Meeting
	1:00 pm	Facility Planning Meeting
	5:00 pm	BB
Wednesday	8:30 am	Awards Program
Thursday	10:00 am	Check in with Donna O
Friday	8:00 am	School Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair

Thank you for all you do!