



NRHEG Public School

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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.

NRHEG School District Update

Dale Carlson, Superintendent

August 2018

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*.

As we prepare for the start of the 2018-2019 school year on September 4, I thought I would provide you with a few updates on what is happening in the School District.

US News and World Report Bronze Award

You may have heard that in May, the magazine *U.S. News and World Report* honored NRHEG High School with its Bronze Award as a high performing Minnesota public high school for the second consecutive year. Criteria used to judge the schools include: student/teacher ratio, college readiness, college test preparedness, and achievement on the Minnesota state high school assessment. This recognition is indicative of the work our PK-12 staff members do to ensure that all children learn at high levels. It is also a compliment to our students and parents. Earning national recognition is good for enrollment, good for our communities, and an affirmation of the work being accomplished by the School District.

School Safety Assessment and Grant Application

The School Safety Center spent July 19 in our district assessing both school buildings regarding our safety and security plans and procedures. A number of recommendations were made ranging from a secure entrance remodel at the Elementary School to enhanced door security and building monitoring systems. We are in the process of completing the Minnesota Department of Education's School Safety Grant and hope we are successful in receiving funding to enhance our security systems at both sites.

Facility Planning Update

As I have previously shared, the Board of Education (BOE) invited more than 35 members of our communities to come together and serve on a facility planning Task Force that is advisory to the BOE. The purpose of the Task Force is to examine data and information about our school buildings and programs in order to provide the BOE with a recommendation on how to best move forward in making important decisions impacting the future of our schools and school district.

Dale N. Carlson, Superintendent

David A. Bunn, High School Principal

Douglas A. Anderson, Elementary Principal

The Task Force has held five meetings (April 12, May 2, May 30, June 25, August 13) focusing on the work of the BOE since the unsuccessful referendum in June 2015. Data and information from the 2016 community survey, District Strategic Plan, ISG Facility Assessment, and educational programming priorities as identified by teaching staff have been examined. Building tours were conducted at the May 30 meeting. At the June 25 meeting, the Task Force prioritized categories of facility and programming needs based on the information presented during the first three meetings including:

- Safety and Security
- Building Infrastructure
- Americans with Disabilities Act Facility Access including Lower Level Egress for Locker Rooms
- Art and Music Classroom Renovation and Program Expansion
- Science/Technology/Engineering/Arts/Math Programming Expansion and Classroom Renovation
- Special Education Classroom Expansion and Renovation
- Career and Technical Education Programming Expansion and Classroom/Lab Renovation
- Science Programming Expansion and Classroom/Lab Renovation
- Fitness and Wellness Programming and Facility Expansion and Renovation
- Collaborative Learning Spaces
- District Funded Preschool and Fee-based Daycare
- Performing Arts Space Expansion and Renovation
- Gymnasium Expansion and Renovation

Most recently on August 13, the Task Force assisted in the development of a survey that will be sent to all school district residents in September. The community survey will be a great opportunity for every eligible resident to provide input in this important process, and will provide invaluable information as the BOE makes important decisions impacting the future of our schools and school district for many years to come.

Staff Report to Work August 27

Before students arrive on September 4, staff report on Monday, August 27, for inservice and planning for the start of the school year. All employees gather for a “Kick-off Breakfast” on August 27 followed by staff development activities. Both school buildings will be closed the morning of August 27 in order for all employees to participate in the District’s inservice.

As always, I encourage you to contact me, the building principals, or the Board of Education members if you have any questions or comments pertaining to school district events, activities, or business. I have listed below names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers to facilitate your ability to contact us. You may also find this information on our District website. We hope you are as proud of our district as we are to serve the NRHEG school community.

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A reminder that the School Board conducts its regular monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month. 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. The August 20, 2018, School Board meeting will be at the Secondary School beginning at 6:30 pm., and the September 17, 2018, School Board meeting will be at the Elementary School beginning at 6:30 pm.

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!