

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

Providing students with knowledge, skills, and attitudes which enable them to succeed in a globally competitive society.

Empower, Learn, Succeed

Be Positive, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe

Information – Communication -- Correspondence

1. News From Around the State and Beyond

Every Student Succeeds Act: Rulemaking committee discusses assessments regulations

Politics: Do teachers need more classroom control?

Politics: Mental health funding increase for schools proposed

Politics: Lawmakers hear requests for literacy program funding

Teaching: School districts grapple with teacher recruitment, retention challenges

Politics: House Education Finance Committee debates bills on student assault on teachers, reducing special education paperwork, health insurance

Politics: Senate committee examines full-service community schools, increased funding, concurrent enrollment

Politics: Latest assault bill would give teachers more authority

Teaching: New “performance tests” may impede teacher diversity goals

Every Student Succeeds Act: Minnesota Department of Education kicks off topic meetings with look at accountability

Every Student Succeeds Act: Rulemaking committee continues discussion of accountability

Politics: Senate committee considers prekindergarten program, one-time technology aid

Politics: Minnesota House’s budget adjustments include no additional funding increases for K-12 education

- 2. Board Member Quarterly Check-ins with Dale** – Thank you for taking time to check in with me this week on a number of items important to the School District. I hope I was able to respond to questions you shared with me as well. A general summary of items discussed at the check-ins includes:
- a. Teachers on Call Substitute System update
 - b. Evaluation process for staff
 - c. Questions related to workforce or personnel issues
 - d. Enhancing hallways and classrooms including teacher name plates
 - e. Process for identifying athletic field needs including scoreboards
 - f. Snow Make-up Day plans
 - g. Years of Service Recognition plans
 - h. Teacher Planning Day choice options
 - i. Strategic Planning Progress
 - j. School Calendar – Looking ahead to 2017-18
 - k. Negotiations (AFSME) Update
 - l. 2016-17 Staffing Plan
 - m. Examination of specific job descriptions
 - n. Board Member school visits – “Learning Walks”
 - o. Potential Board Workshop Topics

Please contact me if you have specific questions about any of the topics.

3. Strategic Planning Update –Work on finalizing belief, mission, and vision statements along with focus area goal development will continue at the third and final committee meeting on April 12 at the Elementary School starting at 6:30 pm in the Media Center.

Objectives for our third meeting are to:

- Develop the School District goals
- Develop action plans including objectives for each goal
- Review next steps

As we look ahead, it will likely be necessary to plan a Board work session sometime in late April or early May to finalize the district mission, vision, beliefs, goals, and objectives prior to the May 16 School Board meeting. I am hopeful the Board will be able to approve the mission, vision, beliefs, goals, and objectives at the May 16 School Board meeting. Staff will then go to work on crafting specific action plans for Board approval at the June School Board meeting.

Celebrations & Recognitions

(Taken from School and Department Announcements and Communications)

Music Competitions: Congratulations to band and choir students who participated in the District Solo and Ensemble at MSU-Mankato the past week. Results include:

Jazz Band - Superior
Jessica Nafe & Nicole Edon (vocal duet) - Superior
Justin Mortensen (alto saxophone) - Superior
Chris Stenzel (alto saxophone) - Superior
Jadyn Surat & Renee McNett (trumpet/clarinet duet) - Excellent
Jessica Tonkin (vocal solo) - Good

School Board Calendar of Events

April 12, 2016	6:30 pm	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting #3 – Elementary School Media Center
April 18, 2016	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
May 16, 2016	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
June 3, 2016		Last Day of School for Students
June 5, 2016	2:00 pm	Commencement – High School Gymnasium

Dale's Calendar for April 11 – 15 (As of 4-8-16)

Monday	9:00 am	Check in with Doug
	10:00 am	Check in with Terri
	12:30 pm	Assistant Director of Special Education Interviews
Tuesday	9:00 am	Check in with Dave and Doug
	10:00 am	Check in with Dave, Doug and Karla
	10:30 am	Meeting regarding Food Service planning
	11:00 am	2016-17 Budget Planning Meeting with Karla
	6:30 pm	Strategic Planning Advisory Committee Meeting #3
Wednesday	7:30 am	Staff Chat – Elementary School
	3:30 pm	Staff Chat – Elementary School
Thursday	7:30 am	Staff Chat – Secondary School
	3:30 pm	Staff Chat – Secondary School
Friday	10:00 am	Interview

Thank you for all you do!