

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.

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Information – Communication -- Correspondence

1. News From Around the State and Beyond

[Politics: Teacher Shortage Act bill moving quickly through the Legislature](#)

[Court: Lawsuit challenges North Carolina transgender bathroom law](#)

[Politics: Minnesota House, Senate introduce new education bills](#)

[Teaching: School districts grapple with teacher recruitment, retention challenges \(MSBA mentioned\)](#)

[Column: Minnesota's classroom shortages are a serious problem](#)

[Teaching: Teacher shortage a potential crisis for rural districts](#)

2. Board Member Quarterly Check-ins with Dale – I look forward to our check-ins next week. Thank you for taking time to visit on matters important to you and to the school district. Please plan for 30-60 minutes. In addition to your items, below is a list of potential items to discuss.

- a. Snow Make-up Day plans
- b. Years of Service Recognition plans
- c. Teacher Planning Day choice options
- d. Strategic Planning Progress
- e. School Calendar – Looking ahead to 2017-18
- f. Negotiations (AFSME)
- g. 2016-17 Staffing Plan
- h. Board Member school visits – “Learning Walks”
- i. Potential Board Workshop Topics

3. Strategic Planning Update – Thank you for your continued leadership, support, and engagement in the strategic planning process. I hope you feel that good progress was made at the second committee meeting on developing the belief, vision, and mission statements, as well as beginning to develop the focus areas. Work 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

I will be sending the following information to committee members via e-mail today.

- Strategic Planning Governance Document “Working Draft”
- Meeting #2 Results – Plus/Delta Analysis
- Homework Assignment for Meeting #3

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.

4. Elementary Playground Update – I recently met with PTO representatives regarding an update on the Elementary School Playground project. Fundraising continues to go well and funding for one playground is almost complete. At this time, the Board can anticipate a presentation and possible request for approval of the project at the April 18 School Board meeting.

- 5. 2016-17 Staffing Plan Progress** – We continue to work on the 2016-17 staffing plan. The Board can anticipate a presentation on the plan at the April 18 School Board meeting.
- 6. 2016-17 Budget Development Progress** – We continue to work on the 2016-17 budget. The Board can anticipate an update at the April 18 School Board meeting with possible action taken at the May School Board meeting.

Celebrations & Recognitions

(Taken from School and Department Announcements and Communications)

Speech Team: Congratulations to speech team members Lexi Combs, Ben Lewer and Solveig Stafford who will be advancing to section-level competition on Friday, April 8.

School Board Calendar of Events

April 5, 2016	5:00 pm	AFSME Negotiations – Board Room
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 4 – 8 (As of 4-1-16)

Monday	9:00 am	Check in with Doug
	10:00 am	Check in with Terri
	12:30 pm	Interview
	1:30 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:00 pm	Check in with Sue
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Board Agenda Planning with Board Chair
	2:00 pm	Quarterly Check in
	3:00 pm	Quarterly Check in
	5:00 pm	AFSME Negotiations
	7:00 pm	Quarterly Check in (Immediately following Negotiations)
Wednesday	9:15 am	Meet with BR and DB

	2:00 pm	Quarterly Check in
	5:00 pm	Quarterly Check in
Thursday	7:30 am	Safety Committee Meeting
	9:00 am	Special Education Director Selection Process Meeting
	4:00 pm	Quarterly Check in
Friday	10:00 am	Meeting with Northland Securities

Thank you for all you do!