

# *District Status Report*

*25 March 2016*

*2015-16 Report# 33*

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

[Politics: Democrats unveil school counselor funding proposal](#)

[Column: Board members looking for solutions to teacher shortage](#)

[Politics: Video features MSBA's Denise Dittrich, Osseo Area's Kate Maguire advocating for Teacher Shortage Act bill](#)

[Politics: Senate Education Committee OKs Teacher Shortage Act bill](#)

[Politics: Every Student Succeeds Act rulemaking committee discusses assessments](#)

[Teaching: Local leaders take on teacher shortage](#)

[Politics: Republicans push to restrict transgender bathroom use](#)

### 2. 3-21-16 School Board Meeting Follow -up

- [Special Education Assistant Director Position](#) – Thank you for your support of moving forward with the position. I will be meeting with the other three superintendents involved to finalize the process to be used in selecting a candidate.

**3. Years of Service Recognition Program Plans** – We continue to work on finalizing the date and time for the recognition program. We are needing to adjust the date due to the option for teachers to work their final day on Saturday, June 4. The original date was Friday, June 3, which moved to Monday, June 6 with the make-up day. We should have a date to you in the near future, once I have an opportunity to review options with the appropriate staff involved in the planning.

**4. Board Member Quarterly Check-ins with Dale --** Sue Kulseth will be contacting you to set a time to meet with me during the week of April 4. Let Sue know if the dates and times identified do not work for you and we will find a time that does. Please plan for 30-60 minutes. Possible dates and times include:

Tuesday, April 5 at 2, 3, or 4 pm

Wednesday, April 6 at 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 am, or at 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 pm

Thursday, April 7 at 3, 4, 5 pm

I look forward to meeting with each of you individually. As before, the purpose for this time is to discuss any questions, issues, or concerns you may have for me. It will also allow us to visit one-on-one about important initiatives. Following our visits, I will then share with the whole board a summary of my individual meetings.

**5. Strategic Planning Update** – Thank you for your leadership and support in making the first Advisory Committee meeting successful. Good progress was made on developing belief statements, mission statement, and vision statement. Work will continue at the second meeting on March 29 at the Secondary School starting at 6:30 pm in the Media Center. I will be sharing information that has been collected to give Committee members a snapshot of the current state of the District.

In addition to receiving information about the school district from me, additional objectives for our second meeting are to:

- Receive and examine results of the “ Strategic Planning: Summary of Stakeholder Engagement-Related Activities;” and
- Conduct an environmental scan: Plus/Delta analysis

Important dates to keep on your calendar include:

March 29 6:30 pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Committee Meeting in New Richland

April 12 6:30 pm 3<sup>rd</sup> Committee Meeting in Ellendale

## Celebrations & Recognitions

(Taken from School and Department Announcements and Communications)

**Speech Tournament:** Congratulations to Lexi Combs and Solveig Stafford, both of whom brought home awards from last Saturday's tournament at JWP. Good luck to all team members as they advance to sub-section competition one week from today.

## School Board Calendar of Events

March 29, 2016	6:30 pm	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting #2 – Secondary School Media Center
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		<b>Last Day of School for Students</b>
June 5, 2016	2:00 pm	Commencement – High School Gymnasium

## Dale's Calendar for March 28 – April 1 (As of 3-24-16)

Monday		No School for students – Teacher Planning Day
	9:00 am	Check in with Doug
	10:00 am	Check in with Terri
	1:00 pm	Check in with Dave
	1:30 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:00 pm	Check in with Sue
Tuesday	6:30 pm	Strategic Planning Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday	9:00 am	Waseca County Collaborative Families
	10:00 am	School Pool Insurance Membership Meeting
	2:00 pm	2016-17 Staff Development Planning
Thursday		In the District
Friday		In the District

**Thank you for all you do!**