

District Status Report

22 January 2016

2015-16 Report# 25

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

[Teaching: Minnesota Teaching Board to challenge licensing ruling](#)

2. Strategic Planning Important Dates – Be sure you have the following dates on your calendar!

January 29	Committee Member (Community) names to Dale
February 18	Public Engagement Sessions with Consultants
March 7	1 st Committee Meeting (Potential for this date to be rescheduled to March 21)
March 29	2 nd Committee Meeting
April 12	3 rd Committee Meeting

3. 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 February 1. 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, February 2 between 2:00 and 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 3 between 7:00 and 9:00 am and between 2:00 and 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 4 between 7:00 and 9:00 am and between 2:00 and 7:00 pm

4. 2016-17 School Year Calendar Update – As I shared with the Board Tuesday evening, two drafts of the 2016-17 School Year Calendar developed by the Calendar Committee with my support have been sent out to teaching staff asking them to vote next week for one of the two drafts. I am supportive of either draft. The only difference between the two drafts is that one includes two more “inclement weather” make-up days within the school year where the other would add the days at the end of the school year. Staff will be sent the drafts next week.

Both calendars include 185 work days for teachers and 173 instructional days for students. There are four late starts for Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to meet, compared to three this year and nine last year. Both the elementary and secondary teachers will be trying different Parent/Teacher Conference formats. Elementary conferences will be held on two dates in the school year from approximately 12:00 – 8 p.m. rather than on four different nights from 4 – 8 pm as is done currently. At the secondary level, conferences will not be held in December. In place of the four-hour conference in December will be an Open House opportunity for students and parents prior to the start of school in September.

You can look forward to having a calendar presented to you at the February meeting and then being asked to approve a calendar at the March meeting. Please let me know if you have questions regarding the process.

Celebrations & Recognitions

(Taken from School and Department Announcements and Communications)

Region 2A Triple A Award Sub-Section 5 Winner: Congratulations to Jessica Nafe for being chosen as Sub-Section 5 Triple A Award Winner for 2016. Jessica has qualified to be considered for the Region 2A Triple A Award and will participate in an interview next week with the Selection Committee as part of that selection process.

School Board Calendar of Events

January 27, 2016	5:00 pm	EDMN-NRHEG Negotiations – New Richland Media Center
February 16, 2016 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – New Richland Media Center
February 18, 2016	TBD	Strategic Planning Community Listening Sessions
March 7, 2016	TBD	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting #1
March 21, 2016	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – New Richland Media Center
March 29, 2016	TBD	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting #2
April 12, 2016	TBD	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting #3
April 18, 2016	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Ellendale Media Center

Dale's Calendar for January 25 - 29 (As of 1-22-16)

Monday	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 am	Breakfast Listening Session (Tentative)
	9:00 am	Check in with Dave and Doug
	10:00 am	Check in with Dave, Doug, and Karla
	1:00 pm	Forecast 5 Webinar with Karla
	3:30 pm	Monthly Check in with Paraprofessional leadership
	7:00 pm	BBB
Wednesday	7:30 am	Staff Chat – Secondary Building
	11:00 am	Staff Chat – Secondary Building
	3:30 pm	Staff Chat – Secondary Building
	5:00 pm	Negotiations
Thursday	7:30 am	Staff Chat – Elementary Building
	11:00 am	Staff Chat – Elementary Building
	3:30 pm	Staff Chat – Elementary Building
Friday	11:30 am	Lunch Meeting

Thank you for all you do!