

District Status Report

15 January 2016

2015-16 Report# 24

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: U.S. Department of Education seeking recommendations regarding Title I under new education law](#)

[Courts: Unions watch Supreme Court case closely](#)

[Technology: Google's Chromebooks surpass Apple products in education technology market](#)

[Every Student Succeeds Act: The new federal education law returns power to the states — but how will they use it?](#)

2. 1-19-16 School Board Meeting Preview – A few items to bring attention to . . .

REMEMBER . . . WE ARE AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- a. [Teaching and Learning Feature](#) – The Board can look forward to a presentation on the *Battle of the Books* by Elementary students and staff.
- b. [Board Member Compensation](#) – The Board is required to set Board member compensation in January. Please let me know if there is anything else you need in order to move forward with taking action on compensation.
- c. [Strategic Planning Update](#) – As part of my report, I will share an update on the strategic planning process including the timeline. I will mention that Board members are asked to attend the listening sessions with the community on February 18 as well as the three committee meetings planned for March 7, March 29, and April 12. I will ask that you begin reaching out to community members and invite them to participate in the listening sessions and possibly serve on the strategic planning committee. I would appreciate receiving names from Board members within the next two weeks.
- d. [Community Survey Update](#) – As part of my report, I will provide an update on the release of the survey to the community.
- f. [Board & Administrator Publication Reflection from December](#) – I have provided a brief reflection on a few of the articles from the December publication. I hope you have had an opportunity to read and reflect.
 - [Run board committees better with these tips](#) – The article suggests the primary purpose of board committees is to “save the board time, and provide for more effective work and in-depth knowledge by the full board.” The author suggests there should be a “diversity of board opinions” represented on a committee. As with general board work, committee work should be at the “governance-level,” and not staff work.
 - [The board works at high levels](#) – The article reminds us that a school board’s major function is to “set policy for the school district and delegate implementation to its superintendent.” Additional responsibilities critical to the successful operation of the school district include:
 - Meeting the needs of students and community
 - Developing and monitoring strategic plans
 - Monitoring finances
 - Practicing active teamwork

3. Band Booster Fundraiser – The Band Boosters approached me regarding their plans to hold a fundraising event on a Sunday in February. In this case, I gave my support to their plans to have the fundraiser on a Sunday. Please let me know if you have any questions.

School Board Calendar of Events

January 19, 2016 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Ellendale Media Center
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 18 - 22 (As of 1-13-16)

Monday		No School for Students and Staff
	11:30 am	Monthly Superintendent Lunch Meeting
	1:30 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:00 pm	Check in with Sue
	7:00 pm	BBB
Tuesday	6:30 am	Breakfast / Listening Session with Board Chair – Red Leaf Café
	9:00 am	Region 2 Superintendents Meeting
	1:00 pm	Check in with Dave, Doug, and Terri
	7:00 pm	BBB
Wednesday	8:00 am	Eide Bailly Revenue Workshop
Thursday		In the District
Friday	7:30 am	Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair

Thank you for all you do!