

District Status Report

21 December 2018

2018-2019 Report #23

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

Our Mission

**Empowering students with
knowledge and skills to succeed.**

Our Vision

**To be the school district of choice, inspiring
excellence in academics, arts, and activities.**

The next Status Report will be Friday, January 4, 2019

Information – Communication -- Correspondence

1. News From Around the State and Beyond

Study: More than 1.3 million high school students started vaping in the past year

Research: Studies consistently find correlation between education spending, student outcomes

Research: How to make sure your math anxiety doesn't make your kids hate math

Politics: Governor-elect Tim Walz selects education commissioner

Three workplace trends every high schooler should prepare for

2. **2019 MSBA Leadership Conference** – We believe everyone is set for the conference. I will be joining newly elected members Rich Mueller and Luke Routh on Wednesday, January 16, as they will be attending the Phase II training facilitated by MSBA. The training begins at 8:45 am and continues until 4:00 pm. I will be available later in the afternoon and evening on Wednesday to assist board members as you check in at the hotel. Mr. Mueller and Mr. Routh are planning to attend additional “Early Bird” sessions Wednesday evening. There may be interest for Board members to gather informally Wednesday evening and even discuss plans for Thursday including sessions to attend. We traditionally have met for breakfast Thursday morning around 7 am which may also provide an opportunity to review plans for the day. In the past, we have sat together for the opening session Thursday morning. Following the opening session, members have sometimes divided up and attended sessions according to personal interest and/or perhaps a general interest expressed by the Board.

Lunch plans on Thursday do not include the MSBA recognition lunch this year. However, this can be another opportunity for members to come together and share what they have already learned as well as discuss plans for the afternoon. As the afternoon comes to a close, it has been our tradition to enjoy a meal together Thursday evening.

Friday morning includes additional sessions as well as the closing session where we once again have sat together. The conference ends by noon on Friday. You may want to consider checking out of your room early Friday morning before heading to the Convention Center.

Please let me know how I can assist you as you navigate the many opportunities at the conference. I look forward to spending quality learning time with you.

3. **April 15, 2019 School Board Meeting Date Change** – At the January 7 Board Organizational Meeting, the Board will set the regular School Board meeting dates for 2019. The Board has already taken action to move the January and February meetings to the Tuesdays following the third Mondays due to national holidays. In addition, I will be recommending the Board moves its April 15, 2019, meeting to Tuesday, April 16 due to Secondary School Parent-Teacher Conferences also scheduled on April 15. This was an oversight in the scheduling of the 2018-2019 calendar, but I feel it would be less disruptive to change the Board meeting date than the planned date for parent-teacher conferences. I'm sharing this with you now so that you can put it on your calendar as a tentative meeting date.
4. **Facility Planning Update and Work Session** – Board members are asked to look at their calendars for the last two weeks of January to hold a work session focused on referendum planning. I will confirm a few dates with Rick Schultz and then Sue Kulseth will contact Board members in order for us to select a date.

School Board Calendar of Events

January 7, 2019	5:30 pm	School Board Organizational Meeting – Board Room
January 16, 2019	8:30 am	MSBA Phase 2 Training for New Board Members - Minneapolis
January 17-18, 2019		MSBA Leadership Conference – Minneapolis
January 22, 2019 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
January , 2019 Tentative	5:30 pm	School Board Work Session – Secondary School Media Center
February 19, 2019 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
March 18, 2019	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
April 16, 2019 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center

Dale's Calendar for December 24 – January 4 (As of 12-21-18)

Week of December 24

Monday		Out of Office – District Office Closed
Tuesday		Out of Office – District Office Closed
Wednesday-Friday		Out of Office – District Office Hours are 8 am – 3 pm

Week of December 31

Monday		Out of Office – District Office Closed
Tuesday		Out of Office – District Office Closed
Wednesday	9:00 am 2:00 pm 3:30 pm	MASA Region Superintendent Meeting – Mankato House Closing – Waseca Administrative Team Meeting
Thursday	2:30 pm	Administrative Team Meeting with Terri
Friday		In the District

Thank you for all you do!