

# *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

## **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.**

## Information – Communication -- Correspondence

### 1. News From Around the State and Beyond

**Report: More Minnesota teachers leaving jobs**

**Column: Don't misread report on Minnesota teachers leaving jobs**

**What do teens think about free speech?**

**Politics: Gov. Dayton touts new education spending goals, \$609 million increase over two years**

**Caledonia Area: School board votes to pilot a flexible learning day**

2. **Building and Grounds Committee** -- The Building and Grounds Committee will meet on Monday, February 13 at 5:00 pm in the Board Room prior to a 6:00 pm joint meeting with the City of New Richland City Council. The purpose of both meetings will be to review a draft of a Lease Agreement between the City and District pertaining to the use and maintenance of the Legion ball fields. As part of the lease agreement, a change being proposed by the District would be for the District to take responsibility for all maintenance of the playing surfaces (inside the fenced areas) from March 1 to June 1.
3. **Finance Committee** – The Finance Committee plans to meet on Tuesday, February 21 at 5:15 pm in the Board Room prior to the 6:30 pm School Board meeting. The tentative agenda will include review of policy revisions for Fund Balance (714), Budget Adoption (701), and Uniform Grant Guidance (721). Ms. Christopherson and I will also plan to share a working draft of a budget development calendar to be recommended for adoption by the Board. We will also plan to review the Strategic Plan Finance objectives.
4. **Policy Committee** – The Policy Committee plans to meet on Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30 pm in the Board Room. The tentative agenda will include review of policy revisions for Consent Agenda (203.6) and Public Comment (206).
5. **MREA Steps to Address Teacher Crisis** -- From MREA

February 6, 2017

Minnesota current faces a teacher crisis with more teachers retiring and leaving the profession and fewer entering the profession. To help address the challenges, MREA announced today specific steps the Minnesota Legislature can take in 2017 in the areas of licensure, quality, supply and retention of teachers. [View the key recommendations.](#)

The steps comes as the Minnesota Department of Education releases its 2017 Supply & Demand report outlining striking teacher shortages across the state. An average of 1,400 teachers retired annually over the past five years and 25 percent of first-year teachers left the profession within three years.

The shortages are more severe in rural areas as demonstrated with about 33 percent more special permissions granted in Greater Minnesota school districts than districts in the 7-county metro area. [Learn more about the report.](#)

6. **Community Night Out** -- The annual Community Night Out Live and Silent Auction sponsored by the NRHEG Parent Teacher Organization is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2017, to be held at Wedgewood Cove in Albert Lea. The Community Night Out event fundraises for the purpose of contributing to the life of the School District in various ways with a primary focus on students. Participation at the event as well as donations are appreciated.

## School Board Calendar of Events

February 13, 2017	5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Building & Grounds Committee Meeting – Board Room Building & Grounds Committee joint meeting with City of NR City Council at City Hall
February 20, 2017		NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF
February 21, 2017 <b>Tuesday</b>	5:15 pm 6:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room Regular School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
February 28, 2017	5:30 pm	Policy Committee Meeting – Board Room
March 6, 2017	5:30 pm	Paraprofessional Association Negotiations Meeting – Board Room
March 11, 2017	8:30 am	MSBA Negotiations Seminar – St. Peter

## Dale's Calendar for February 13 – 17 (As of 2-10-17)

Monday	9:00 am 9:30 am 1:00 pm 1:30 pm 2:30 pm 3:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Check in with Doug Administrative Team – Strategic Planning Check in with Dave Check in with Deb B. Check in with Sue District Staff Development Committee Meeting Building and Grounds Committee Meeting Joint Meeting – City of NR Council and Building and Grounds Committee BBB
Tuesday	8:30 am 9:30 am 12:30 pm 3:30 pm 7:00 pm	Class Presentation Retention Data Meeting with Corrine Class Presentation WBWF Action Plan Review – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Literacy GBB
Wednesday	3:30 pm	WBWF Action Plan Review – Kindergarten Readiness
Thursday	9:00 am 1:00 pm 3:30 pm	Administrative Team – Strategic Planning Secondary Staffing with Dave WBWF Action Plan Review – Achievement Gap (Elementary)
Friday	9:00 am 11:00 am	Elementary Staffing with Doug Check in with Karla Out of the District in PM

**Thank you for all you do!**