

District Status Report

24 March 2017

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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

What does research say about 4-day weeks?

Courts: Supreme Court rules in favor of a special education student

Politics: With all three budget proposals out, the stage is set for the Legislature's biggest battle

Researcher seeks to debunk learning myths

Study links higher test scores, healthy lunches

2. **Paraprofessional Negotiations** – The first negotiations meeting is rescheduled for Monday, April 10, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Secondary School Board Room.
3. **Teacher Negotiations** – The first negotiations meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 4, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Secondary School Media Center.
4. **Building and Grounds Committee to Meet** – The Building and Grounds Committee will meet at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 29, 2017, in the Board Room at the Secondary School. The agenda includes a review of proposals received for making improvements to the Ellendale Softball Complex specific to parking, and an update on making improvements to address water drainage at the Elementary School at one of the exit/entrances.
5. **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.
6. **MSBA Phase III Board Member Training** – MSBA is offering Phase III Trainings for board members at six different locations on six different dates in April. The objective of the training is to build a high-performing school board with a focus on leadership styles and consensus building. The closest location is Rochester on Wednesday, April 19. All trainings are from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. Please let Sue Kulseth know by April 1 if you are interested in attending. The six locations and dates are:

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 — FERGUS FALLS

Lakes Country Service Cooperative, 1001 East Mount Faith Avenue

Registration deadline: March 29

Thursday, April 6, 2017 — THIEF RIVER FALLS

Quality Inn, 1060 Highway 32 South, Thief River Falls

Registration deadline: March 29

Friday, April 7, 2017 — MOUNTAIN IRON

Northeast Service Cooperative, 5525 Emerald Avenue, Mountain Iron

Registration deadline: March 29

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 — MARSHALL

Southwest/West Central Service Cooperative, 1420 East College Drive, Marshall

Registration deadline: April 4

Tuesday, April 18, 2017 — MAPLE GROVE (Note: This workshop was originally scheduled for April 20)

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 11801 Fountains Way North, Maple Grove

Registration deadline: April 11

Wednesday, April 19, 2017 — ROCHESTER

210 Wood Lake Meeting Center, 210 Wood Lake Drive SE, Rochester

Registration deadline: April 11

7. **School Nutrition Administrative Review for Elementary School** – The Minnesota Department of Education conducted an administrative review of our Nutrition Services Program at the Elementary School on February 22. Program areas assessed in the administrative review included critical and general areas within the following sections of review: Meal Access and Reimbursement, Meal Pattern and Nutritional Quality, Resource Management, General Program Compliance and Minnesota State Statutes and Rules. There were a total of five findings requiring corrective actions we describe as minor, and are confident we will be able to put in place the actions necessary to satisfy the findings and be in full compliance.

Special recognition goes to Lonna Broitzman, Lead Cook; Carrie Petsinger, School Nurse; and Karla Christopherson, Business Manager; for their preparation and planning. Overall, the audit of our Nutrition Services at the Elementary School went very well. Congratulations and thank you to Lonna, Carrie, and Karla!

School Board Calendar of Events

March 29, 2017	5:00 pm	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting – Board Room
April 4, 2017	5:30 pm	Teacher Association Negotiations – Secondary School Media Center
April 10, 2017	5:30 pm	Paraprofessional Association Negotiations – Sec. School Board Room
April 17, 2017	6:30 pm	Regular School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
May 15, 2017	6:30 pm	Regular School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center

Dale's Calendar for March 27 - 31 (As of 3-24-17)

Monday	9:30 am	Check in with Doug
	10:00 am	Check in with Terri
	1:00 pm	Meeting with Doug, Dave, Terri
	1:30 pm	Check in with Dave
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue
Tuesday	9:00 am	Principal Evaluation Conference
	10:30 am	Meeting with Karla
	1:00 pm	Principal Evaluation Conference
	3:30 pm	Monthly Check in with Paraprofessional Leadership
Wednesday	9:00 am	Meeting with Sue and Angie regarding website
	11:30 am	Lunch Meeting
	1:00 pm	Budget Development Meeting with Karla
	5:00 pm	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting

Thursday	8:00 am	Teacher Inservice ISG in District
Friday	8:30 am	ISG in District
	1:30 pm	Meeting with Doug, Dave, Terri Insurance Sealed Bid Opening

Thank you for all you do!