

# *District Status Report*

*28 April 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

Administration: Demands on principals a constant

New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva: Let's Smile brings dental care to students

Editorial: Seeking peace in Minnesota's war over early education

2. **ISG in the District** – ISG is planning to be in the District at the Elementary School on Monday, May 1, to conduct its assessment of the facility.
3. **Paraprofessional Negotiations** –The negotiation teams held its second session on April 24. The next session is planned for Monday, May 8, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Secondary School Board Room.
4. **Teacher Negotiations** – The negotiation teams held its second session on April 19. The next session is planned for Wednesday, May 3 beginning at 5:30 pm in the Secondary School Media Center.
5. **Board Member Quarterly Check-ins with Dale** – I have had the opportunity to check-in with a few Board members this week. Items discussed included:
  - Special Education referral process including timelines
  - Staffing plan including update on hiring
  - Licensed Practical Nurse Position and Wage/Benefit Package examination
  - Competition Cheer Program
  - Negotiations
  - Facility Assessment Update
6. **Years of Service and Retirement Recognition** – Please save the date of June 6 at 2:30 pm in the Secondary School Commons where all staff will gather to celebrate those achieving significant milestones in their service to the school district and to education. We will also be recognizing staff members who are retiring from the school district.
7. **Graduation Plans** – Board members are to let me know if interested in presenting diplomas to graduates. Rick Schultz has indicated he would like to help present. The planning committee would like two Board members if possible. Commencement is planned for Sunday, June 4, at 2:00 pm.
8. **Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) Position** -- The Board previously determined it to be a priority to employ a full-time LPN for the Elementary School. Since the position was last reviewed which was a little over a year ago, we have experienced three (3) different LPNs. As a result, I am in the process of reexamining the LPN position's wage and benefit package. We are examining data from other school districts specific to wage and benefit packages. One of the areas we are exploring is providing a district contribution to a health insurance plan which is not currently offered. I plan to move forward with a wage and benefit package believed necessary to secure a full-time LPN. I will keep the Board updated on our progress. Please contact me if you have any questions.
9. **Facility Use Requests** – I have been contacted in recent weeks regarding to requests to use our facilities and grounds for community events. The Ellendale Lions are requesting to once again use the bus garage property in Ellendale to hold the tractor pull as part of Ellendale Days in June. I am working with Lions to approve the request. There was a question whether or not any improvements would be made to the property prior to the June even based on the ongoing work of the Building and Grounds Committee pertaining to parking and access to the softball fields. I have responded that no work would be done prior to that date. However, I have mentioned that there could be the possibility that the property may not be available in future years for the tractor pull event depending on what improvements are made.

I have also been contacted by the organizers of the Farm and City Days in New Richland to use property close to the stadium for fireworks in July. We are following up on code requirements and best location before approving the request. Please contact me if you have any questions.

## School Board Calendar of Events

May 3, 2017	5:30 pm	Teacher Association Negotiations – Secondary School Media Center
May 8, 2017	6:00 pm	Paraprofessional Association Negotiations – Sec. School Board Room
May 15, 2017	6:30 pm	Regular School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
May 17, 2017	5:30 pm	Teacher Association Negotiations – Secondary School Media Center
May 21, 2017	7:00 pm	Baccalaureate – Secondary School Gymnasium
May 23, 2017	6:00 pm	Paraprofessional Association Negotiations – Sec. School Board Room
June 4, 2017	2:00 pm	Graduation – Secondary School Gymnasium
June 19, 2017	6:30 pm	Regular School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center

## Dale's Calendar for May 1 - 5 (As of 4-28-17)

Monday	6:00 am	ISG Elementary School Visit
	8:00 am	Teacher Inservice / 2-hour late start
	8:30 am	Administrative Team Meeting with Nancy R
	1:30 pm	Check in with Dave
	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue
	3:30 pm	Child Care Language Review
	4:30 pm	Baseball
Tuesday	8:30 am	Administrative Team Meeting
	1:30 pm	Property Insurance Meeting
	3:30 pm	Monthly Check in with Paraprofessional Leadership
Wednesday	8:00 am	Region Superintendent Meeting in St. Peter
	3:30 pm	Insurance Meeting
	5:30 pm	Teacher Negotiations
Thursday	9:00 am	Principal Evaluation Conference
	1:00 pm	Retention Data Process Development with Corrine
	2:30 pm	Meeting with Carrie
	4:30 pm	Softball
Friday	7:30 am	School Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair
	9:00 am	Principal Evaluation Conference

**Thank you for all you do!**