

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

Honors: New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva school social worker recognized for good in community CONGRATUATIONS BROOKE!

Politics: President Trump says arming teachers in schools is “up to states”

Referendum: Maple River School District to hold referendum on May 8

Politics: Minnesota projects \$329 million state budget surplus for 2018-2019

2. **District Van Purchase Follow-up** – We have been searching for safety information on the Ford Transit T-150 Van specific to roll-over comparable data with other 7-passenger vans i.e. Dodge Grand Caravan. At this time, we have been unable to find comparable data from some of the more common automobile review and rating agencies i.e. JD Power, Edmunds, Car and Driver, etc. There are some reviews that do acknowledge the ongoing issue of higher incidents of rollovers, but somewhat inconclusive when comparing specifically the 10 passenger van.

We feel comfortable moving forward with the purchase especially based on the type of use planned for this van. At a time when we are ready to replace the next van in our fleet, we will reexamine the type of transportation use planned along with the current safety data available at that time to help us in determine what type of van will best meet our needs. Let me know if you have further questions.

3. **Community Night Out** – The Annual PTO Community Night Out is scheduled for March 17 at Wedgewood Cove in Albert Lea.
4. **Vaping Concerns** – Mr. Bunn has reported an increase in students found to be “vaping” and/or in possession of vaping devices while at school. Our policy addresses smoking that includes vaping and e-cigarettes. Mr. Bunn is working with local and county law enforcement officials to partner in an effort to decrease the incidents involving vaping. This week, Mr. Bunn e-mailed students and staff reminding them that the use of vapes in the building “will result in school discipline and/or punishment by law.”

School Board Calendar of Events

March 6, 2018	4:00 pm	Special School Board Meeting – Board Room
March 19, 2018	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
March 27, 2018	TBD	AFSCME Negotiations – Secondary School Media Center
April 16, 2018	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
May 21, 2018	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
June 18, 2018	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center

Dale’s Calendar for March 5 - 9 (As of 3-5-18)

Monday	8:00 am	Teacher Staff Development – No School for Students
	11:00 am	Secondary Staffing Planning with Dave

	2:00 pm	Check in with Karla
Tuesday	9:00 am	Waseca County Collaborative Family Committee Meeting
	1:30 pm	Teacher Licensure Meeting with Deb, Corrine, and Sue
	4:00 pm	School Board Meeting
	7:30 pm	Band Concert
Wednesday	9:00 am	Region Superintendent Meeting in Mankato (9 am – 2 pm)
	3:00 pm	Meeting with Flexible Benefits Consulting
	3:45 pm	Insurance Committee Meeting
Thursday		Out of District – MASA Conference
Friday		Out of District – MASA Conference

Thank you for all you do!