

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

- [A Texas school district is using billboards in Oklahoma to recruit teachers](#)
- [Tips for creating makerspaces for teens](#)
- [NCTQ calls for changes to teacher compensation](#)
- [Minn. considers radon testing in schools](#)
- [Data show uptick in anxiety among students](#)
- [Teenagers are less likely to work today, and some say school is to blame](#)

- 2. Years of Service and Retirement Recognition** – Please save the date of **Wednesday, May 30, 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.
- 3. Quarterly Check-ins with Dale** – Sue Kulseth will be contacting Board members to set a time to meet for quarterly check-ins which are scheduled for the week of June 21. If a time does not work for you, we will find a time that does work into your schedule.
- 4. Graduation Plans** – Travis Routh and Karen Flatness will be assisting with diplomas at commencement on Sunday, June 3, at 2:00 pm.
- 5. Building and Grounds Committee to Meet** – The Building and Grounds Committee will meet at 5:30 pm on Monday, May 21, prior to the start of the School Board meeting. The agenda includes:
 - Tree removal decision from Secondary School garden area
 - Discussion about future property purchases in the school district
 - Facility Planning Task Force Update
 - Placement of sign on school property in Ellendale
 - Landscaping project at front entrance of Secondary School
- 6. Finance Committee to Meet** – The Finance Committee will meet at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, June 6, beginning at 5:30 in the Board Room. The agenda includes:
 - Review Budget Development Calendar for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020
 - Review 2018-2019 Preliminary Budget
 - Examine assumptions for forecast model
 - Examine Board Goal for Superintendent which is to: *share progress made in integrating the finance committee into budget development process with the purpose of annually planning and managing revenue and expenditure budgets that meet or exceed the fund balance goal (Strategic Plan Finance Focus Area - Objective 1C).*
 - Examine/identify assumptions for 3 year forecast model
- 7. Radon Testing** – You may have seen the KARE 11 report from May 7 on radon testing in schools. According to the KARE 11 report, 53 of Minnesota's 331 districts reported testing for radon since 2012 based on Health Department records. In 2015, a total of 39 detectors were placed in our two buildings (22 in the Elementary School and 17 in the Secondary School primarily in classroom spaces). The findings were reported to the School Board on May 18, 2015. While I have not yet been able to confirm that we are one of the 53, we believe we have followed the guidelines. All classrooms tested were below the 4.0 pCi/L level. There was one non-classroom area (Elementary Boiler Room Storage Wall) that exceeded the recommended action level of 4.0 picoCuries per liter (pCi/L). We will plan to test the classrooms again in 2020 as recommended unless there are changes to HVAC or foundation. We are considering retesting the Boiler Room area even though it doesn't fit into the category of a frequently-occupied area.

8. US News and World Report Best High School Recognition – For a second year in a row, NRHEG High School has been recognized by US News and World Report as a Best High School by earning a bronze medal. Less than 30% of high schools across the nation are recognized as a Best High School. Schools are ranked based on their performance on state-required tests and how well they prepare students for college.

A four-step process determines the Best High Schools including:

- a. Student performance on state reading and math assessments
- b. Student performance on state reading and math assessments of underserved students
- c. Graduation rate
- d. College readiness based on Advanced Placement (AP) and/or International Baccalaureate (IB) student participation and test performance – We did not score in this area as we did not offer AP or IB. If we did qualify in AP or IB, then it is likely we may receive a Silver distinction.

Congratulations to our staff and students!

School Board Calendar of Events

May 20, 2018	7:00 pm	Baccalaureate
May 21, 2018	5:30 pm 6:30 pm	Building and Grounds Committee Meeting – Elementary School School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
May 30, 2018	2:30 pm 6:30 pm	Years of Service & Retirement Recognition – Secondary School Task Force Meeting #3 – Elementary Media Center
June 3, 2018	2:00 pm	Commencement 2018 – Secondary School Gymnasium
June 6, 2018	5:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room
June 18, 2018	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center

Dale’s Calendar for May 14 – 18 (As of 5-11-18)

Monday		Out of the District
Tuesday	8:30 am 1:30 pm 7:00 pm	Administrative Team Meeting Exit Interview Planning with Corrine Grade 3-5 Spring Concert
Wednesday	8:30 am 6:00 pm	Senior Service Day at Elementary School FFA Awards Banquet
Thursday	9:00 am 11:00 am	Phone Conference with ISG Interview
Friday		In the District

Thank you for all you do!