NRHEG Public School

Independent School District No. 2168

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Our Mission
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Our Vision
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NRHEG School District Update

Dale Carlson, Superintendent

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Our vision as a school community is to *be the school district of choice, inspiring excellence in academics, arts, and activities.* We strive to do this every day by *empowering students with knowledge and skills to succeed*.

At the September 18 School Board meeting, the Board approved three work goals for 2017-2018 including:

Goal 1 (Finance): By July 1, 2018, develop, adopt, and annually update a three-year budget projection plan that takes into account: enrollment projections; anticipated state and federal funding increases; and assumptions on expenditure increases.

Goal 2 (Facilities): By July 1, 2018, develop District master plan to address the adequacy and capacity of the NRHEG School District facilities for the next 5, 10, and 20 years.

Goal 3 (Communication & Marketing): By July 1, 2018, develop and implement a plan to increase the number of school/community partnerships focused on accomplishing its mission and vision statements

As the Board begins work on achieving the third goal focused on growing the number of school/community partnership, I have invited our new Community Education Director, Macy Whiteside, to share with you ***The Significance of Community in Education.***

Education is more than reading, writing, and arithmetic. It is one of the most important investments a country can make in its people and its future and is critical to reducing poverty and inequality. Education gives people the critical skills and tools they will need to help them better provide for themselves, their children and their community. Research has confirmed that parent, family, and community involvement in education correlates with higher academic performance and school improvement. When schools, parents, families, and communities work together to support learning, students tend to earn higher grades, attend school more regularly, stay in school longer, and enroll in higher level programs according to the National Education Association.

A person's community plays an important part in the education system. The National Community Education Association states that the field of Community Education is about providing the knowledge and skills for people to not only be self-sufficient and independent, but to create and utilize the interdependencies that must also exist in civil society. It is about creating a safe, fun, and participatory learning culture that incorporates principles and practices of respect, mutual aid, inclusiveness, lifelong learning, skill building, self-appreciation, entrepreneurship, and leadership development – the puzzle pieces that make up community life and learning.

Family and community involvement foster partnerships among schools, family and community groups, and individuals. These partnerships result in sharing and maximizing resources and help children and youth develop healthy behaviors and promote healthy families. We need to work as a community to develop our schools for our specific community needs because the answer to real education is strong, authentic community networks and actions. Community Education truly understands and appreciates the fact that constant review, evaluation, and adaptation to the political, economic, societal, technological, environmental, and demographic shifts occurring in our communities, nationally and internationally, is the key to developing well-rounded and adaptable citizens of all ages.

Today, Community Education in Minnesota exists as a comprehensive statewide delivery system utilizing all 342 school districts to provide programs for community members of all ages including School Readiness, Adult Basic Education, Out-of-School Time learning for youth, Early Childhood and Family Education, Adults with Disabilities, Adult & Youth Enrichment, as well as Adult and Youth Recreation. Thanks to partnerships with businesses, area chambers of commerce, community-based organizations, nonprofits and the work of involved citizens, Community Education in Minnesota serves over 3,000,000 participants yearly.

Community Education is a great way to add more pieces to your puzzle! There are a multitude of classes and activities available year round for people of all ages to participate in. This fall is a great time to become involved in your lifelong learning adventure! Offerings include Adventures in Parenting class, Panther Preschool, youth arts & crafts activities, safety programming such as Home Alone and Babysitters classes, adult fitness classes such as PIYO Live and Turbo Kick Live, and many more!

Community Education is a vibrant and ever changing field, unique and interdependent, adapting to the needs of communities by responding with programs and/or processes specific to the local area. For more information about fall classes and activities visit our website at nrheg.k12.mn.us, call 417-2667, and like us on Facebook!

NRHEG Community Education
Developing lifelong learning opportunities to suit our community's needs

A reminder that the School Board conducts its regular monthly meeting on the third Monday of each month. The location of the meeting is rotated monthly between the NRHEG Secondary School Media Center in New Richland and the NRHEG Elementary School Media Center in Ellendale. The October 16, 2017, School Board meeting will be at the Secondary School beginning at 6:30 pm., and the November 20, 2017, School Board meeting will be at the Elementary School beginning at 6:30 pm.

We celebrate together in the accomplishments of our students because we are in this journey together as a school community. Thank you for all you do to support NRHEG Public Schools and our students!