

District Status Report

22 March 2019

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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

Teachers: Students' emotions linked to academics

Cost a barrier to after-school activities for children

Politics: Lawmakers debate snow day relief

2. **Snow Day Relief Bill Update** – This week, the House passed their snow day relief bill which allows a school district, if it chooses to do so, to count any canceled instructional days for January 29, 30, or 31 as instructional days. In our case, January 29 was an instructional day (Flexible Learning Day). January 30 & 31 were cancelled days that have been rescheduled. The Senate bill allows districts to waive any snow day, if it chooses to do so. The differences between the two bills need to be worked out before going to the governor for his signature. Even if a bill is passed and signed by the governor, it will still be up to local school districts to determine if the district will lower the number of days and/or hours to be rescheduled.

3. **Referendum Information Sessions Update** – This past week, presentations were made to the Whispering Oaks Assisted Living. Thank you to Doug Anderson for presenting. At this time, I am not aware of any presentations planned for next week. So far, we have completed a total of 18 information sessions throughout our communities and townships beyond the open houses. Thank you for giving of your time to participate in the presentations. Please continue to update the sheet on information sessions shared with you. If you have confirmed with a group, please put the date and time down in the appropriate column and highlight it yellow. I would appreciate a call or e-mail so that I could get it on my calendar and possibly attend with you.

In the coming days, you can expect one final mailing to all residents in the form of a postcard reminding residents to vote on April 9.

4. **Quarterly Check ins** – Thank you for taking time to check in with me this past week. Some of the topics discussed included:

- Legion Field maintenance progress including dugout, mowing, bleachers, flooding, etc.
- Personnel questions
- Committee meetings
- Special Education and other learning interventions for students
- Lunch/Breakfast evaluation/surveying
- Teacher absences
- Negotiations
- Board meeting reflections
- April 9 election progress
- Non-renewals
- Budget planning

Do not hesitate to call with questions on any of the topics listed.

5. **Legion Field and Flooding** – I spoke with Wayne Billing at the City of New Richland on Thursday of this week regarding the snow that is piled along the north fence of the baseball field. I am not sure it is going to be moved which means we may have several more weeks of water coming onto the left side of the baseball field.

6. **Teacher Association Negotiations** – Plans are set for the first negotiations meeting with our Teacher Association to be held on Monday, April 1. Board team members include: Rich Mueller, Neil Schlaak, Dan Schmidt, Karla Christopherson and Dale Carlson.

7. **Paraprofessional Association Negotiations** – Plans are being made to set the first negotiations meeting with our Paraprofessional Association in May. Board team members include: Luke Routh,, Travis Routh, Rick Schultz, Karla Christopherson and Dale Carlson.

School Board Calendar of Events

April 1, 2019	6:00 pm	Teacher Association Negotiations – Secondary School Media Center
April 9, 2019		SPECIAL ELECTION
	7:30 pm	Social gathering at the Secondary School for Board and public
April 16, 2019 (Tuesday)	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center
April 24, 2019	6:00 pm	Teacher Association Negotiations – Secondary School Media Center
May 19, 2019	7:00 pm	Baccalaureate – High School Gymnasium
May 20, 2019	6:30 pm	School Board meeting – Elementary School Media Center
June 2, 2019	2:00 pm	Graduation – High School Gymnasium
June 4, 2019	2:45 pm	Staff Recognition Program – Secondary School Cafeteria
June 17, 2019	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center

Dale's Calendar for March 25 - 29 (As of 3-22-19)

Monday	10:00 am	Visitation in Wells
	1:30 pm	Check-in with Dave
	2:30 pm	Check in with Sue
	4:00 pm	Phone Conference
Tuesday	9:30 am	Secondary Staffing Meeting #4
	1:00 pm	Check-in with Terri
	3:30 pm	Monthly check in with Paraprofessional Leadership
		Health Insurance Bid Opening
Wednesday	10:00 am	Phone Interview with Ryan Anderson
	3:20 pm	Para Pre-Negotiations Planning with Cindi
Thursday	6:30 pm	Lions
Friday		In the District

Thank you for all you do!