

# Superintendent Report

School Board Meeting

April 16, 2019

## 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.**

The Superintendent Report summarizes the communication with the Board of Education (BOE) throughout the month including the weekly District Status Report. In addition, the Report includes the building administrator reports as well as other information believed to be beneficial to the work of the BOE and school district. Detailed information for the items listed under the District Status Report Summary can be found within each weekly Status Report from the District's website. I appreciate feedback as to how we can improve the report. Thank you.

### **1. Principal Reports**

### **2. Weekly District Status Report Summary from March 15, 22, 29 and April 5.**

#### **A. Information, Communication, and Correspondence**

- **News from Around the State and Beyond**

- Technology: Online learning offers another alternative

- Referendum: New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva to ask voters to fund school building improvements

- Study: More US teens have mental health disorders

- Survey: Most say college degree is worth the cost

- Teachers: Students' emotions linked to academics

- Cost a barrier to after-school activities for children

- Politics: Lawmakers debate snow day relief

- Politics: School snow day relief moves at glacial pace

- Calendar: Lawmakers approve snow-day relief for schools

- Politics: Wisconsin's voucher/choice program found to divert \$193 million from public schools

- How can teachers cope with stress?

- Politics: Gov. Walz signs "snow day relief" bill

- Classroom furniture is becoming more flexible

- **Quarterly Check ins**

- **Health Office Coverage Update**

- **Bus Drivers and Cell Phone**

- **Snow Day Relief Bill Update**

- **Legion Field and Flooding**

- **Teacher Association Negotiations**

- **Paraprofessional Association Negotiations**

- **April 9 Special Election Update**

- **Intermediate 288 Membership Update**

- **Preliminary 2019-2020 Staffing Plan and Budget**

**3. Board & Administrator for Board Members Monthly Publication – N/A**

- 4. April 9 Special Election** – Thank you for your leadership throughout the entire process beginning back in August 2015 determining a plan of action that included a number of strategic steps including:
- Engaging the communities in a comprehensive survey to determine priorities for the District
  - Revising the District’s Strategic Plan with the assistance of a 30-member District-wide advisory committee
  - Completing a thorough facility assessment
  - Appointing a 35-member Facility Planning Task Force to make a recommendation to the Board on how to move forward with identified facility needs
  - Engaging the communities in a second survey in three years on determining the highest priorities for facility needs
  - Moving forward with a special election to address highest priority facility needs

Your work as a Board in placing trust in our staff and members of our communities to determine the highest priority facility needs is to be commended. However, the process started with your commitment to ensure that our students and staff have facilities that are safe, sustainable and attractive so that student and staff performance are optimized. I look forward to assisting you in moving forward with the construction process in the coming months.

- 5. Baccalaureate and Graduation 2019** – Board members are invited to attend both Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 19, beginning at 7:00 pm in the gymnasium, and Graduation on Sunday, June 2, beginning at 2:00 pm in the gymnasium. This is an exciting time for our seniors and their families. Come and celebrate with our students, families, staff, and those throughout the community! The senior planning committee is interested in having two Board members participate in the ceremony. Please let me know if you would be interested.

- 6. Years of Service and Retirement Recognition** – Please save the date of Tuesday, June 4, 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.

Thank you for all you do!

Dale N. Carlson, Ph.D.