

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

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Information – Communication -- Correspondence

1. News From Around the State and Beyond

Politics: Minnesota House committee examines use of crumb rubber on athletic fields, playgrounds

Politics: Supplemental budget bill headed for conference committee

Policy: St. Paul high school eliminates gender-specific restrooms

2. **Pathway II Early Learning Scholarships** – We received wonderful news recently that our school district will receive Pathway II Early Learning Scholarship funds in the amount of \$15,000 for the 2016-17 school year! Thank you to Marilyn Dobberstein for her leadership in making this happen!

3. **Job Share Request Update** – As I shared with you at our April Board member check-ins, I have been considering a request by two paraprofessionals to share one position next year. I continue to work on developing administrative guidelines to be applied when considering requests to job share. Regarding the current request, administration is planning to approve the request contingent upon several conditions. Once I have the administrative policy and guidelines in place, I will share with the Board. Please let me know if you have questions.

4. **Special Education Assistant Director Named** – I am pleased to share with you that Heather Harms has been named Assistant Special Education Director for Waseca Public Schools beginning July 1, 2016. Ms. Harms currently serves as Special Education Case Facilitator for the Albert Lea Public Schools. The selection process included team interviews of seven candidates. I was impressed with the quality of candidates. I look forward to introducing Ms. Harms to you as she transitions to her new position.

5. **Staffing Update** -- I am pleased to share with you that we extended an offer to fill our Business Education position to Mr. Jordan Paula, and an offer to fill our Speech and Language position to Ms. Renee Moravec, and both have accepted. I look forward to recommending Mr. Paula and Ms. Moravec to the Board at the May 16 School Board meeting.

6. **Years of Service and Retirement Recognition** – Please save the date of June 3 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.

7. **Reality Day** – Board members are invited to stop by the 5th annual Reality Day next week on Wednesday, May 11 starting around 9:00 am. Teacher Krystle Sell explains that “it is a day where our Money Management students have the chance to get a taste of what it means to live on their own in the "real world". They choose a profession and from there they find out how much they will be paid monthly as someone in their mid 20's to early 30's. They then have to stop at different booths and pay for housing, groceries, utilities, insurance, child care, etc. From there they have to assess their financial situation and some students find they have to change their lifestyles or possibly get a 2nd job, but it is meant for them to see how managing money works in the real world and how important it is to a successful future.”

School Board Calendar of Events

May 16, 2016	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
May 22, 2016	7:00 pm	Baccalaureate
June 3, 2016		Last Day of School for Students
	2:15 pm	Staff Reception & Recognition Program - Secondary School
June 5, 2016	2:00 pm	Commencement – High School Gymnasium
June 20, 2016	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Secondary School Media Center

Dale's Calendar for May 9 – 13 (As of 4-29-16)

Monday	7:00 pm	Out of District Pops Concert
Tuesday	9:00 am 10:00 am TBD	Check in with Dave & Doug Check in with Dave, Doug, & Karla Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair
Wednesday	9:00 am 1:00 pm 4:30 pm 5:30 pm	Reality Day Textbook Adoption meeting Check in with Board member AFSME Negotiations
Thursday		In the District
Friday	8:45 am	Custodial – Maintenance Planning Meeting

Thank you for all you do!