

# *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.

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*Providing students with knowledge, skills, and attitudes which enable them to succeed in a globally competitive society.*

*Empower, Learn, Succeed*

**Be Positive, Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe**

# STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK – MAY 2 – 6

**Be sure to thank staff for all they do for our students!**

## Information – Communication -- Correspondence

### 1. News From Around the State and Beyond

Broadband: MSBA joins coalition advocating for broadband access; press conference set for today

Politics: Minnesota House adopts amendments, OKs omnibus education bill

Testing: U.S. high school seniors slip in math and show no improvement in reading

Politics: Minnesota House passes omnibus education bill with limited funding, controversial policy

Safety: Debate over turf fields in Edina echoes national health concerns

Politics: Minnesota Senate approves Elections Omnibus Bill; bill revises law for special school board elections

Policy: Petitioners oppose New London-Spicer's transgender policy

Politics: Minnesota Senate approves Omnibus Education Policy Bill

Politics: Amendments on crumb rubber moratorium, health insurance bids fail

Politics: Minnesota Senate OKs supplemental budget bill

2. **Board Committee Meetings Planned** – Sue Kulseth will be contacting members of the Policy Committee (JoAnn Maloney, Michele Moxon, Rick Schutz) regarding potential meeting dates and times. The Policy Committee will be reviewing revised policies recently forwarded to us by MSBA. Sue will be forwarding to the entire Board the revised policies as a google doc next week. The Policy committee will review policies with the plan to have the Board approve the first reading of the policies at the June School Board meeting.

3. **Refunding of Bond Issue** – As I reported out at the April 18 School Board meeting as part of my report, I shared that Karla Christopherson and I had the opportunity to meet with representatives from Northland Securities on April 8 to hear a proposal to refinance that could result in a total debt service cost savings of approximately \$65,000. I mentioned that I would recommend the Finance Committee meet to discuss prior to presenting to the Board. However, at this time, I would propose inviting the Northland representatives to the May 16 School Board meeting so that the full Board has an opportunity to hear the presentation due to the time-sensitive nature of making a decision. I will visit with Board Chair Rick Schultz to discuss including this item on the agenda. The Board will have to determine if it will be in a position to consider taking action at the May meeting or waiting until the June meeting. I have included an article below from a recent USC School Board meeting where Northland Securities presented on this topic.

### [United South Central: Plan will save school district more than \\$200,000](#)

4. **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.

## School Board Calendar of Events

May 16, 2016	6:30 pm	School Board Meeting – Elementary School Media Center
June 3, 2016		<b>Last Day of School for Students</b>
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 2 – 6 (As of 4-29-16)

Monday	9:00 am	Check in with Doug
	10:00 am	Check in with Terri
	1:00 pm	Check in with Dave
	1:30 pm	Check in with Karla
	2:00 pm	Check in with Sue
Tuesday	9:00 am	Check in with Dave, Doug, and Terri
	1:00 pm	Meeting with Corrine
Wednesday	10:00 am	MASA Region 2 Meeting
	2:00 pm	SCSC Purchasing Coop Meeting
Thursday	8:45 am	Meeting with staff member
	10:00 pm	Interview
	1:00 pm	Meeting with Karla
Friday	7:30 am	Board Meeting Agenda Planning with Board Chair
	9:00 am	Card Access Meeting
	1:00 pm	Read in Classroom

**Thank you for all you do!**