

Sept. 17th, 2018 - Superintendent Report – Mr. Ehler

Vision: Empowering all for lifelong learning

Mission: Creating an educational community where lifelong learning is valued, excellence is expected and all are prepared for the future.

Congratulations to:

Students, Parents and Staff:

We have had a great start to the new school year. I am grateful and thankful for everyone's contributions and assistance for the smooth transition to the beginning of the 2018 – 19 school year.

Fall Sports Teams:

Congratulations to our athletes and coaches for the success they have had with the start of their fall seasons. I commend everyone for the time and efforts they put forth to ensure a successful beginning to their competitions this fall.

Condolence and Sympathies:

Wilkemeyer Family:

I extended our condolences and sympathies to the Wilkemeyer Family on the death of Carol (Tim's mother). Tim has served as a route bus driver and activities bus driver for many years. Carol also worked through Experience Works and did that at our school.

Toomey /Smith Family:

I extended our condolences and sympathies to Kelly Smith (School Social Worker) and the families on the death of Nancy (Kelly's mother). Nancy passed away on Sunday, Sept. 9th.

I extended our condolences and sympathies on behalf of the Board of Education and the R-P Staff Members.

Update on progress on the Athletic Fields:

The dry conditions have provided some steady progress on the fields. Winona Nursery has completed the seeding. They well will be drilled next week.

I am appreciative of everyone's efforts to complete this project.

Update on progress on the Sidewalk – Pine Meadows Lane:

The progress has been very steady and I appreciate the efforts put in to ensure the sidewalk was completed in time for the start of the school year.

We will be finalizing installation plans with MnDOT and the City of Rushford to install the crossing lights on Hwy 43.

My thanks and appreciations to R&R Construction, City of Rushford and MnDOT.

The sidewalk and crossing are great additions to our school grounds.

Buildings & Sites:

Middle School Building:

We are still working on the transfer of the title and the payment on the building. I hope to have everything completed by the end of September.

Elementary & HS Buildings:

The Redevelopment Committee will be meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 19th to determine a course of action for the redevelopment of the property.

MREA Regional Meeting:

This was held on Tuesday, Sept. 11th at Lanesboro Public School. Valarie Howe attended this regional meeting with me.

The meeting centered on the development of MREA's legislative initiatives and platform for the upcoming Legislative Session for 2019.

It was a very positive and productive meeting.

I will have some handouts for you.

Enrollment Data:

I have attached a sheet that I use to track our enrollment over time.

Negotiations with ESP:

We continue to make meet and resolve language issues and to discuss salaries. Our next meeting is Wednesday, Sept. 26th @ 3:30 PM.

My thanks to Jon Pettit, Valarie Howe and John Linder for their help and assistance with the negotiations.

Meetings and Upcoming Events:

Monday - October 1st @ 6:30 PM - Informational meeting Operating
Referendum - Auditorium

Monday - October 15th @ 5:30 PM - Monthly Board Meeting