

Executive Director's Report to the Board



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Enrollment

We are now far enough into the school year to have reliable information about enrollment trends. Nova currently has a K-12 enrollment of 1,017 students with all spots in the lower school currently filled. The 2020-2021 budget was approved with an enrollment projection of 999 students. Nova currently has 17 students who are enrolled in PSEO options. When taking into account that we receive partial funding for these students, our overall enrollment figures at this time are slightly above our projections.

Student Retention

At the last Board meeting, I mentioned that I would bring you data about how COVID-19 has impacted our student retention rates. To date, we retain the following percentages of 19-20 students:

Lower School	-	95.4%
Upper School	-	89.6%
K-12	-	92.2%

Over the past five years, Nova has an average K-12 retention rate of 89.75%. The natural transition points in 6th and 9th grade continue to be the areas where we see the highest percentage of students leave with retention rates of 87.5% and 79.5% respectively.

Moratorium on St. Paul Charter School Bonding

The St. Paul City Council sitting as the Housing & Redevelopment Authority (HRA) is considering a Resolution to end any issuance of Conduit Revenue Bonds for charter schools in the City of St. Paul. This was an action that they tabled earlier in the month and will be revisited within the next month. The MN Association of Charter Schools is actively working to organize against this effort. I will be providing additional information including potential outreach opportunities for the Board and our families in the coming days.

MSHSL - Volleyball

On September 21st, the MSHSL voted to move forward with a volleyball and football season beginning on September 28th. Nova will be working with the Skyline Conference to plan the logistics of a volleyball season for our scholar-athletes.