



# PIPESTONE AREA SCHOOLS

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MS/HS Principal Board Report

## **Attendance Update:**

**Attendance at the middle and high school levels continues to be a significant concern.** In preparation for the upcoming school year, administration will conduct a thorough review and revision of the current attendance policy. Under the existing policy, families are not required to provide a reason or medical documentation for student absences. This lack of accountability contributes to reduced instructional time and negatively affects student achievement. Strengthening attendance expectations will be a priority as we work to support improved educational outcomes across grade levels. During fourth quarter, the middle school had a 7% absentee rate while high school had a 9% absentee rate.

## **Summer School Update:**

25 students were asked to attend summer school in order to recover lost credit. Fourteen of those students are currently attending summer school.

## **Furniture Update:**

We have identified a growing need to begin replacing classroom furniture in the middle and high school buildings. Many desks and chairs have become structurally compromised, with some breaking while in use. While temporary repairs—such as welding and taping—have allowed for short-term use, they are no longer sustainable. As a result, we are initiating a phased plan to update classroom furniture. For the upcoming school year, we will be purchasing two (possibly three) new classroom sets, along with flexible seating designed for a newly designated “Senior Nook” area, located at the top of the high school stairwell.

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