

## Superintendent Report 6/11/25

1. Update on Embezzlement hearing - The sentencing is completed. A letter from the district attorney is provided. Restitution will be paid back over 3 years beginning June 1, 2025.
2. Update on SEDRA dollars - Attorney M. Wallner received a letter from SMS insurance company outlining how the district will be compensated for the loss of funding due to accounting error. Nicollet will receive \$195,000 in compensation for the known loss of funding before the new fiscal year. Further compensation will be calculated in January 2026 to identify loss in the months of February - May 2025 that we are unable to calculate at this time.
3. A community task force met May 28, 2025 in the community room from 6:00-8:30. The committee was given a State of the District update and a tour of the building. The committee will meet a second time to review the survey results that you will receive during Presentations 6c.
4. Enrollment task force update: The committee continues to meet regularly and Nancy Remmert continues to provide tours to prospective families. The lawn signs are popping up in a variety of communities. We have 7 new enrollments registered at this time. We do have 6 confirmed moves from current students within the district. Nancy Remmert or Becky has contact with the families to request an exit meeting or request information as to why they may be leaving. Most have moved to their new district or currently reside in a neighboring district. One family has decided on Trinity. The committee has an action item #7 with a monetary request. I recommend approval of this request when we get to that action.
5. K-8 .6 Principal for 2025-2026 school year. I am currently negotiating with Nancy Remmert to accept my recommendation to become our K-8 contracted principal for the 25-26 school year. We continue to be in negotiations and I will plan on having a recommendation by the July 9, 2025 school board meeting if not sooner. As you will see in presentation number 6a, we are able to afford a K-8 .6FTE principal based on budget reductions and staffing changes for the 25-26 school year.
6. The end of the year went very well. We had 33 graduates from Nicollet Public School. Our graduation rate for this year is 97%.
7. Junior Achievement Updates for 25-26 school year.
  - Keep- JA BizTown
  - Keep- JA Finance Park Virtual
  - Add- JA Financial Literacy
  - Add- JA Finance Park Mobile Experience
  - Extend- JA Company Program to year long
8. Mentor Program - Nicollet Public School is entering into a mentorship program with SCSC. We are part of a grant with SCSC that provides training and stipends to provide staff development to our coaches benefiting our new to district teachers as well as enhancing the educational experience for our students.

Katy Meister and Lisa Fischer have begun the training and will be providing an inservice during workshop week to 1st and 2nd year returning teachers.

9. I will be making a recommendation to amend the 25-26 school calendar during the July 9, 2025 school board meeting. The purpose of the amendment is based on staff feedback regarding two PD days scheduled March 23-24, 2026 to meet the contract of 182 days. March 23-24 are during the "Spring Break" or band/music trip. A survey was conducted asking teachers their preference for moving the March dates. We had four options: Keep March 23-24, Add June 2-3, Add Aug. 18-19, 2025 or Add Aug. 20-21. The surveyed was clear to move it away from March and place the two days in August. The recommendation will be to add two days to a first years teacher's contract for the purpose of pre training with the mentors creating a 184 day contract for new to district teachers. Amend the approved 2025-2026 calendar to move March 23-24 to August 20-21.

Due to timing and the fact that this amendment does not directly impact student days, I have placed this on the July agenda for approval.