

October 15, 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 and Staff for a very successful Homecoming:

We had a great week with our Homecoming Activities for 2018. It was gratifying and rewarding to have everyone's assistance, help and cooperation in making it a special week for our students, school and community.

A special note of thanks to our MS & HS Student Councils, staff and Mr. Timm for their leadership in organizing and facilitating all of the Homecoming Activities.

Fall Sports Team:

Congratulations to our athletes and coaches for the success they have had during their fall seasons. I commend everyone for the time and efforts they put forth to ensure a successful season. We have been very competitive on the field, court and running events this fall.

Kudos to all our athletes and coaches and good luck to them as we enter into the second season of Sub-Sections and Section competitions.

FFA Members:

Congratulations to the FFA livestock team #1 for winning the Miller invitational on. Individual honors include Hans Lind - 1st overall, Jens Lind - 4th overall and Giselle Kahoun - 10th overall. Congratulations to the entire group on a great day!

Condolence and Sympathies:

Pelzl Family:

I extended our condolences and sympathies to the Pelzl Family on the death of Arla Jean (Terry & Jade mother/grandmother). She passed away on October 1st. The funeral was held on Saturday, October 6th in Cape Coral, FL.

Burial took place on Saturday, Oct. 13th at the Geneva Cemetery in Geneva, MN.

Update on progress on the Athletic Fields:

The damp and wet conditions have provided some steady progress on the growth of the grass. Winona Nursery completed the seeding just in time to take advantage of the rains. The well has been drilled and they will wrap things up early next week.

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

Crosswalk on HWY 43:

The progress has been very steady and the crossing lights are operational.

MnDOT will be completing the painting and markings on the roadway.

My thanks and appreciations to the City of Rushford and MnDOT for getting things in place and for assisting us in providing this safe crossing for our students and pedestrians.

Buildings & Sites:

Middle School Building:

We will be discussing this in a closed session. We are hopeful to have everything completed within the next two weeks.

Elementary & HS Buildings:

The Redevelopment Committee met on Wednesday, Oct. 5th to determine a course of action for the redevelopment of the property. We are waiting on the developer to secure his financial avenues for the possible redevelopment of the building and site.

The City of Rushford has moved forward with the development of a Plan B. I appreciate their efforts to present some options as we await the developer's efforts to secure funding.

HVED Regional Meeting:

This was held on Tuesday, Oct. 9th in our Forum Room. Valarie Howe attended this regional meeting with me.

The meeting centered on the selection of a firm to assist HVED and our 13 school districts in coming up with a plan to address the facilities needs.

It was a very positive and productive meeting.

Negotiations with ESP:

We continue to meet and resolve language issues and to discuss salaries. Our next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 30th @ 3:30 PM.

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

Operating Referendum:

Our informational meeting was held on Monday, Oct. 1st. The turnout was very small but we shared the information and have placed the slide show on our website.

The mailing has been put together and will go out next week.

My thanks to Barbie Doyle (Ehler's Financial), Lisa Lawston, Laura Hahn and Ben Bernard (St. Charles) for their help with the power point, brochure and the mailing.

New Kiosk (Area Map):

We have been working with the Rushford Area Chamber (Jen Hengel) and the City of Rushford on new Kiosks for our area. We have one located next to concession area in Commons A and at Niggle Field. They are very impressive. I invite you to take a look at the one next to our Concessions Area in the main Commons.

My thanks and appreciations to the Rushford Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rushford for getting things in place for these beautiful looking signs.

Meetings and Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, November 6th – General Election

Monday – November 19th @ 5:30 PM – Monthly Board Meeting