

School Board Superintendent Report

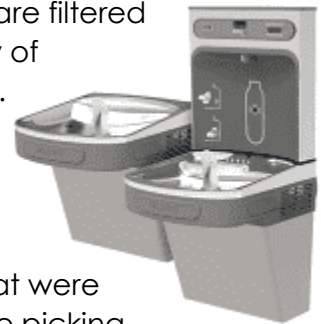
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AIM 2: Safe & Supportive Schools

Lead in water testing

The Lead in water testing will be posted later next week on our district website. I will be planning the community meeting to share the results along with our plan for reducing lead with the goal to get to the 2 PPB. I only recently contacted the city of Eyota to learn if they take measurements of lead content in the city water. I do not have any information as of this writing. I may have an update by Monday's board meeting.

We are looking to replace and add Elkay water/bottle filler cooler that are filtered in both school buildings. I have also asked B & C to look at the possibility of installing a new one in the 3rd & 4th grade area in the elementary school. This would be more costly as there is no hallway drinking fountains in that area of the school.



Elementary School Summer projects

We are working with Principal Svobodny to replace the monkey bars that were removed last year. They have found a suitable replacement. PATT will be picking up most of the cost with the district contributing \$2000 toward the purchase

We have some issues with concrete replacement in a few areas. We will be getting bids for those repairs.

The winter has been particularly hard on our parking lots. The elementary parking lot is due for sealcoating. We will be getting bids for that work.

The carpet in the gym locker rooms should be replaced with tile, I will be seeking an estimate of the cost from Hiller.

High School Summer Projects

The vendor we worked with for asbestos mitigation is booked up through July. I am told that most companies are at point. I will make sure to plan for continued remediation earlier next year. Instead, I will be looking for a contractor to install new lighting and ceilings in the four classrooms we put new floor tiles in last year. That will provide us with a good cost estimate on total room updates moving forward

With the possibility of bus garage construction in the staff parking lot, we will hold off on maintenance of that lot this year. We do need to complete an inspection of the student parking lot. We may have to begin planning for total replacement.

AIM 3: Student, Staff and Community Engagement

Bus Garage

The building and grounds committee agreed to hire WAK Construction as our construction manager for the bus garage project. Buck Goose will be assisting us in getting the architectural and engineering drawing prepared so that we can submit them for approval with the state of Minnesota. He will then assist with bidding out the project.

Once we have all the bids collected, we will know how much the total project will cost. We will be designing the structure to allow some flexibility in the specification to allow us to keep the costs within our budget.

Communication

I have received some anonymous complaints which make it difficult for us to investigate or to respond. I believe it is important for us to listen to concerns and I will make every effort to let people know about our policy and procedures so their voices can be heard.

School Calendar

We are sending a modification to our 2019-2020 calendar for your approval. With the exceptional number of snow days this year, we found that our graduation date need to be moved an additional week beginning next year, and subsequent calendars, This is necessary to make sure that seniors get the appropriate amount of instructional time.

There is a bill under consideration that, if passed, it will allow school districts to start school before Labor Day. That will help us for the 2020-2121 calendars and beyond.

AIM 4: High Academic Achievement

Snow day Relief bill

The law states that districts may count some snow days as attendance days. This is not a mandate, but an option some districts can choose to do if they fall behind the 165 attendance day minimum. Those district that choose to use provisions in the law will have to either pay hourly staff for each day the district claims as an attendance day, or allow them to work to make up for lost wages.

We do not need to use the provisions in the snow day relief bill. The three instructional days that were added to our school calendar kept our days and hours within the law. I do not expect any changes to our scheduled make up days.

Annually, we plan for 175 student contact days. We lost 10 days of instruction due to the weather. That left us with 165 actual student attendance days this year. By adding the three days, we are capturing back some instruction time that we lost.

Families that have made travel plans can still take off on those days. Students who cannot attend will be provided time to make up any work they missed.

Upcoming events / Conferences

Jessica Mcfarlen and I will be going to training for phase 3 training at SSC in April 30th. If you are interested in joining us, let Tara know and she will sign you up.