



PIPESTONE AREA SCHOOLS

District No. 2689

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School Board Report
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MS/HS Principal

Graduation:

March is in full swing, and with it, our athletics and activities are in full motion. As we look ahead, graduation season will be here before we know it, and I would like to propose an official end date for our senior class.

I recommend that the last day for seniors be set for **Tuesday, May 20**, provided that they are in **good standing**—meaning they have no outstanding assignments and do not owe any fees to the school. While the average student completes **173 days of instruction**, totaling **1,211 instructional hours**, the proposed senior end date would result in **166 days** or **1,162 instructional hours**, which remains within an acceptable range.

This adjustment allows seniors to conclude their academic responsibilities while ensuring they have met instructional requirements. It also provides additional time for staff to finalize graduation preparations and allows seniors to focus on post-secondary plans without disruption.

I look forward to the board's discussion on this proposal and welcome any questions or considerations.

Schedule: My team and I are continuing to work on the schedule. Our goal is to have students register in person starting in mid-April.

Portrait of a Graduate:

Several teams collaborated with representatives from Knowledge Works to define the key characteristics we envision for our graduating seniors. This was a meaningful and inclusive process that incorporated valuable input from teachers, staff, students, and parents. We look forward to advancing to the next steps in this important initiative.

"Inspire life-long learners. Build Character. Prepare them for their future."