

## June 17, 2019 - 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.

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### **Congratulations to:**

#### **R-P Graduates:**

My congratulations to the seniors on their graduation from R-P Schools.

A special note of thanks to Kathy and Jeff for assisting with the handing out of diplomas.

#### **RPH Track Team Members:**

Congratulations to Triton Meldahl for placing 8<sup>th</sup> in the 110 Hurdles and Luke O'Hare for placing 10<sup>th</sup> in the 3200 and 8<sup>th</sup> in the 1600 meter runs at the State Track Meet on June 7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>.

A special note of thanks to their parents and coaches for their support and coaching of Triton and Luke.

#### **Trap Shooting Team Members and Coaches:**

They competed in the Minnesota State High School Clay Target Championship on June 11 & 12<sup>th</sup> in Alexandria. My thanks to the team members: Brett Betthausser, Hans Lind, Breena Pehler, John Luhmann, Faith Eide, Jens Lind, Tyler Betthausser, Tim Highum, Hayden Kahoun, Brady Gile, Thomas Ekern, Hunter Mart and Jacob Holien for participating and to the coaches (Colby Lind, Jamie Pehler & Greg Gile), for providing their leadership of the Trap Shooting Team.

Breena Pehler finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Brady finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place and qualified for the MSHSL State Clay Target Shoot in Prior Lake on June 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.

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### **Tree Planting:**

#### **Winona Nursery:**

They donated three trees to our softball complex. We are very grateful and appreciative of their generous donation.

#### **RPEA - Tree in Memory of Rod Anderson:**

They donated a Fort McNair Red Horse Chestnut Tree in his memory. It is planted out front on southeast corner on the entrance into the Softball Field.

A special note of thanks to RPEA Members for their thoughtfulness and generosity.

A memorial plaque will be placed by the tree.

## **Summer School:**

The HS classes started on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Elementary Classes started on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.

My thanks to Mrs. (Cheri) Vix, Mrs. (Erin) Thompson, Mrs. (Brenda) Bergan and Mrs. (Margaret) Marklowitz for providing the leadership of our summer school programs.

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## **Legislative Update:**

### **School Bond Agriculture Tax Credit (Ag2 Credit) – See Handout:**

This was implemented in 2018 with a 40% reduction to reduce taxes on agriculture land. The tax reduction will increase an additional 5% from 2020 to 2023. The total tax reduction for 2023 will amount to a 70% reduction. Please note that the 50% goes into effect immediately and other reductions can be delayed in the event that revenues are available.

I have extended our thanks and appreciations to our legislators. This was very welcomed news for our farmers and school district.

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### **Time Capsule – To Be Opened on August 19, 2119:**

Our students and staff participated in a ceremony on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Students and staff provided items for the time capsule.

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### **Speed Study:**

The City of Rushford and the school district received the results of the Speed Study completed by Bolten & Menk. The study showed an average daily traffic volume of 5,100 vehicles.

I will be working with the City of Rushford, State of MN and Bolten & Menk to move forward with the recommendations to address safety concerns with the crossing on HWY 43.

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### **Sale of Middle School Building:**

We have received two inquiries. The deadline to submit a quote is 12:00 PM on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Facilities Committee members should plan to meet on Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at Noon in the Conference Room to review quotes.

### **Thank you's and Honors:**

I was honored on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. It was a very special day and I deeply appreciated the kind words that were shared by Dylan Buckland, Duane Koenen, Craig Colbenson and John Linder. The resolution by the Minnesota House of Representatives and the plaque will be treasured and were very much appreciated.

The music and the video were touching and meant a great deal to my family and me.

The Foundation for R-P School shared a resolution in which they will be presenting a \$500 scholarship in my honor beginning in 2020. I am honored by this presentation and the awarding of a scholarship in my honor.

I am indebted to the students, staff, board members and citizens of our school district for the support that was given to me during my 12 years as your superintendent.

I consider it an honor and privilege to have served the Rushford – Peterson School District as your Superintendent.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity and experience!

**Meetings and Upcoming Events:**

**Monday - July 15<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Board Meeting**