

## **March 18<sup>th</sup>, 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:**

#### **HS Choir and Band – Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at Fillmore Central:**

They had AWESOME performances at Large Group Competition.

Three Superiors for both the Band & Choir. Great job!

#### **R-P Speech Team – R-P Invite – Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>:**

Here are the individual results: Skye Church first in discussion, In poetry Xander Auman first, Grace Thompson second, and Ayla McNeill fifth. In great speeches Leah Himlie first, Avalon Jacobson second, and Dylan Payne fifth. In duo interpretation Julia Maynard and Lily Thompson placed first, Cole Knutson and Faith Eide second, and Megan Ekern and Mande Tarras placed sixth - Zenessa Anderson placed first in storytelling. Isabelle Olson placed first in creative expression and Johanna Siefert second. Hannah Linder placed second in prose. In humorous Olivia Thompson placed fifth and Christina Scaife placed sixth. Breena Pehler placed fifth in extemporaneous reading. In drama Annika Bakkum-Ekern placed fifth and Emma Schuster placed seventh. In original oratory Grace Thompson was fifth, Faith Eide sixth, Jake James seventh, Jacob Johanson eighth, and Cameron Johnson was ninth.

#### **Speech Team – Chatfield Invitational – Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>:**

Here are the results: Xander Auman placed first, Grace Thompson placed ninth, Ayla McNeill placed sixteenth. In storytelling, Zenessa Anderson placed first and Leah Himlie placed fourth. In great speeches, Leah Himlie placed second and Avalon Jacobson placed fourth. In prose, Hannah Linder placed fourth. In discussion, Skye Church placed fifth. Isabelle Olson placed eighth in creative expression and Johanna Seifert placed eleventh. In drama, Emma Schuster placed eighth. Breena Pehler placed eighth in extemporaneous reading. In original oratory, Grace Thompson placed eighth and Jacob Johanson placed tenth. Olivia Thompson placed ninth in humorous. In duo, Megan Ekern and Mande Tarras placed tenth overall.

**RP Senior High Knowledge team:**

They placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Regional meet and advanced to State competition in April. Congratulations to Jacob James, Jasmine Schuler, Leah Himlie & Ricky Buchanan.

Special note of thanks to Mrs. (Meredith) Johnson – our coach.

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**Early Retirement Incentive:**

I appreciate the interest by our teachers who are taking the Early Retirement Incentive.

You approved Patty McAllister's and Cheri Vix's request in the consent agenda items.

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**New Assignments:****Library Media Assistant Position:**

Michele Wick has accepted this position and is very excited about her new job. She has embraced it with lots of enthusiasm and a willingness to learn all of the duties and responsibilities of her new position. A special note of thanks to Beth Nelson for her willingness to come in and assist Michele during this transition phase.

**Administrative Assistant – Community Education:**

Jill Rasmussen has resigned her position. Amanda Miller (Kid's Club Supervisor and EC Para), has applied for, been offered, and has accepted the position. She will begin her new duties on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**HS Para Position:**

Lorelei Bunke has applied for and is being awarded this position (this was Michele Wicks position). She is currently serving as a Para in the Middle School. She is excited and looking forward to working with Mrs. Vix and the high school students.

We will be advertising the EC and Middle School Para positions.

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**Facilities Committee:**

The committee (Chris, Joyce & Bonnie) and myself met on Thursday (3.14). The consensus of the group was to meet with the City of Rushford and discuss some options for the redevelopment of the Elem./HS Bldgs.

We discussed some alternatives as to how to proceed with the redevelopment and set timelines.

We will be setting up a meeting with the City of Rushford committee members of their Redevelopment Committee.

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**Legislative Updates:**

I will continue to forward the latest updates to you.

Weather's impact on school attendance. There are several proposals in regards to providing a reprieve for all the school days impacted by the weather. I am hopeful that they include some funding to cover some of the additional cost we have incurred from the winter weather.

I encourage you to contact our legislators if you have a specific educational issue that you feel should be addressed during this legislative session.

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**Federal Government:** There is a proposal for 10% reduction in education funding.

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**Meetings and Upcoming Events:**

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> Monthly Board Meeting