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School Board Meeting Agenda Item

Topic: Administrative Report
 Presenter(s): Bob Jaszczak, Superintendent

Nature of Action Requested

Board Action
 Board Information or Report X

Background Information

Building and Programming Updates will be provided at each board meeting. For the remainder of the year, the first meeting of each month will be building updates provided by principals or building administrators. The second meeting of each month will be programming updates provided by each director.

<p>2024-25 Field Trips</p>	<p>The current list of approved applications is attached</p>
<p>2024-25 Fundraisers</p>	<p>The current list of approved fundraisers is attached</p>
<p>Building and Programming Updates</p>	<p><u>Colvill</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preschool Registration opened in January. We have only a few spots open in a few classrooms and have started waitlists for some classes. Parents ask most often about wrap around care and transportation to and from childcare. • We continue to host early childhood screenings and have five more screening nights scheduled through May and will resume again in the fall. <p><u>Sunnyside</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First grade recently enjoyed a visit from Sustainable Safari. They learned about several different types of animals and were even able to pet several of them. • During the week of February 24th, students at Sunnyside will have the opportunity to enjoy a Winter Story Walk. Sunnyside is partnering with Goodhue County Safe Routes to School and the Red Wing Public Library to offer the opportunity to get some fresh air while

reading the book Dragons Love Tacos. The book is broken up into several large signs placed along a path around Sunnyside's building.

- Kindergarten registration is open for the 2025-2026 school year. If you didn't get a chance to register at our kickoff event on February 10th, please visit Sunnyside, Colvill, or the RWPS District Office to register soon. Early registration helps the district make staffing decisions for next year and allows class placements to take place earlier, so the sooner the better!

Burnside

- In February STAARS Ambassadors for Respect Presentation will be taking place in individual 4th grade classrooms. The Ambassadors for Respect team from the Hastings STAARS Transition Program is providing 4th grade classrooms with a free, interactive training that helps 4th graders build community and learn skills such as: Including others, Using Person First Language, and Advocating for themselves and others. A team of individuals who have a developmental disability—and who attend a transition program in Hastings Public Schools—provide the 45-minute training. They share their personal experiences with bullying to engage 4th grade students. They provide all training materials, which means no prep time for teachers. Students only need a pen or pencil to participate. Elementary School is the best time to change the trajectory of bullying. This training can initiate or strengthen your school's efforts by providing a recipe to reduce bullying. Our trainings also support social emotional learning curriculum, by helping students develop empathy.
- Our Spring Fundraiser through APEX was Future Leaders. For two weeks in February, students met daily with our APEX leadership team who provided lessons on: Are Grateful, Show Respect, Practice Kindness, Do What's Right, Stick With It, Start Today. The Apex fun run was on February 13 (the 100th day of school!)
- RWPS will have an art show on Thursday March 13 from 4:45-5:30. 28 Burnside students will be celebrated!

Twin Bluff

- Students tried out for the MS play, Finding Nemo Jr. and they started practicing all aspects of the production. Set design is already very busy designing and building the sets for the production as well. Please put March 13, 14, and 15th on your calendar to come and support our MS actors!
- STEM teacher Nick Richmond was recognized by Stem Forward as an "Outstanding Educator" at an awards ceremony in Rochester on 2/11/25. Nick was one of 10 Minnesota STEM teachers who were recognized for their outstanding programs and student support in the state.
- Grade 5 students were treated to a live performance of The Magic School Bus at the Seldon Theatre on 2/10/25. Students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and represented our district in a positive way.

High School

- The high school has been busy the past couple of weeks with events. This past month the BSU hosted their first of more to come Black Student Union Symposiums with other BSUs from across the state, including the twin cities and Austin a fellow Big 9 conference member.
- Snow Week was a demonstration of even more student leadership where Student Council and FFA put on an array of activities throughout the week including games, trivia challenges, a petting zoo, pepfest, and a school dance.
- The month was also filled with two very valuable professional learning sessions for our teachers. On Feb. 7th teachers spent the day reflecting on our current state in school, hearing perspectives and experiences from BSU students meant to help us be more aware and improve learning spaces, and then the afternoon was dedicated to developing goals for our future. Then on Feb. 17th the Artificial Intelligence PD fed perfectly into some of the goals our staff developed on the 7th for leveraging technology of the future to improve time efficiency for teachers. Many of our staff felt they walked away from that half day with tools that will help them develop and plan items for learning in far less time that it has in the past.

Towerview

- Tower View staff attended a 2-day MAAP (MN Association of Alternative Programming) conference. All came back with ideas on ways to improve programming at TV.
- 2/26 TV students will be putting their handprints on the tepee for TV.

Activities

- Spring sports registration begins today
- 1st round of Head Football Coach interviews were conducted today.
- As part of our program evaluation, surveys are being sent to student-athletes.

Buildings & Grounds

- Working with Pool coordinators on upcoming maintenance that needs to be done in the pool area

Communication

- Emily Angell and Maria Olson started as interns the last week in January. The energy level is definitely up in the District Office!
- We are actively promoting four programs and related registrations: Little Wingers Preschool, Community Ed & Rec's new catalog, kindergarten enrollment and Kids Junction enrollment.
- Concert Choir's performance at MMEA was moving and meaningful. Mere words -- only music -- can describe it. If you didn't see the video about the composing of "Steadfast, Beating,"
<https://www.redwing.k12.mn.us/community-education-homepage/community-recreation/prairie-island-arena-copy/>

Community Education

- The department is hard at work preparing for summer programming for all grade levels. The window is open for program and camp suggestions.

Human Resources

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Nursing Services

- Nurses will be renewing their CPR and First Aide recertification at their February monthly meeting.
- Planning is underway to devise a plan for better messaging to families regarding submitting updated student vaccination records each year. Nurses spend a great deal of time tracking down vaccination records.
- Staff, students and families are encouraged to continue practicing infection prevention methods like handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when ill to help prevent spreading covid, RSV and influenza.

Special Services

- Special Education Assistant (Paraprofessional) staffing continues to be an area of need. We continue to interview as applicants apply. There are currently 9 openings across the district. We encourage our community members looking for ways to make an impact in our district to consider applying for one of the open positions

Student Nutrition Services

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Teaching & Learning

- MnMTSS Grant was submitted to MDE, if received would cover a MTSS coordinator
- ADSIS Grant was submitted to continued ADSIS reading intervention at Sunnyside and Burnside, this grant is submitted every two years
- Early Literacy Grant being written to provide books to giveaway at River City Days Booth, along with parent education around literacy benchmarks by age/grade.
- February 17th PD was on AI for Educators