

**NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138
NORTH BRANCH AREA EDUCATION CENTER, MEDIA CENTER
38705 GRAND AVENUE
NORTH BRANCH, MN 55056
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 25, 2021
5:30 PM**

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Work Session Topics
 - A. Superintendent Update
 - B. Policies
- V. Adjournment

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Superintendent Update

Better Together
Superintendent Sara Paul
February 25, 2021

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NBAPS Goals



Prepare all learners for success in school and in life.

- **Flexibility and choice** for families to decide what is best for each child: distance learning or 5-day, in-school option
- Value **safety** and place a priority on the **health and wellness** of **students and staff**

Raise accountability for all staff and programs

- Establish **mutual commitments** for procedures/protocols to mitigate risk
- Provide **predictability** of daily schedule, instructional model and learning environments³

Increase community engagement

- Include students, families, and staff members in a **responsive, adaptable,** and **ongoing** planning process

Commit resources to district priorities

- Share the responsibility to **maximize resources**

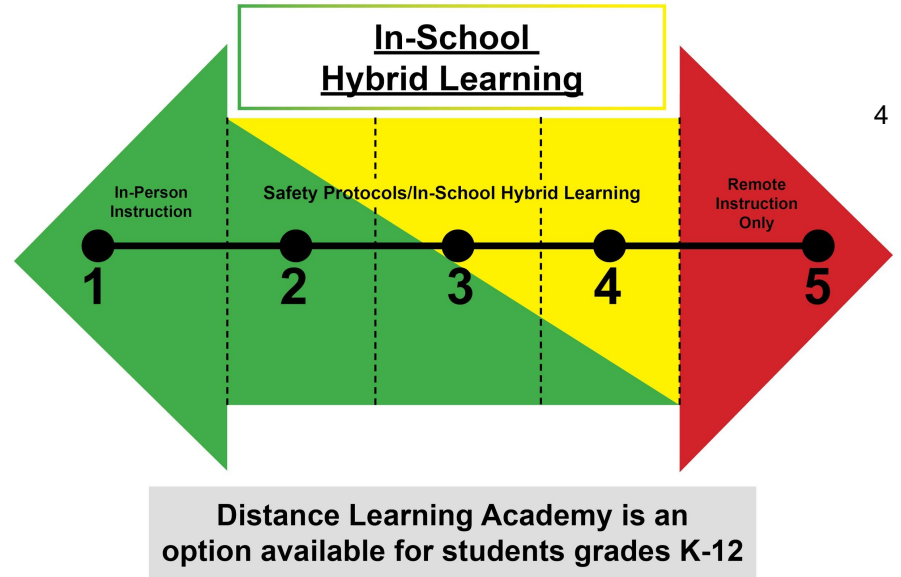
Safe Learning Update



- K-8 Students continue to be in school 5 days per week
- High School Students will return to 5 days per week at trimester transition
- Distance Learning Academy providing quality option



Flexible Learning Continuum



COVID Update



- For the week of February 15-21, NBAPS had no confirmed cases of COVID-19 among students or staff.

- [Community spread](#)
 - Chisago County- 25.58 per 10,000
 - Isanti County- 24.38 cases per 10,000

Activities Update



- Celebrating Excellence

- Paige Bauer- Athena Award Winner

- 3-sport varsity athlete since the 7th grade!
 - Individual and team berths at the state tournament for all three sports
 - Won the Mississippi 8 weightlifting competition in her weight class last year

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Activities Update



- Boys basketball has been on a tough losing streak. Any losing streak is tough but seven of their losses are by a total of 29 points. They are 1-6 in games decided by 2 possessions or less.
- Girls basketball suffered a few tough losses due to injury this year. On a positive note, they've been able to go deeper into the bench than expected, giving more opportunity to younger girls who are showing a lot of promise.
- Dance has their Section competition this Saturday - our first winter sport to head into postseason.
- Gymnastics continues to put up higher numbers at each meet, recently posting over 134.00 at their win over Chisago on Tuesday.
- Girls hockey is still racking up the wins with a current 7-4 record.
- Boys hockey, similar to boys basketball, is struggling to find wins. They are outshooting their opponents and are averaging more than 5 goals per game.
- Wrestling continues to dominate the individual matches. They will only participate in individual sections this year due to their low numbers and inability to place at team sections.
- Robotics, Speech, and Knowledge Bowl continue to host their virtual meets on Saturdays.

Looking Ahead



Spring Musical

- North Branch will have a spring musical this year!
- They chose "Grease" because it limits their numbers to a pod of less than 25 and allows for proper social distancing.
- We will be working with the advisors to come up with streaming and live viewing options.
- They plan to have 4 performances - May 6, 7, 8, & 9.

Bringing Back our Traditions



Celebrating the Class of 2021!

Graduation Update:

- Sunday, June 13, 2021
- Will likely be an outdoor event
 - stage, sound reinforcement, video screen, and FM frequency
- Flexibility/ Options
 - Host an "in car" ceremony in the west parking lot of the high school
 - "In person" ceremony at the football stadium
 - Indoors utilizing multiple spaces at the high school to spread people out due to inclement weather.

Bringing Back our Traditions



Prom Update:

- Brainstorming Phase
- Tentative Date: June 10
- Parents interested in helping host a prom.
 - Parent groups often take on big events such as the all-night party₁₀ after graduation.
- Inclusive of all Juniors and Seniors who would like to attend

Bringing Back our Traditions



The Return of Community Service Day:

- This year's event will be May 21, 2021
- Projects are being identified
- Engagement by classroom, or student activity group
- Contact Community Relations Coordinator Pat Tepoorten at ptepoorten@isd138.org





Save the date!

For the reception to honor former school board chair and long-time school board member Kirby Ekstrom!

DATE: Tuesday, March 9, 2021

TIME: 6 - 8 p.m.

LOCATION: North Branch Area High School

Refreshments will be served and social distancing observed. Join us in celebration of Kirby's long dedication to the school district, the many organizations he championed, and the students who inspired his service!

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Minnesota School Board Recognition Week February 22-26, 2021

Thank you for delivering on our mission!

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CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2019-2021

Goal 1: Prepare all learners for success in school and life

- **21st Century Learning:**
 - Develop a strong foundation for all students
 - Foster a growth mindset
 - Engage in meaningful, authentic learning experiences
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Goal 2: Rely on accountability for all staff and programs

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Goal 3: Increase community engagement

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Goal 4: Celebrate diversity to district priorities

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Governance work is policy work



Roles and Responsibilities

School Board = Governance

Administration = Management

Governance work is policy work



Policy Review Process

Policies are regularly reviewed by administration and recommendations are brought to the School Board for approval.

1. The first step in the process is to review model policies accessed through the Minnesota School Board Association (MSBA). MSBA regularly makes changes to the model policies based on changes in Minnesota Statutes and federal guidelines.
2. Then, the administrative team drafts a revised policy for thorough review by the School Board Policy Committee and Cabinet.
3. The policy with proposed recommendations is then sent to each member of the School Board.
4. The public hears the recommended policy revisions in the first reading at a School Board meeting
5. The following month a second reading at which the Board votes on accepting the revised policy.

Governance work is policy work



Current Policies Under Review

1. Policy 410 - Family and Medical Leave Policy (Review only - No MSBA changes)
2. Policy 413 - Harassment and Violence (Review only - No MSBA changes)
3. Policy 414 - Mandated Reporting of Child Neglect or Physical or Sexual Abuse (Review only - No MSBA changes)
4. Policy 415 - Mandated Reporting of Maltreatment of Vulnerable Adults (Review only - No MSBA changes)
5. Policy 514 - Bullying Prohibition Policy (Review only - No MSBA changes)
6. Policy 524-NB - Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy (Review only - No MSBA changes)
7. Policy 616-NB - School District System Accountability (MSBA changes-remove NB changes)
8. Policy 806 - Crisis Management Policy (Review only - No MSBA changes)