



Minnewaska Area Schools

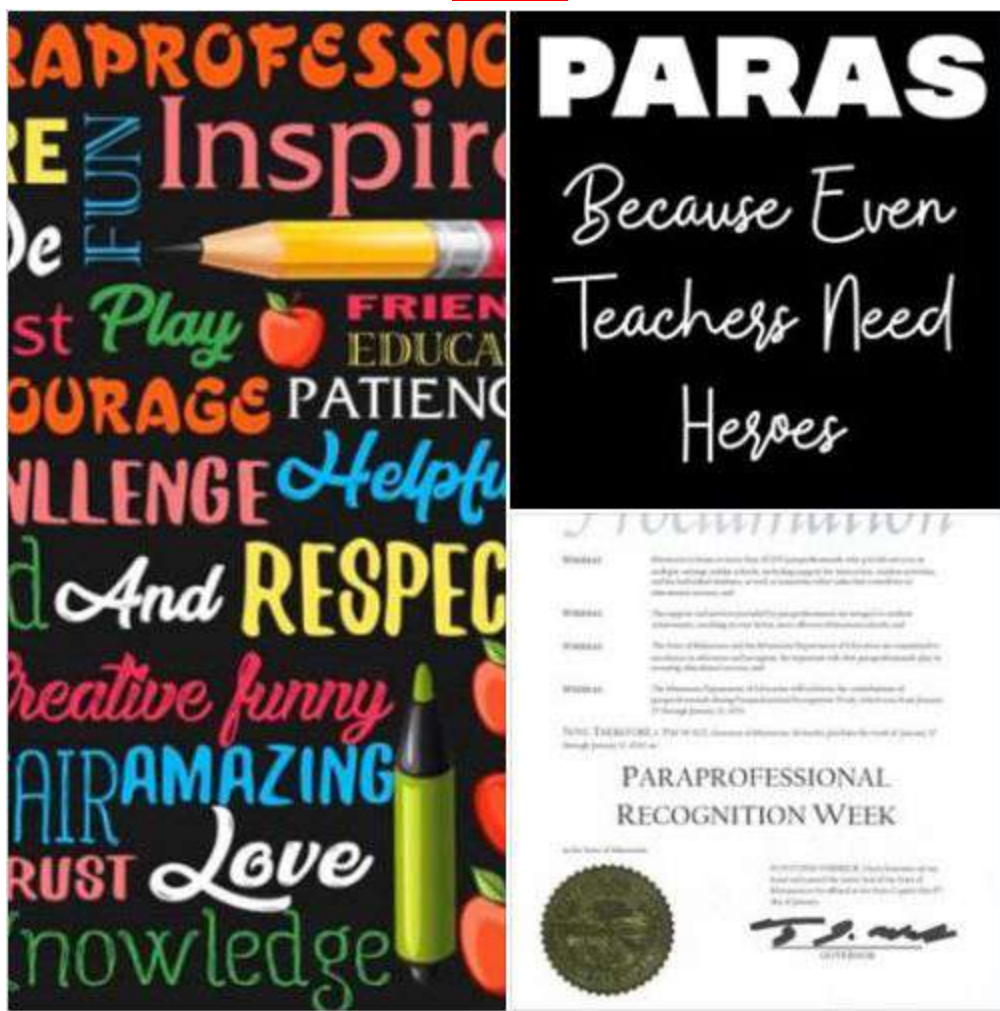
ENGAGE EVERY STUDENT, EVERYDAY! District 2149

Laker Family,

I'm writing to provide an update on some of the news and great things going on at Minnewaska Area Schools!

Chip
Superintendent

VIDEO



January 27-31, 2020 is Paraprofessional Recognition Week

A special thanks to all of our Paraprofessionals who do so many things for our students here at Minnewaska! We greatly appreciate you!

Enrollment GRADE COUNT (2020 Jan 1)

K	84
1	96
2	95
3	95 (370)
4	86
5	104
6	110 (300)
7	117
8	101 (218)
9	88
10	101
11	96
12	80 (365)

TOTAL 1253
WIN + 47
Grand Total 1300

We have 32 more students than this time last year at MAS.

Budget to Actual

MINNEWASKA PUBLIC SCHOOLS - ISD #2149
 K-12 Board Revenue Report
 January 21, 2020



MINNEWASKA
Public Schools

	BUDGET 2019-20	DECEMBER REVENUE	YEAR TO DATE	Encumbrances	BUDGET BALANCE	%YTD + ENC
01-GENERAL FUND						
Local Revenue	3,485,758	39,121.78	363,690.54	-4,011.92	3,126,079.38	10%
State Revenue	14,387,412	768,479.90	5,595,142.49	0.00	8,792,269.51	39%
Federal Revenue	429,675	0.00	260,366.54	0.00	169,308.46	61%
Insurance Recovery Revenue	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
SUB-TOTAL GENERAL FUND	18,302,845	729,358.12	6,219,199.57	-4,011.92	12,087,557.35	34%
02 - FOOD SERVICE FUND						
Local Revenue	321,300	43,039.31	213,953.16	0.00	107,346.84	67%
State Revenue	76,400	7,868.00	41,127.84	0.00	35,272.16	54%
Federal Revenue	305,400	27,423.47	136,795.62	0.00	168,604.38	45%
SUB-TOTAL FOOD SERVICE FUND	703,100	78,330.78	391,875.62	0.00	311,223.38	56%
04 - COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND						
Local Revenue	470,547	10,740.72	189,296.86	0.00	281,350.14	40%
State Revenue	92,383	23,503.08	55,412.67	0.00	36,970.33	60%
Federal Revenue	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
SUB-TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND	563,030	34,243.80	244,709.53	0.00	318,320.47	43%
07 - DEBT SERVICE FUND						
Local Revenue	1,539,487	-231,398.70	-40,380.54	0.00	1,579,867.54	-3%
State Revenue	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
SUB-TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	1,539,487	-231,398.70	-40,380.54	0.00	1,579,867.54	-3%
TOTAL REVENUE	21,108,462	610,534.00	6,815,405.18	-4,011.92	14,297,068.74	32%



1. Thanks Kendall Danielson, Mckenzie Durand and Lyla Stadtherr for being the Artists of the Week.

1. **MAS Bomb Threat UPDATE** An independent investigation was completed by Pemberton Law Firm. Results were reviewed by the Board and recommendations were provided by our attorney. Steps have been taken to address the incident and ensure it isn't repeated in the future.

BOMB THREAT	
CRITICAL INFORMATION	
All bomb threats must be taken seriously until they are assessed. Schools are primarily responsible for assessing the threat. The decision to evacuate rests with the school, not emergency responders, UNLESS a device is located.	
□ Upon receiving a bomb threat:	
STAFF	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notify building administration• Preserve evidence for law enforcement<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ If written threat, place note in paper envelope to preserve fingerprints◦ If the threat is written on a wall, photograph◦ If phoned threat, document all relevant information (see <i>Threat Incident Report Form</i>)• Complete <i>Threat Incident Report Form</i>	
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CALL 911 to notify law enforcement• Assess the threat by using the <i>Threat Assessment Procedures</i><ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Consult with emergency responders, as time permits◦ Determine credibility of threat• Document all actions taken by staff	
□ If the bomb threat is determined to be credible:	
BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initiate appropriate Lockdown procedures<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Provide additional instructions as necessary• Direct staff to implement scanning process for suspicious items<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Bombs may be placed anywhere on school property — inside or outside• Document all actions taken and findings by staff• Determine if evacuation procedures should be initiated	
STAFF	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement appropriate Lockdown procedures• Scan classroom or assigned areas for suspicious items• Do not touch any suspicious devices, packages, etc. If a device(s) is located, they should be pointed out to emergency responders• Notify building administration of findings	
□ If Evacuation Procedures are initiated:	
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BUILDING ADMINISTRATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Notify staff via phone system, hardwired PA system or by messenger. Do not use cell phones, radios or fire alarm system because of the risk of activating a device• Ensure evacuation routes and area(s) are clear of suspicious items<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Alter evacuation routes as necessary	
STAFF	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement Evacuation procedures• Take emergency go-kit and class roster	

IMPORTANT: ISD 2149 is considering starting **BEFORE Labor Day** next school year. Labor Day is September 7, 2020 next year. The proposed calendar would very similar to the 2019-2020 school calendar. Three public meetings are scheduled if you have input on next year's calendar. The meetings will be as follows: Wednesday, February 5 at 5:30 in the MAHS Media Center and Monday, February 24 at 6:30 in the MAS Board Room. The purpose for starting before Labor Day is to ensure we end the school year before Memorial Day. Send comments to: avanzee@isd2149.org

2020-2021 DRAFT School Calendar

ISD 2149 School Calendar																															
DRAFT #2																															
Aug-20							Sep-20							Oct-20							Nov-20										
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T0/S0	31							T21/S21								T21/S19								T1/S1	30						
T4/S0	Workshop 8/25-8/27						9/1 First Day of School						10/15-10/16 MEA Break						11/26-11/27 Thanksgiving Break												
	Flex Day 8/24						9/7 Labor Day-NO SCHOOL																								
	8/11 Flex Day (11/9) 8/24 Flex Day 8/25-8/27 Teacher Inservice						9/1- 1st Day of school						10/15 and 10/16 MEA Break 10/19- Inservice day 10/20 & 10/22- K-12 Conf 3:30-7:30						11/5- End of Q1 11/6 Workshop/Inservice 11/9 Flex Day (8/11)												
Dec-20							Jan-21							Feb-21							Mar-21										
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T17/S17	Holiday Break 12/23-1/3						T20/S18	1/15 End of Sem 1						2/15 President's Day						T21/S20											
	Holiday Break from 12/24-1/3						1/15- End of 1st semester 1/18 Workshop 1/19 Inservice						2/12 and 2/15- Off 2/23 & 2/25- K-12 Conf 3:30-7:30						3/18- End of Q3 3/19 Inservice 3/22 & 3/23- Off Mini Spring Break												
Apr-21							May-21							Jun-21							Jul-21										
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							T19/S18	5/31 Memorial Day																							

District News:



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NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 8, 2020

MINNEWASKA AREA SCHOOLS DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT MOBILIZED TO 13 MONTHS OF ACTIVE DUTY



Minnewaska Area Schools Superintendent, LTC Chip Rankin, will be mobilized to Active Duty as the Commander of the 2nd Battalion 135th Infantry Regiment, Minnesota Army National Guard beginning in June of 2020 through May of 2021. Rankin serves as a Battalion Commander of 2-135 headquartered in Mankato. As a part of Task Force BAYONET, Rankin will mobilize in June in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. LTC Rankin has been a member of the Minnesota Army National Guard for 25+ years with previous deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

Due to this mobilization, Minnewaska Area Schools is seeking a full or part-time interim superintendent of schools to assume leadership of the district from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Applications are due by 3 p.m. on Friday, February 7, or until the position is filled. Applicants are invited to submit a letter of interest, resume, minimum of three contemporary letters of recommendation, copy of current MN Superintendent's License or proof of eligibility. Applications can be mailed to Minnewaska Area Schools, Attn: Angie VanZee - Assistant to the Superintendent, 25122 State Highway 28, Glenwood, MN 56334 or emailed to avanzee@isd2149.org.

NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 27, 2020

MINNEWASKA AREA SCHOOLS ADDRESS AUDIT FINDINGS AND ATHLETIC FIELD MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Recent Audit Findings

A recent audit conducted by Desautels, Bartosiewski, & Associates uncovered corrective actions Minnewaska Area Schools (MAS) must enforce to be in compliance with Minnesota Statute 471.345: UNIFORM CONTRACTING LAW. The audit specifically cited the need for MAS to receive two estimates for all contracts under \$25,000 and requires a 30-day sealed bid process for any contracts over \$25,000. If less than two quotes are received, it is the responsibility of MAS to solicit additional estimates. As part of the correction action plan Superintendent Chip Rankin signed a certified letter committing to updating Minnewaska Area Schools' bidding process for every contract up for renewal. Failure to comply could put MAS at risk for litigation or funding issues.

In the majority of cases, Minnewaska Area Schools conducted the appropriate bidding process, however, the audit uncovered a few contracts that were not in compliance. As those contracts come up for renewal, we are committed to ensuring all contracts are bid lawfully.

Athletic Field Maintenance Contract

A contract that has recently been up for discussion is the Athletic Field Maintenance contract. Since 2004, MAS has contracted with Diamond Doctor for the maintenance of our outdoor athletic facilities. Our current contract with Diamond Doctor was a 2-year contract for the amount of \$36,000 ended October 31, 2019. A contract renewal proposal was submitted for a 3-year contract in the amount of \$65,700.

Over the course of the past 15 years, Diamond Doctor has been paid more than \$222,000 for their services. While the services of Diamond Doctor have been excellent, the recent audit process highlighted a few items to consider when renewing the contract. Those items include:

- Complying with Minnesota Law by following the sealed bid process.
- The price of maintenance was expected to decrease by \$15,000 per year due to the installation of artificial turf on the football/soccer field in 2016, however, the price of the renewal contract increased by 5 percent.
- Past coverage of all baseball field maintenance costs while considering the amount of field usage by Minnewaska Area Schools sanctioned activities in comparison to outside entities.
- Minnewaska is the only school in the conference that pays an outside source for athletic field facility maintenance, other schools have named custodians and coaches responsible.

In order to comply with our certified response to the audit, it is necessary for the bidding process to be opened for the athletic field maintenance contract. Diamond Doctor, like any other vendor, is welcome to submit a sealed bid during the process.

It is important to note that no contract has been awarded for athletic field maintenance. We will be accepting sealed bids in JAN and FEB in regard to this contract. In addition, we will be evaluating the needs of Minnewaska Area Schools' athletic maintenance requires and make recommendations for moving forward.

Community Education & Activities:

Summary Report

MAS Board of Education Meeting – Monday, January 20th:
Community Education & Activities Report:

Minnewaska Area High School Activities Update

Monday, January 27th, 2020

Winter Activities - Mid Season Update – The winter sports activity season is now well into its second half as our teams have begun the push toward post season play.

Boys' Basketball – At the time of this report, our boys' basketball team has been playing another very competitive schedule against several of the top teams in the area. The boys' have had a great season thus far and have continued to improve game by game under Coaches Johnsrud, Darin Johnson, Jesse Johnson, and Ted Hill. They have posted a 9-3 record as of this report. The last four weeks of the season are just ahead as they make their way toward the stretch run and the post-season sub-sectional playoffs which begin on Saturday, February 29th.

Girls' Basketball – Our girls' basketball team has also had a competitive season thus far. Like the boys', they have played a tough schedule against some of the state's top teams with several more to come in the weeks ahead. Head coach Brett Thorfinnson and assistant coaches Nick Danielson and Brad Randt have our girls at 8-8 as they head into the last few weeks of play. As the girls' look toward improving in the latter half of the 19-20 campaign and moving up the standings, they are eyeing the possibility of a home playoff game in the first round of the Section 3AA-North playoffs which begin on February 20th.

Wrestling – The state's 3rd ranked team in Class A, the wrestlers have had another outstanding year to date and performed extremely well thus far. With participant numbers now pushing 50, the Lakers have wrestled well against some of the best teams in the area and the state. Other big meets ahead for the grapplers include the WCC Meet being held at MAHS on Thursday, February 6th, the quarterfinals of the Section 5A Team Tournament on February 11th, and semifinals and finals of the Section 5A Team Tournament on Friday, February 14th. Both events will be held right here at Minnewaska Area High School. At the end of February, the ultra-exciting Section 5A Individual Tournament will be held at Long Prairie-Grey Eagle High School on Saturday, February 22nd with the 1st and 2nd place finishers moving on to the MSHSL State Class "A" Tournament which runs from February 26th through February 29th at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

Dance Team - The Laker Dance team has continued to make huge strides this season. They have placed high in nearly every competition this winter as they make preparations for the upcoming Section 3AA Meet at Montevideo High School on Saturday, February 8th. To date, the Laker Jazz and Kick teams have brought home a total of ten trophies from area events and invites. Both junior varsity and varsity squads have consistently placed in the top three in virtually every event. The goal at the varsity level is to try and qualify one or both squads for the MSHSL state tournament this year, which would be an amazing accomplishment considering the program is only in its fourth year! State qualifying requires at least a 4th place finish or higher for jazz and 3rd place or higher for kick. The team is right where they need to be as they head into the final few weeks of the season in working on their routine to try and qualify for a trip to "State!"


Speech – The MAHS Speech team began its competition on Saturday, January 25th at Little Falls. We are again very excited about the continuing large number of participants for 2020 under the direction of head coach Chris Lence and assistant coaches Marit Salvesson, Kaye Kriel and Shayla Hollenbeck as they look to continue the success of three consecutive sub-section runner-up finishes and qualifying a number of participants to the state meet! An update on their season will be a part of the report at the February board meeting.

MAHS/MSHSL AAA Award Recipients – The 2019-2020 Minnewaska Area High School MSHSL AAA Award Recipients are Seniors Greta Reichmann and Drew Nelson. They will be recognized for their achievement

in-between the boys' basketball games on Tuesday, January 28th. Congratulations to both Greta and Drew for receiving this prestigious honor!

One Act Play - The One Act Play cast took home the Sub-Section Second Place trophy on Saturday, January 25th at New London-Spicer High School for their performance of "Werewolf?". They now move on to the Section 5A competition at St. Cloud State University on Saturday, March 1st. Congrats and good luck to the entire cast and directors Kaye Kriel and Bailey Van Den Heuvel.

Respectfully Submitted - Bill Mills – Activities Director - Minnewaska Area High School



MINNEWASKA THEATER
PRESENTS
A PLAY IN ONE-ACT
By WILLIAM K. GLEASON

BEN LARSON
DOCTOR
STEVEN TALBERG
HAROLD
QUINN HANSON
LOVEY
KAYLEE NILSON
MUMSY
KAITLYN PEDERSON
VOICES
BRANDON SCHOEN - LIGHTS
ZACH MORTON - CREW

MINNEWASKA AUDITORIUM
WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 29
5:00 P.M.
DURATION - 30 MINUTES
FREE ADMISSION

Minnewaska Area Schools Community Education Update

January 27th, 2020

Winter Men's Recreation Basketball: The Men's Basketball League has reached the season's mid-point as they move into their second half and prepare for the playoffs in late February and early March. This continues to be a highly successful program which participants enjoy during each Wednesday evening contest.

Pool Programs – The planning for our spring youth swimming programs is underway with registration for lessons that begin in March. Heidi Weller is doing a wonderful job in organizing these programs for the spring, along with coordinator Linda Hoffmann. We once again anticipate that our participation numbers will be solid in all sessions

Early Childhood Family Education and After School Programming – Both of these programs continue with strong numbers. The winter programs in ECFE began just after the first of the year and again show positive numbers in both the morning and evening sessions. Same can be said of our After School Program at MAES under the direction of coordinator Audrey Frey, whose large numbers continue to be a positive. Our school readiness program moves into the second half of the school year as our staff continues to provide great educational experiences for those involved. MAS, ECFE Coordinator Sara Nestor has already received a number of commitments, and inquiries for the 2020-2021 school year. Sara is also working on a number of grants for the next school year as well. Also, please take note that our annual ECFE Fundraiser is underway as they are

partnering again this year with the Pizza Ranch where they are selling gift cards good for the purchase of all items! If interested contact Sara at ECFE or call the Community Ed/Activities Office!

Minnesota Community Education Association Leadership Days – Heidi Weller and I will be attending the MCEA Leadership Days seminar in St. Cloud on Thursday, February 20th. The conference incorporates a series of

break-out sessions that are condensed around four basic topic areas. Also included will be early legislative updates on CE funding and any possible changes for this session.

Minnewaska Community Education Advisory Council - The MCEAC met on Wednesday, January 8th at Minnewaska Area High School. Heidi and I updated the group on recreational and other CE programming while Pope County Collaborative Coordinator Jeannie Pederson and ECFE Coordinator Sara Nestor gave their mid-winter progress reports on their programs. We also discussed the Minnewaska Messenger as it is set to be delivered to area mailboxes by February 15th! There was also a great deal of conversation regarding facility rental at Minnewaska Area Schools.

Respectfully Submitted – Bill Mills – Community Education Director - Minnewaska Area Schools

GO LAKERS!

Minnewaska Area Elementary and Intermediate School: January 27, 2020

Summary Report:

Specific Work on ISD 2149 Strategic Plan

Provide Rigorous, Relevant, and Personalized Learning

- Introduced and met on new Curriculum Cycle to Staff during Jan 2-3 Inservice
- Beginning to lay the groundwork for K-12 Vertical Curriculum Conversations
- Worked with MAHS staff to review ELO's and process
- Creating curriculum team to move forward with plans to fully implement MAS Curriculum Cycle in fall 2020.
- Facilitated E-Learning for staff. Incredible conversations from Dr. Bill Daggett's video at Model School's, Standards Based Grading and Search Institute

Effective and Efficient Operations

- Working closely with staff to support 14 students who are new to Minnewaska's K-6 since January 6th.
- Completed 2nd round of observations for probationary and Continuing Contract staff

Partnerships and Communications

- Much is below as we work in partnership with many
- Working alongside Caleb and Britt Rose as they build teacher aide opportunities for students and teachers
- Working with Britt Rose to provide experiences in classrooms for senior students

Safe and Welcoming learning community

- Working with community teams to build Operation Laker Pride where we will provide support for Chip's Battalion. We're planning connecting 3-4 times to support or facetime with members

of his team. We will launch information on 1/27 and will begin packing bags as a K-12 system on March 4th.

- Working with Reading for Research in collaboration with Andrea and Matt Wagner to raise money for cancer research. Students at MAEIS will participate in a Readathon and raise childhood cancer awareness.
- Working with PTA, Admin. Team and staff to celebrate Paraprofessionals during Paraprofessional week.
- Collaborating with Preschool Screening Team to prepare for Minnewaska's first onsite Preschool Screening on 2/14.

Minnewaska Area High School: 1.27.20

Summary Report: **It's Paraprofessional Recognition Week - Full week of recognition and thank yous**

Specific Work on ISD 2149 Strategic Plan

Provide Rigorous, Relevant, and Personalized Learning

- Reaching out to schools across Minnesota to do site visits (BLT Members) to learn more about how we can provide personalized learning opportunities while building flexibility in a student's schedule;
- Data digs for all 7-12 Math and English teachers (Jan. 13/14) to determine students that may need W.I.N. 2nd semester and look at overall student growth and areas of curricular focus;
- Met with math specialist/s and sales to consider new math curriculum for '20-'21 while comparing which curriculum/textbooks may lend itself better for personalized learning;
- Coordinating our Incentive and Career Day coming up on Wednesday, February 5th. Working with area business and industry to partner while sharing relevancy;
- Participated in our first *E Learning Day* of the year and it went very smoothly on 1/17;
- Working with staff to consider a way forward for some of our previous College In The Schools courses that have been offered in the past but can no longer be provided due to lack of credentialing according to the Higher Learning Commission requirement for 18 credits beyond master's degree to teach college-level courses;
- Working to provide homebound curriculum services to two MAHS students who need equal opportunity for their education. Mrs. Noyes has agreed to provide both individual instruction and guidance through some online Edgenuity courses for this service;



Effective and Efficient Operations

- Met on 1/22 to discuss Crisis Planning and best practices while setting goals and targets for change and implementation timelines;
- Met with classroom teachers on 1/20 who may have had some fire code hazards in the classroom to determine a plan for fixing and clean up;
- Finalizing the 2020-2021 course description catalogue to begin the registration process with teachers meeting in their PLCs to finalize language and discuss course offerings;
- Worked with Nathan Riebold (Pope/Douglas Waste) to write a \$4,500 grant to get blue recycling containers available in every classroom across the District to become more efficient and effective in our recycling efforts (see sample container below);



Partnerships and Communications

- Planning and preparations for our 3rd Annual Career Day coming up on Wednesday, February 5th. Students in grades 9-12 will be participating in community site visits for three career clusters including: Agriculture, Business, and Manufacturing tours. We will also have a 20+ business and industry available in the gym for the Career Fair portion;
- Setting up a campus tour of St. Cloud Technical College for our STRIVE students (Rotary) to take place on Wednesday, February 12th;
- We hosted two different career presentations from FAST Global and Glenwood State Bank to share their information with our STRIVE students on 1/22;
- Met with Blaine Peterson to discuss strategies for our Vocational Tech and Art students to assist with beautifying the Starbuck Depot while making it kid friendly. Both Ms. Salveson and Mr.

- Entzi have agreed to partner in making wagon train cars for kids;
- All 10th grade students participated in Sophomore Sneak A Peek at ATCC on 1/7;

Safe and Welcoming Learning Community

- District Safety Committee met on 1/16 to review mock fire code violations and review process and procedures for correction;
- Assisting with Safe and Welcoming Committee to have 7-12 students participate in "Operation Laker Pride" as a learning opportunity for our students as well as give back to those that serve our country while taking advantage of Mr. Rankin's commitment to the Army National Guard during his deployment;

MAHS Upcoming Events:

January 27 - MAS Board Meeting (MAHS 7-12 Presentation "At A Glance") - 7:00 PM;
 January 31 - MAHS Blood Drive;
 February 5 - Incentive and Career Day
 February 6 - Crisis Planning Part 2
 February 12 - Rotary STRIVE St. Cloud Tech College Tour
 February 13 - 3rd Q Midterm/Request for Conferences Due
 February 14 - No School - Inservice Day

Minnewaska Area W.I.N. Academy

Summary Report:

- 3 students graduated our program on Friday, Jan. 24th
- Since last board meeting we have started 3 new students enter the program
- We currently have 11 students partially transitioned back to their home districts
- We have 15 students on our waiting list and 3 intakes in process.

Specific Work on ISD 2149 Strategic Plan

Provide Rigorous, Relevant, and Personalized Learning

- NWEA testing took place January 13-16. We are looking at how we can best utilize the data beyond increase/decrease in math/reading scores. Teachers are using PLC time to research both NWEA and STAR assessments and determine which is the most practical test to utilize for our students and how to best utilize the data.
- Teachers are using some in-service time to write the ELO's for their grade level classes.

Effective and Efficient Operations

- Working with Food Service to offer 2nd chance breakfast via a grant. We anticipate this will help with behaviors we see when kids are hungry. Update: We did not receive the grant but Paulette said the plan is to try and move forward with some sort of 2nd choice breakfast.
- January 15th- The Minnesota PBIS Leadership Team from MDE recognized Minnewaska's W.I.N. Academy for their Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) work! During the 2018-2019 school year, your school team measured and met fidelity using the following PBIS implementation

measures: Tiered Fidelity Inventory (TFI), and School-wide Evaluation Tool (SET).

- We are in a recertification year with DHS, Leah is hoping to get everything submitted by April. The site visit and file audit to be scheduled.
- Working with Andrea to get to the bottom of some billing questions, scheduling with folks from DHS and MDE to help get our process questions answered.
- Our first E-Learning day was a success

Partnerships and Communications

- Holly Ridge partnership: - Working on setting up visits for the near future
- Kids in the Kitchen: Paulette and Julie met with our senior high students to provide training to them on working in the kitchen. We will have them taking turns working with Julie. They will be gaining skills on food prep and such in the kitchen.
- BeKind Committee members were here Dec. 19th and served cookies and hot chocolate to our students.
- Former EBD Tech at WIN, Sandi V., was here to make no bake cookies with the students on Dec 12th
- Students that earned enough points were rewarded with an incentive trip on Wed., Dec 18th. to pizza and bowling in Alex.
- WIN students went caroling and played BINGO with residents at the Minnewaska Lutheran Home on Dec. 20th.
- Field trip to Morris RFC to swim on Friday, January 24th.
- All students received a complete ham dinner for their families on Dec. 18th compliments of wonderful community donors.

Safe and Welcoming Learning Community

- Reset rooms are registered with the State and in use now. We are planning to change the interior of each room due to safety. Just waiting for final work on the material, as it has to meet Fire Code.
 - Fire door has yet to be installed by cafeteria. Working with Corey Curry on getting that appropriately placed and to code with Fire Marshall
 - Working on replacing all glass with safety glass throughout the upper level of our building.
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Technology/Curriculum/Instruction:

Summary Report: We were able to renew some older hardware over the last month. We replaced 2 older switches in the high school over the xmas break and setup a new domain controller server at our elementary school which went online a couple weeks ago. We also setup new chromebooks for our 10th class. These will be distributed to the 10th graders on Wednesday January 29th. We also will be getting 35 iPads for the first graders which were donated by the local Rotary. Those should be received soon and we should have them ready to go soon after. It's that time of year where we will soon start to get ready for MCA testing. On the IT side we need to test our network to confirm all looks good with the Pearson test site. We also set up a couple devices to cache some of the testing questions on our network. We should have everything ready to go in time for our testing dates in the Spring.

Since the start of this school year the IT dept has had 283 help ticket requests from staff. Since the last board report we have had 33 requests. We currently have 7 open tickets we are still working on. We have had 300 student device repair incidents since the start of this school year with 83 since the last board report. Out of the total of 300 device repairs 60 have been due to accidental damage and the rest due to device defects/failures.

Buildings/Grounds:

Summary report: On 1-16 we held our first Safety Committee meeting. Corey Curry was named Chair and Angie Vanzee was named Recorder. We discussed the findings from a walk through that was done at our High School and WIN Academy performed by Rick Brynildson of Lakes Country Co-op. We had several different issues that needed attention and some have already been addressed. We will be conducting another meeting in February at which we will discuss the findings of the Elementary School amongst other safety issues.

With almost 450 requests, our work order system is keeping us busy but organized. This system really has worked out nicely.

With 2 changes in staff, our Efficiencies are improving and we are constantly looking to improve our processes. I have seen our morale improve greatly which will continue to improve our work. Mark is working out very well at WIN and John has been doing well filling in while we find our next full time employee.

Boiler #1 has been down now for some time and I am putting our numbers together for a High Efficiency replacement. With anywhere from 10:1 to 25:1 turndown, these new boilers are so much more efficient the pay back is quicker than ever and since this is the one that we use year round, we need it to be as efficient as possible.

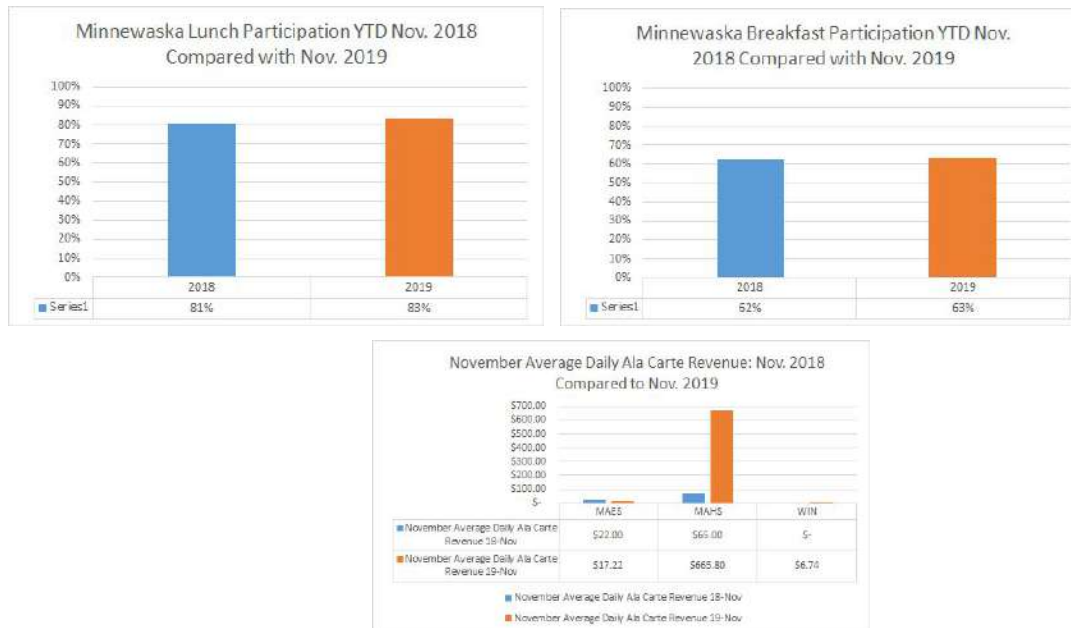
I have changed vendors for some of our products and we should realize a savings at the end of the year.

Food Service:

Summary Report: The following initiatives have been set in place for 19-20SY:

1. We did not receive the grant for a mobile breakfast cart for WIN. We will be moving forward for second chance breakfast regardless. The timeline on this is mid- end of February.
2. Paulette and Julie trained in 5 WIN students to assist in the dishroom. Primary purpose is learning responsibility and skill building. It's a "WIN- WIN" for everyone!
3. We have not heard back yet on the Farm To School equipment grant for mixers and processors.

4. **November Reports just in. Participation is up just slightly. We are encouraged by these numbers. The FNS teams at the elementary, Intermediate and WIN are doing a great job!**



Specific Work on ISD 2149 Strategic Plan

Provide Rigorous, Relevant, and Personalized Learning

Effective and Efficient Operations

We added an extra position to MAHS (6hours) to provide better service to the additional students we now have eating with us. We also have extended our ala carte purchasing options until 3:15. This allows students in extra curricular activities to have the ability to purchase meals after hours.

Partnerships and Communications

This year FNS will be partnering with Country Blossom Farms as well as Sprout Food Hub in Little Falls to provide local MN produce for all schools.

Upcoming Events:

October 14-18 National School Lunch Week

Every Tuesday is "Try It Tuesday": Coming up in October Kids will be served different varieties of local apples all month.

October 10th: Apple Crunch Day