

Superintendent Report

August 9, 2018

1. **NJPA MN Summit** The summit will be held next Tuesday and Wednesday at Madden's on Gull Lake. The focus of the summit will continue to be on the High Reliability Schools framework. Our teaching staff will travel to Sourcewell on Tuesday, August 28 to work with Phil Warrick various HRS components that are specific to our school district for this school year.
2. **ALICE** - Verndale School leaders will work with emergency response leaders to develop some critical plans to ensure the safety of our students and staff throughout the school day. These plans will be developed and disseminated to staff during the August workshop days.
3. **Back to School Newsletter** - The Verndale Back to School Newsletter will be mailed out at the end of the week. It contains very important information regarding the start of the school year. An instant alert will also be sent out to parents to make sure each family in our district receives this newsletter. The format is a great way to send a great deal of information in a condensed manner.
4. **Summer Programs** - The summer programs finished on Friday, August 3. Many different activities and opportunities were available for our students. We will review our numbers to see what changes will need to be made for next year. Unfortunately, our participation in the summer meal program continues to decline. The staff are considering changes that can be made to make this program sustainable.
5. **Fall Sports** - Fall sports practices will start this Monday for the varsity programs. The annual all-sports meeting will not be held this year. We will provide all the information online using our school website. The information that will be available will include our school policies, MSHSL eligibility requirements, the MSHSL *Why We Play* video, and the concussion protocols. The baseline concussion testing will be held on August 10 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.
6. **Student Enrollment** - We have seen growth in our school enrollment over the summer. The increase in enrollment is spread between the elementary and high school levels. As we know, we still have several days that can have an impact on student enrollment.
7. **School Board Elections** - The Verndale School District has three school board seats up for election. Scott Veronen, Bill Blaha, and Tony Stanley's terms end the first Monday in January. Affidavits of Candidacy are available in the school office. They must be notarized and submitted by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, August 14. There is a \$2 filing fee.

Upcoming Events

Sourcewell Summer Summit	August 14-15
District Staff Workshop	August 27
Sourcewell/Dr. Phil Warrick Teacher Training @ Sourcewell	August 28
Teacher Workshop Day/Open House	August 29
Teacher/Teacher Assistant Workshop	August 30
First Day of School (Grades 1-7 and 12)	September 4
First Day of School (Grades K and 8-11)	September 5
September School Board Meeting	September 10