

Superintendent
June 11, 2018

Verndale School Enrollment Update – Students K-12

September 2007	425	September 5, 2014	517
May 2008	431	May 22, 2015	523
September 2008	465	September 1, 2015	530
May 22, 2009	462	May 20, 2016	522
September 23, 2009	485	September 6, 2016	537
May 19, 2010	468	May 31, 2017	547
September 8, 2010	483	September 8, 2017	542
May 18, 2011	486	September 26, 2017	542
September 22, 2011	480	November 3, 2017	547
May 23, 2012	466	December 1, 2017	549
September 18, 2012	486	January 5, 2018	546
May 3, 2013	485	February 2, 2018	547
September 4, 2013	496	March 2, 2018	547
May 30, 2014	502	April 2, 2018	547
		May 4, 2018	546
		May 18, 2018	543

Preliminary Budget: 533 Students Nov. Revised Budget: 540 Students

1. **School Resource Officer** - The addition of the school resource officer was greatly appreciated by our students and staff at the end of the school year. Support from the Verndale Police Department and the Wadena County Sheriff's Office was strong and noticed. A conversation about adding this position to our school was discussed by the board last winter. A plan and proposal will be presented in the near future. The plan will include considerations for the safety of students and staff, budget constraints, and possible sharing options.
2. **Summer Programs** - Our school building is bustling with summer programs. Summer rec has a large number of participants and the childcare care program has students all day. The marching band has been practicing on the streets of Verndale and the wrestlers had a camp earlier in the week. The next two months of summer will be busy with summer rec, swimming lessons, band lessons, summer theater, childcare program, and a variety of sports' camps.
3. **State Track Meet** - Congratulations to Samuel Moore and Brett Jansen for qualifying for the MSHSL State Track and Field Meet at Hamline University in St. Paul. Sam is

defending his titles in the discus and shot put events.

4. **Summer Enrollment** - Enrollments for next year have started this past week. With the enrollment process, we have seen continued growth in our sixth grade class. This class is currently at 60 students. We will need to be prepared with various options if we see more growth in this particular grade level. These options could include capping open enrollment or adding additional staff.
5. **Negotiations** - Negotiations are ongoing with the bus drivers and support staff. A meeting was held on May 30 with both bargaining units. After the last meeting, the bus drivers have petitioned to go to mediation with the Bureau of Mediation Services. It looks like the district will be involved in mediation with the bus drivers in July.
6. **2018 AASA Legislative Advocacy Conference in Washington D.C.** - I have been invited by Sourcewell (formerly NJPA) to attend the 2018 AASA Legislative Advocacy Conference in Washington D.C. on July 10-12. I will be joining superintendents from Region 5, Sourcewell staff, and school leaders from around the nation to share concerns and insights regarding federal policies impacting education. The only expense for the school district will be the cost of the conference (\$149) and meals.
7. **Cross Country** - A request has been made to add cross country to the list of sports we offer to our students. Bertha-Hewitt is considering adding the program in the fall of 2019. I will review costs, logistics, and the feasibility of adding the program in our school. We currently offer girls swimming, girls tennis, and volleyball in the fall.
8. **Superintendent Evaluation** - The form for the evaluation of the superintendent will be disseminated at the conclusion of the board meeting. Please complete and return the evaluation to Kim Moske by Monday, July 2. Kim will tally the results and forward the information to Marcus for review. The summary will be discussed at the board retreat in July and shared at the August school board meeting.

Upcoming Events

High Reliability Schools Summit in Austin, Texas	June 28-30
AASA Legislative Advocacy Conference in Washington D.C.	July 10-12
School Board Retreat	July ??
Summer Programs End	August 3
MN Summit for Learning and Leading	August 14-15
August School Board Meeting	August 13