

**Superintendent Report**  
**January 6, 2020**

**Verndale School Enrollment Update – Students K-12**

September 2007	425	September 1, 2015	530
May 2008	431	May 20, 2016	522
September 2008	465	September 6, 2016	537
May 22, 2009	462	May 31, 2017	547
September 23, 2009	485	September 8, 2017	542
May 19, 2010	468	May 18, 2018	543
September 8, 2010	483	September 25, 2018	566
May 18, 2011	486	May 17, 2019	550
September 22, 2011	480	September 6, 2019	556
May 23, 2012	466	October 3, 2019	560
September 18, 2012	486	October 31, 2019	560
May 3, 2013	485	November 25, 2019	560
September 4, 2013	496	January 3, 2020	559
May 30, 2014	502		
September 5, 2014	517	<b>Preliminary budget set at:</b>	<b>547 Students</b>
May 22, 2015	523	<b>Revised budget set at:</b>	<b>557 Students</b>

1. **Leadership Conference** - The MSBA Leadership Conference will be held Thursday, January 16 and Friday, January 17. Marcus Edin will be recognized on Thursday, January 16 at the Recognition Luncheon for his 20 years of service as a school board member. Amanda Richter and Rachel Bounds will join us on Friday morning to share information regarding the Exemplary Project Fund at the Round Table presentations. The outline for the presentation is attached to this report. We can discuss travel plans to the conference after the meeting.
2. **January 20 Staff Workshop Day** - Teachers and administration will travel to Sourcewell on Monday, January 20 to continue the work on HRS. Toby Boss will be available to help staff as they continue to work on proficiency scales, unit plans, and assessments.
3. **Spring Parent Teacher Conferences** - Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, March 2 and Tuesday, March 3. Unfortunately, Precinct Caucus Day is on Tuesday, March 3, and meetings cannot be held after 6 pm. The recommendation is to hold conferences until 6 pm on Tuesday, March 3 because there are too many other conflicts on the other days of that week.

4. **Threat Assessment** - Administration met with the school resource officer to review our current safety needs. Initial thoughts were to add more cameras throughout the building and grounds to ensure continued surveillance. Entry points will also be reviewed to ensure our school is always safe. This spring efforts will be made to hold a comprehensive intruder situation that will include contacting parents. Planning will happen in January and February and press releases will be sent out in March.
5. **Health Insurance** - Health insurance plans started for the employees who qualified for insurance on January 1. The employees have their insurance cards, and we are now a school district that provides this benefit to our qualifying staff.
6. **2020-2021 School Calendar** - The committee will meet in January to review the 2020-2021 school calendar. Labor Day falls very late this fall, so school will not start until Tuesday, September 8. This may change if current MN law is modified. But for now, we will plan for a post Labor Day start.
7. **FY 21 Budget** - Plans will be put in place to start the budget process for the FY 21 budget. We will review student enrollment projections to set the revenues and meet with leaders to set expenditure targets for the upcoming school year.

**Upcoming Events**

January Two-Hour Late Start	January 8
MSBA Leadership Conference	January 16-17
End of the 2nd Quarter/1st Semester	January 17
Staff Workshop Day - No School	January 20
February Board Meeting	February 3

# Exemplary Project Funds to Enhance Student Learning, Student and Staff Safety, and the Workplace Environment

Verndale Public School #818

Amanda Richter, Rachel Bounds, Paul Brownlow, Tony Stanley

Friday, January 17, 2020

- I. **Purpose** - The Verndale School Board wants to encourage and inspire staff members to develop projects and requests that enhance student learning, student and staff safety, and the workplace environment.
- II. **Procedure**
  - A. School board designates \$40,000 from the general fund for Exemplary Project funding each year
  - B. Any staff member can submit a project application
  - C. Committee of staff members review the project and recommend to the school board for funding
  - D. Staff are notified of approved projects and proceed with ordering equipment or arranging programs
- III. **Projects**
  - A. Student Learning
    1. Author in Residence
    2. Math Manipulatives and Calculators
    3. Physical Education Equipment
    4. Music Instruments
    5. Technology Equipment and Software for Classrooms and IT Department
    6. Science Equipment and Elementary Science Kits
    7. Industrial Arts Equipment
    8. Flexible Seating
    9. Classroom Rugs
    10. Whiteboard Tables
    11. Tower Garden
  - B. Student and Staff Safety
    1. Playground Equipment
  - C. Workplace Environment
    1. Additional Lighting for Drivers in Bus Garage
    2. Water Filling Station
    3. Teacher Stand-Up Desk
    4. Washing Machine for Special Education Staff
    5. Condiment Dispensers
- IV. **Summary**
  - A. The district has allocated \$120,000 over the past three years for funding of Exemplary Projects
  - B. Bus drivers, paraprofessionals, food service staff, clerical staff, teachers, and supervisors have applied for funding
  - C. Over \$100,000 has been expended for approved projects
- V. **Contact Information**
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  - C. Paul Brownlow - [pbrownlow@verndaleschool.org](mailto:pbrownlow@verndaleschool.org) or (218) 445-5184
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- VI. **Questions**









# Exemplary Project Funds 2019-2020

The Verndale School Board has designated \$40,000 for exemplary projects this year. These funds are to be used to enhance student learning, student and staff safety, and the workplace environment. Past projects have included funds for authors in residence, technology, classroom equipment, food service equipment, classroom furniture, playground equipment, software, outdoor basketball court, etc.

When completing the application, please keep the mission statement of the Verndale School in mind. This application is open to all staff members (bus drivers, custodians, education assistants, food service personnel, clerical staff, teachers, administration) in the school district. Projects will be reviewed by a committee of staff members from various departments. Individuals who submit an application will not be allowed to serve on the committee.

All project applications must be submitted by 4 pm on Thursday, October 3, 2019. The committee will review projects on Friday, October 4, and the school board will approve the recommended projects at their regular meeting on Monday, October 7.

The mission of the Verndale Public School District is to provide a safe environment where students are prepared for an ever-changing world through educational excellence.

### School District Goals

- 1. Optimize Student Achievement
- 2. Manage an Effective School District Budget
- 3. Retain Effective Staff Members

\* Required

**1. Email address \***

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**2. Name \***

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**3. Please provide a short description of your request for Exemplary Project funds. \***

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**4. Please provide or describe the outcomes you want to achieve with your proposed request. \***

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**5. Please provide a detailed budget for your request. You must include any shipping costs. \***

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**6. Please include any additional details you feel necessary for the consideration of your request. \***

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