

Superintendent
April 2, 2018

Verndale School Enrollment Update – Students K-12

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

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

1. **Spring Sports' Seasons** - The spring sports' seasons have started. Unfortunately, the weather has not cooperated forcing the practices to be held indoors. The track team has been able to compete in a couple of indoor meets. With the latest weather forecast, it looks like the teams will not be moving outside anytime soon.
2. **Band and Choir Orlando Trip** - The band and choir students had a great time in Orlando last week. Forty-eight students and three chaperones enjoyed a day at the beach and 4 days at various theme parks. Both groups performed to great audiences at Disney Springs. The students represented our school and community very well.
3. **Phil Warrick HRS Level 1 Certification** - The Verndale School District was certified in Level 1 of the High Reliability Schools framework. Dr. Warrick reviewed the school practices and procedures for safety and collaboration on Monday, March 12. During his visit, he talked with students and staff to make sure our written practices were being used regularly in our building. He said the feedback he received from the students and staff was that our school was a safe place.

This is a great honor for our school district, as Verndale is the first school in the state of Minnesota to be certified in Level 1. The school district is fortunate to have the financial support from NJPA for this project. As a result, our school will be a demonstration site for other schools to visit in the future. These visiting schools may be from the region, state, or other parts of the country.

4. **Class of 2018** - The last day of school for seniors is scheduled for Friday, May 18. This will need to be modified if the school has any additional snow days this spring. The students need to be in school for a minimum of 165 days and at least 1020 hours. Graduation will be held on Friday, May 25 at 8:15 pm in the new gym.
5. **ALICE Active Shooter Response Drill** - The students and staff practiced the barricade portion of the ALICE Active Shooter training. Staff members had the students review the procedures for this type of response to a dangerous situation in our school building. The district will conduct a few more practice drills this spring using this method.
6. **Mock Accident**- Emergency responders will be conducting a mock accident drill for our high school students on Friday, April 20. Law enforcement and the first responders coordinate this drill just prior to Prom every three years.
7. **Bus Driver and Support Staff Negotiations** - The district will be meeting with the support staff and bus driver units for negotiations on Tuesday, April 2. Negotiations with the support staff unit will begin at 3:30 pm and the bus driver unit will follow at 5:00 pm. This is the first meeting for the support staff group and the third meeting for the bus driver unit.

Upcoming Events

Two-Hour Late Start	April 4
Health and Safety Meeting	April 12
Mock Accident	April 20
May Two-Hour Late Start	May 2
May School Board Meeting	May 7