

Superintendent Report

August 12, 2019

1. **Sourcewell MN Summit** The summit will be held this Tuesday and Wednesday at Madden's Resort 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 27 to work with Phil Warrick on HRS components that are specific to our school district for this school year.
2. **Back to School Newsletter** - The Verndale Back to School Newsletter will be mailed out this 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.
3. **Summer Programs** - The summer programs finished on Friday, August 2. Many different activities and opportunities were available to our students. We will review our numbers to see what programming changes need to be made for next year. A suggestion was made to possibly have community education coordinate community trips to the Chanhassen Dinner Theater, MN State Fair, and a professional sporting event.

We were fortunate to have Friendly Rider provide transportation to our activities at no cost to families. It is noted in the attached letter that Friendly Rider provided 138 rides to our students. This service helped remove the barriers that prevent some children from participating in our activities.

4. **Fall Sports** - Fall sports practices started today. 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 was held on August 9th from 9:00 to 11:00 am and today from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm.
5. **Leadership Conference** - The MSBA Leadership Conference is scheduled for January 16-17, 2020. MSBA is celebrating 100 years of existence. We will make arrangements for attending when the date gets closer. It has been mentioned that the district should present on the district's exemplary project fund. We could do this at a roundtable discussion or in a scheduled presentation session. All submissions must be made by September 23, 2019.
6. **Student Enrollment** - The district's enrollment has held steady over the summer. Currently, kindergarten enrollment is at 39 students. The preliminary budget for this school

year was set with a K-12 enrollment of 547 students. As we know, we still have several days that can have an impact on student enrollment.

Upcoming Events

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| Sourcewell Summer Summit | August 13-14 |
| District Staff Workshop | August 26 |
| Dr. Phil Warrick Teacher Training @ Sourcewell | August 27 |
| Teacher Workshop Day/Open House | August 28 |
| First Day of School (Grades K-7 and 12) | September 3 |
| First Day of School (Grades K and 8-11) | September 4 |
| September School Board Meeting | September 9 |

Dear Summer Recreation Supporter:

During the summer months of 2019 (June, July & August (8/6/19), Wadena County-Friendly Rider provided approximately 1,700 rides to youth for Summer Recreation and General Recreation (camps) opportunities in the Deer Creek, Wadena, Verndale, and Staples areas. This service continued to be FREE for youth this summer with funding provided by sponsors. Providing transportation for youth during the summer months has continued to grow since it began in 2015. Majority of the rides have been given, but there still are some (minimal) Summer School/Camp rides that your funding is continuing to contribute. From June 1st 2019 to August 6th 2019 here are some statistics:

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| Wadena Area had: | 1043 youth rides |
| Staples Area had: | 315 youth rides |
| Verndale Area had: | 138 youth rides |
| Deer Creek Area had: | 127 youth rides |
| Total: 117 separate youth road. | |

-Total Miles Driven: 7,251.00

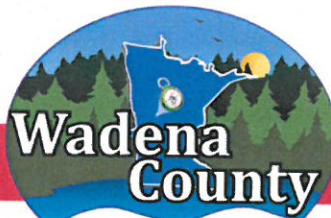
-Average of 212 rides a week and still counting

*****To Put This Into Perspective: 2.5% of our ridership happens in these 8 weeks. This is AWESOME!**

The driving hours alone was around 320 hours driven. Not to mention each week the parents needed to call in and "reserve" a ride and time. From there our dispatchers scheduled those individuals into our dispatching system. Parents commented numerous times with the satisfaction of feeling their sons or daughters will be picked up safely and on time, to the activities. As mentioned before numbers continue to grow keeping our staff busy during the summer with Summer Recreation. We at Wadena County- Friendly Rider are honored to be given this task. Objectives were met: FREE Summer Recreation rides were given at no expense to the kids or their parents. We would like to thank our sponsors: Staples Lions, Bluffton Lions, Walter Goedel Foundation, Tri County Health Care Foundation, Staples/Motley Community Foundation, Sourcewell, Jack and Alvida Browne Foundation, Public Transit support from our Board of Commissioners, as well as our Transit Advisory Committee.

Thank you to all supporters,

Randy Jahnke
Wadena County Transit Director





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MSBA's 2020 Leadership Conference Participation Opportunities and Award Nomination Forms

1 message

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Mon, Aug 5, 2019 at 1:02 PM

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Dear Paul,

The Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA) **2020 Leadership Conference** will be held **January 16-17, 2020**, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

This email is being sent to your district as an opportunity to submit:

- * A **Call for Presentations** application(s) (workshop and/or round table)
- * An **All-State School Board** award nomination form
- * A **Rising Star** award nomination form
- * A **School Excellence Showcase** application(s)

All Call for Presentation and School Excellence Showcase applications must be submitted electronically. The completed All State School Board award and Rising Star award nomination forms must be either mailed, faxed, or emailed as indicated on the form.

The deadline dates for each are as follows:

Call for Presentations application(s): **September 23, 2019**

All-State School Board nomination form: **October 14, 2019**

Rising Star award nomination form: **October 14, 2019**

School Excellence Showcase application(s): **November 4, 2019**

Call for Presentations application:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020MSBACallForPresentations>

All-State School Board nomination form:

<http://www.mnmsba.org/Portals/0/ASSBCriteria2019.pdf>

Rising Star Award nomination form:

<http://www.mnmsba.org/Portals/0/RisingStarAward2019.pdf>

School Excellence Showcase application:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2020MSBASchoolExcellenceShowcase>

We hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,

Your MSBA Staff

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