

# DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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## Superintendent Report

December 2025

### **Tiger Tots Childcare Project:**

The Childcare/Pre-Kindergarten program is going well. The final signing of the building contract has not been done yet as we are having discussions with the contractor in regards to some small issues in the facility. I am working with a company from Omaha, NE to install turf on the play area of the Childcare side of the facility. Locks have been installed in all doors but I the core(s) are opposite of what we planned to have so conversations are taking place as to how to resolve that issue.

### **Jr./Sr. High Storage Facility:**

As I shared last week, a change has been made with the cement contractor and now work is underway in this project. Scott Martin Construction LLC from McCook, NE is now working on-site. Footings have been poured and work is moving forward to try and have the project completed by the end of January 2026.

### **Bus Accident:**

The accident report from the Dundy County Sheriff's Office has been received and submitted to the district insurance claims agent. The settlement for the accident will largely rest between the insurance companies of the involved parties.

### **Lightning Claim:**

The lightning strike claim from earlier in the school year is approaching resolution. All items have been replaced from the claim. The exception is the replacement bus radio system as the district is still waiting for a new Federal Communications Commission (FCC) license to operate the system. The new license is due to the “upgrade” in systems (analog to digital) requiring a new application process. The vendor (Prairie States Communication) is working on the issuance of the new license for the district.

### **Elementary Principal/Teacher Opening(s):**

There have been multiple applications for the Elementary Principal and Lower Elementary vacancies. I plan on taking applications for those positions through this week. Once that period is

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complete, the applications will be reviewed for interview offering(s). At this point in time, there has been one (01) application for the Business/Marketing/Information Technology vacancy.

## ESU #15/16 Board Member Workshop:

The annual ESU #15 & 16 Board Member Workshop is scheduled for Tuesday, 01/13/2026 in North Platte, NE (North Platte Public High School) at 5:00 p.m. (CST)/4:00 p.m. (MST). Please check your calendar to see if that date would be available for you to attend the workshop. I will need to send the registration in to ESU #16 by Wednesday, 01/09/2026.

## Superintendent Leave (2025-2026):

Work Day(s): 109 days available

Sick Leave: 10 days available (05.0 days used) = 05.0 days remaining

Vacation Leave: 20 days available (05 days used) = 15.0 days remaining

*\*current as of 12/08/2025*

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