



DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Superintendent Report

May 2026

Bus Purchase:

Truck Center of Nebraska has been in contact with me late last week that one (01) of the 2025 Chevrolet Minotour—14 passenger buses has arrived at the Omaha, NE dealership. The second bus should arrive in mid-June. They will be delivered to Benkelman, NE at the same time in June.

Certificated Staff:

The search process to fill certificated staff for the 2026-2027 term is currently at the English Language Arts (7-12) as being the only vacancy remaining. There is a candidate that I am attempting to schedule a meeting with as soon as possible. I did interview a candidate last week (Thursday, 05/07/2026) so it is my intent to close the process as soon as possible.

Summer Maintenance Project(s):

Summer projects are already underway with over a week of school still remaining. The Childcare/Pre-Kindergarten playground artificial turf and Elementary playground sod project(s) started earlier today (Monday, 05/11/2026) and should be completed by tomorrow (Tuesday, 05/12/2026). Applied Connective Technologies from Albion, NE will be on the Elementary campus tomorrow (Tuesday, 05/12/2026) to complete a walk-through of the Childcare/Pre-Kindergarten facility for a potential communications, controlled access and security solution. On Saturday, 05/16/2026 a crew will be in the Elementary building to cover all of the carpeted areas in advance of the HVAC project commencing one (01) week later (Saturday, 05/23/2026).

Fisher Tracks, Inc. of Boone, IA will be on the Jr./Sr. High campus in June to resurface the existing track and all event areas along with metric striping. There are several other smaller projects that the Custodial/Maintenance staff will be working on throughout the summer months.

Retirement Reception:

There will be a reception held for staff that are retiring at the conclusion of the school term—Ben Killingsworth, Tracy Peckham and Tim Rettele. The reception will be held in the Jr./Sr. High Media Center on Friday, 05/15/2026 at 3:00 p.m. (MDT)/4:00 p.m. (CDT). A flier is attached to this report.

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Summer Hours:

Due to the Elementary HVAC project, the building offices will be consolidated at the Jr./Sr. High facility for the summer (8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m./M-Th.). Lunch will be served at the Jr./Sr. High School starting 06/01/2026 and concluding on 07/16/2026 (11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m./Mon.-Thu.). Summer School has been scheduled to be held all at the Jr./Sr. High building along with camps and Drivers Education. These events will be on the district on-line calendar. The custodial/maintenance staff is working on scheduling projects along with the cleaning/preparing buildings for the 2026-2027 school year.

Superintendent Leave (2025-2026):

Work Day(s): 215 days available

Sick Leave: 10 days available (09 days used) = 01 day remaining

Vacation Leave: 20 days available (12.5 days used) = 07.5 days remaining

(current 05/11/2026)

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