



# DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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*Tigers*

## Superintendent Report

September 2025

### Tiger Tots Childcare Project:

The project has moved to the point where the facility is fully open and operational. The "open house" for parents of children in the childcare section(s) of the building is tonight (09/08/2025) with a community open house tentatively being scheduled for Sunday, 10/26/2025. The Roundabout driveway is on the September Pay Application (#06) so the district will be paying \$101,408.23 on this application.

Work is underway on the south retaining wall with the pour now completed. Currently they have started the backfill process of that wall with the schedule being to have it finished by Friday (09/12/2025) of this week. Work on the east wall will begin soon after the south wall is completed. It is hoped that the second wall is completed by 10/03/2025.

Once the south wall is completed, the permanent playground fence will be installed. With the fencing project completed it is then hoped that artificial turf can be installed for the Childcare playground. The Tiger Tots Childcare project received a grant from the Hansen Foundation towards procuring turf for the site's playground.

### Stratton Facility:

The Haigler Community group has now picked up the Stratton Elementary Library books that they selected to make part of the collection they have at the Haigler Community Center. The group also has inquired about some furnishings from the Stratton building for their facility. I will have more communication with them in regards to the potential sale of items.

### Maintenance Project(s):

The new bus is scheduled to arrive during the upcoming weekend (09/13-14/2025). Bosselman Energy Inc. Southwest has delivered the pump and the tank with it now being operational. The cement barriers are to be delivered early this week.

The City of Benkelman was on the Jr./Sr. High campus today to move the utilities from the site of the new storage facility. Mallett Construction will begin to take the existing wall out as soon as the utility work has been completed. The DCS custodial/maintenance crew were working today to remove the rail along the track so that there is access to the building site from the east end of the building site. A building permit application has been submitted to the City of Benkelman Planning

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Commission for the meeting scheduled on Wednesday, 09/10/2025. With that group's approval, the application will then be an item on the agenda of the City of Benkelman Council Meeting scheduled for Monday, 09/15/2025. If it is approved by that body, construction can commence following that date.

The next project that I have started to look at is the HVAC replacement at the Elementary building. There has been some monitoring completed for Air, Sound and Energy in relationship to the current system in operation. With the equipment being of original vintage (early 1980's), there isn't a whole lot of repair to the system but rather replacement of the system. The initial proposal has been prepared as a beginning point for planning purposes and a copy has been prepared for tonight. The proposal was prepared with the project being conducted during the Summer of 2026. I would like to have the Facilities/Grounds/Transportation Committee meeting at the end of this month/first of next with Facility Advocates to discuss the proposal more in-depth.

## **School Nurse:**

Over the past week, the district has received two (02) completed applications for the School Nurse vacancy. I anticipate on bringing both candidates in to discuss the opening in the near future.

## **Jr./Sr. High Trophy Case:**

Mr. Rettele submitted a proposal to the Hansen Foundation at the annual meeting for a trophy case to display the State High School Championship and Runner-up trophies in the hallway leading to the gymnasium at the Jr./Sr. High School. The proposal was selected by the foundation to be funded so the case has been ordered and is being built here in Benkelman.

## **Superintendent Leave (2025-2026):**

Work Day(s):           47 days available

Sick Leave:            10 days available (00.0 days used) = 10.0 days remaining

Vacation Leave:       20 days available (03.0 days used) = 17.0 days remaining

*(current 09/08/2025)*

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