



DUNDY COUNTY STRATTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Superintendent Report

August 2026

Elementary HVAC Project:

The project date for staff to return to the building for occupancy and utilization was Monday, 08/10/2026 on the timeline established last Spring. With that being today's date, staff had access to their classrooms as scheduled. The sub-contractors did leave in the middle of the week but the custodial/maintenance staff were doing cleaning and waxing of floors through the start of the weekend. The kitchen was reassembled and reconnected yesterday (Sunday, 08/09/2026) so that the kitchen staff could start back in that space today. Moving forward, there are some things that are yet to be completed but those tasks can be accomplished while students are in classrooms.

ESU #10 was in Benkelman today to install/redeploy the access points for the Elementary facility. They have been waiting to make the trip until the ceilings were in and they had access to the entire building. They will also be installing some new access points in the Jr./Sr. High School as well as peripheral areas (Bus Barn, Football Press Box, etc.) tomorrow. This work should provide more saturation of the broadcast signal and allow for more users on the network at any one time.

There are still some tasks that remain from the summer list but they are items that can be done with school in session. Once again, I am extremely appreciative of the efforts that Richard Reichert and the custodial/maintenance staff in the volume of work that did get done over the summer months as well as the rush to get through the Elementary building preparation in an abbreviated timeframe in order to be prepared for staff to arrive this morning.

Job Opening(s):

There is always a flurry of activity as the opening of a term approaches in terms of classified staff. This term was no different with a paraprofessional resignation received early last week. However, the district had an application that had not been pursued due to positions previously being filled. An interview was arranged and an offer was made that has since been accepted. The paraprofessional's that have been employed for the new term are as follows:

Bianca Bernard (SPED), Amanda Dubs (1st & 2nd Grade), Mallory McClenahan (Pre-K), Katrina McCorkle (SPED) and Jada Van Steenberg (SPED).

Kitchen staff: Alisha Shapley (Head Cook), Vickie Thornbrugh (Asst. Cook), Yvonne Waters (Asst. Cook), Mike Rosenfelt (Asst. Cook)--Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri.; and Roy "Trip" Shapley (Wed.). Roy and Carol Weis will serve as substitute kitchen staff.

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Bus:

The second 14-passenger Non-CDL Thomas bus was delivered to the district this morning. That has the district fleet at full-strength to start the school year. The new units will have one deployed as a route vehicle and the other will be utilized as an activity bus.

The Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) has notified the district that the road project between Benkelman-and-Stratton will have pilot cars leading traffic through the construction that will add to the length of trips between 15-to-20 minutes. There is also a bridge with single-lane passage controlled by stop light that can add to the length of trip between communities.

Superintendent Leave (2026-2027):

Work Day(s): 29 days available

Sick Leave: 10.0 days available (02.0 days used) = 08.0 days remaining

Vacation Leave: 20.0 days available (01.5 days used) = 18.5 days remaining

**current as of 08/10/2026*

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