



Independent School District #146
Superintendent's Weekly Update to the School Board
5:00 PM on October 18, 2019
Barnesville High School
302 3rd Street South
Barnesville, MN 56379

1. FY 2020 Safe School Supplemental Aid

All school districts and charter schools with adjusted average daily membership (ADM) for fiscal year (FY) 2018 will receive 2020 Safe Schools Supplemental Aid with their October 30, 2019, Integrated Department of Education Aids System (IDEAS) payment, equal to approximately \$34.72 per FY18 adjusted ADM. The law requires the safe schools supplemental aid to be used as follows:(b) For a school district, safe schools supplemental aid must be reserved and used only for costs associated with safe schools activities authorized under Minnesota Statutes, section 126C.44.

We will receive \$30,005.74 in safe school supplemental aid. Attached are the guidelines for spending the new and unexpected state dollars.

2. Barnesville High School Electric Service Options

See attached for the following:

1. Summary document describing the two electrical service options
2. A suggested layout of the main electrical room for the addition
3. Preliminary opinion of cost for each of the service options

Tony Nelson from Obermiller Nelson Engineering spoke with the Utility and they are fine with leaving the electrical service location. They would bury the line up to it and level the pad (as described in the memo attached).

The cost for option two is much higher than option one. The biggest issue is the long feeder running across the existing building. Also, the existing gear is 30 years old and at the end of its expected life. However, the main gear looks to be in good condition. We do not need to replace the gear right now, but we're advised to at least have it on our radar for future work.

3. Preliminary Draw Schedule

Please find attached Preston's preliminary draw schedule for the construction project. Actual monthly payments will vary from the projection, but this is a good guide for Ehler's investment of the funds.

4. Guide For Planning School Construction Projects

Working on our own building designs, I read through the attached document and highlighted Minnesota Department of Education recommendations on pages 65-146 that you may find helpful. I skipped over areas that aren't directly relevant to the scope of our construction project (e.g., library/media center).

5. ACT College Readiness Letter for Barnesville Public Schools (Graduation Years 2015-2019)

You can see attached our high school graduates' five-year trend on ACT scores. We're fairly consistent in scoring at or a little below the state averages.

