

Dundy County Stratton Public Schools
October 2008 "State of the Schools" Report
Dr. Dallas Watkins, Superintendent

Congratulations:

- Cross Country Coaches Scott and Tracy Lambley and team members for qualifying for the state meet and runner-up finishes at the RPAC. Also to district medalist winners Brandon Craddock, Gabby Mullanix and Levi Swenson. Good Luck in Kearney!
- Girl's Golf Coach Tim Rettele and team members for your successes this season. The improvement you have shown from the beginning of the season to the end was very good.
- Junior High Football Coaches Marty Hughes, Greg McVicker and Mike Rotherham and players on your undefeated A team season.

Thank you:

- Lou Kraus Music for the donation of a used upright piano.
- BWTelcom for donating weather equipment and supporting the Kindergarten Milk Program. BWTelcom has also let us use their tower for our bus radios for years. We sincerely appreciate all their help over the years.

No School

There will be no classes on October 24 for fall break.

Parent Teacher Conferences

The district will be hosting Parent Teacher Conferences on October 27 from 2-8 PM (local time). Please check schedules with each building. The interaction between parents and teachers is important in helping a child succeed in school. I hope you make it to the conferences.

Enrollment

The Nebraska Department of Education annually records fall enrollment statewide on the last Friday in September. The Nebraska School Activities Association uses the NDE count for classification for activities (grades 9-10-11) of the previous year, except football which uses a two year count. Our K-12 enrollment for 2008-09 was 383. A five year history using actual for Dundy County Stratton the past two years and a base number of 63 for Stratton and actual for Dundy County for 2004-07 has been:

2008-09	383
2007-08	390
2006-07	383
2005-06	382
2004-05	378

Grade by grade and NSAA count for DCS and area schools for 2008-09 is as follows:

Area enrollments 2008-2009																							
	Alma	Arapahoe	Bertrand	Cambridge	Chase County	Dundy County - Stratton	Elwood	Eustis Farnam	Hayes Center	Hershey	Hitchcock County	Loomis	Maxwell	Maywood	Medicine Valley	Paxton	Perkins County	South Platte	Southern Valley	Southwest	Sutherland	Wallace	Wauneta-Palisade
K	20	18	21	17	46	31	22	11	12	27	20	12	19	8	10	16	27	12	29	18	23	11	11
1	22	19	20	23	47	35	16	14	11	39	17	12	20	7	12	15	32	12	34	21	23	17	13
2	28	20	18	29	37	23	21	13	3	35	25	15	14	7	13	15	29	10	38	26	34	12	13
3	22	18	18	24	44	31	14	20	9	32	15	12	20	9	15	15	31	11	36	29	36	17	13
4	18	17	19	27	46	26	10	16	9	33	18	16	19	9	18	22	24	10	29	19	27	14	10
5	16	27	25	23	30	24	20	15	10	37	7	19	19	13	18	15	21	11	28	22	31	7	13
6	22	24	12	29	42	34	17	20	15	36	17	15	21	15	23	15	24	11	46	16	20	15	9
7	24	25	22	24	55	28	18	16	11	48	21	15	30	12	16	26	35	14	31	29	27	14	14
8	20	25	22	19	35	34	17	12	10	34	19	20	21	10	13	17	25	7	39	25	25	13	10
9	33	28	14	31	28	31	22	9	21	37	15	17	23	19	16	12	27	11	39	32	29	13	19
10	23	32	23	30	45	33	23	28	12	52	22	20	25	4	18	14	30	6	49	29	29	17	21
11	33	21	20	28	30	32	21	20	11	52	13	13	29	11	19	24	33	11	45	28	37	15	26
12	22	23	25	28	42	21	22	24	17	36	16	20	25	18	25	13	30	6	47	30	30	10	20
Tot	303	297	259	332	527	383	243	218	151	498	225	206	285	142	216	219	368	132	490	324	371	175	192

Three Grade Projections (count for NSAA classification)																							
08-09	78	76	68	86	117	86	66	72	40	140	51	53	79	33	62	51	93	23	141	87	96	42	67
09-10	89	81	57	89	103	96	66	57	44	141	50	50	77	34	53	50	90	28	133	89	95	45	66
10-11	76	85	59	80	108	98	62	49	43	123	56	57	69	33	47	43	82	24	127	86	83	43	50
11-12	77	78	58	74	118	93	57	37	42	119	55	52	74	41	45	55	87	32	109	86	81	40	43
12-13	66	74	56	72	132	96	52	48	36	118	57	50	72	37	52	58	84	32	116	70	72	42	33
13-14	62	76	59	76	127	86	55	51	36	121	45	49	70	40	57	56	80	36	105	67	78	36	36
14-15	56	68	56	79	118	84	47	51	34	106	42	50	59	37	59	52	69	32	103	57	78	36	32
15-16	56	62	62	74	120	81	44	51	28	102	40	47	58	31	51	52	76	32	93	70	94	38	36
16-17	68	55	55	80	127	80	45	49	21	100	58	43	53	25	46	52	84	31	103	74	97	43	36
17-18	72	57	56	76	128	89	51	47	23	106	57	39	54	23	40	45	92	33	108	76	93	46	39
18-19	70	57	59	69	130	89	59	38	26	101	62	39	53	22	35	46	88	34	101	65	80	40	37

October Board of Education Meeting Highlights

Stratton Elementary Building/Renovation Project

Work is progressing. Drywall was done last week, painting this week, ceilings are planned in the next two weeks and flooring in three weeks. All heating, ventilation, air conditioning, electrical, plumbing and outside drainage work was started at the beginning of the project and is about complete. The Board approved W Design (engineering firm doing the project) to develop specifications for demolition of the south building and rebuilding of the south wall. It is planned to consider those specification in December or January. We are also in the process of determining excess equipment, furniture and supplies for the entire district. We plan to have an auction next spring in Stratton.

Bullying Policy – The Board adopted a bullying policy. This is a new requirement of the state. It will be incorporated into discipline policy of the district (where it was already addressed).

County Election – The right of all citizens to vote is an integral part of representative government in our democracy. The national election has gained enormous attention; we have many local and state races that are important too, including the four positions for the school board. I encourage you to exercise the right of citizenship in America and vote!

Activity Assignment

The Board approved Ashley Stroup as Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach. We welcome Ashley.