

Dundy County Stratton Public Schools
October 2009 "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 by winning the district meet at Grant. The championship finish by both teams is a rare accomplishment. Congratulations and good luck at the state meet!

-Girls Golf Coach Tim Rettele and team members for the impressive growth that we have seen since your start in golfing. Keep up the good work!

Thanks

-Wayne and Gail, Mike and Ginger Lutz for hosting the annual farm field trip for the Kindergarteners. The Lutz's have entertained the group for several years now and it's always quite a zoo!

-Bob and Marian Ellis for hosting the Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch Day last week. The pumpkin searching made the trip a special day for a lot of children. The sugar cookies and hot cocoa were a hit too. We hope we did not wear you out with our energy!

-BWTelcom, Randy and Loretta Raile (again) for helping with the "Got Milk?" program. We appreciate your continuous involvement with school events.

-Jeremy Borchard, Tri State Trucking and all the others who helped with our activity bus when it "high centered" in an Oberlin intersection. Everyone was very helpful with their volunteerism and we needed the help.

-Benkelman Volunteer Fire Department and others who helped relieve the 1991 Ford Aerostar during its meltdown on October 8th. The Aerostar experienced a fire while Connie Willis was unloading stuff at the football field concession stand. The fire department helped extinguish the burning. Connie reported that there was only one bag of chips left in the van (BBQ now).

Parent Teacher Conferences

We will be hosting Parent Teacher Conferences on Monday, October 26, 2009. Please check schedules for each building. The 7-12 schedule will be posted on the schools web site (www.dcestigers.org) and elementary buildings will be sending schedules home with students. The interaction between parents and teachers is very important for your child; we hope you attend the conferences.

Enrollment

The Nebraska Department of Education annually records official enrollment on the last Friday in September. The Nebraska School Activities Association uses 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 on the last Friday in September this year was 391. A three year history (school merger was in 2007-08) our enrollment has been:

2009-10 391
 2008-09 383
 2007-08 390

Grade by grade count and enrollment for area schools is as follows:

Area enrollments 2009-2010																							
	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	24	25	18	26	42	26	14	8	7	41	24	16	21	7	14	14	31	14	32	22	40	19	14
1	20	23	20	18	41	32	23	11	13	30	27	15	19	9	10	16	24	14	23	20	25	11	13
2	21	18	19	22	47	30	16	15	12	40	22	11	20	9	10	17	34	14	37	22	24	16	13
3	25	21	17	30	39	27	21	14	2	33	28	14	16	7	15	16	31	10	37	28	30	14	12
4	22	19	19	24	50	28	17	17	9	35	19	12	20	10	20	14	34	10	32	27	37	18	12
5	18	18	18	29	48	28	12	17	8	38	19	15	18	8	18	20	30	11	29	21	27	15	11
6	18	25	27	24	32	30	24	15	9	36	14	18	22	14	17	15	20	10	27	23	30	7	12
7	25	24	11	29	45	35	15	19	16	35	17	14	22	15	21	19	28	13	47	17	19	13	11
8	26	26	20	21	61	30	18	16	8	50	21	15	32	15	15	24	34	15	31	30	28	13	15
9	21	23	23	21	36	32	18	11	9	37	20	17	23	13	14	20	32	10	39	25	26	15	11
10	34	31	15	31	29	31	21	12	23	41	15	19	24	20	14	16	28	13	41	30	25	15	17
11	19	26	22	27	44	29	23	29	12	47	20	19	28	6	18	14	34	7	49	27	27	17	21
12	35	20	17	29	30	33	24	15	11	49	13	12	30	11	17	25	32	14	41	30	38	13	24
Tot	308	299	246	331	544	391	246	199	139	512	259	197	295	144	203	230	392	155	465	322	376	186	186
Three Grade Projections (count for NSAA classification in _____)																							
09-10	88	77	54	87	103	93	68	56	46	137	48	50	82	37	49	55	94	34	131	87	90	45	62
10-11	74	80	60	79	109	92	62	52	44	125	55	55	75	39	46	50	94	30	129	82	78	47	49
11-12	81	80	58	73	126	93	57	39	40	128	56	51	79	48	43	60	94	38	111	85	79	43	43
12-13	72	73	54	71	142	97	51	46	33	122	58	46	77	43	50	63	94	38	117	72	73	41	37
13-14	69	75	58	74	138	95	57	50	33	121	52	47	76	44	53	58	82	38	105	70	77	33	38
14-15	61	67	56	82	125	93	51	51	33	109	50	47	62	37	56	54	78	34	103	61	76	35	34
15-16	58	62	64	77	130	86	53	49	26	109	52	45	60	32	55	49	84	31	88	71	94	40	35
16-17	65	58	54	83	137	83	50	48	19	106	66	41	54	25	53	50	95	31	98	76	94	47	35
17-18	68	58	55	76	136	85	54	46	23	108	69	37	56	26	45	47	99	34	106	77	91	48	37
18-19	66	62	56	70	127	89	60	40	27	103	77	40	55	25	35	49	89	38	97	70	79	41	38
19-20	65	66	57	66	130	88	53	34	32	111	73	42	60	25	34	47	89	42	92	64	89	46	40

Homeland Security E Verify System – The Board acknowledged that the school district uses the federal E Verify system, a government program for employment verification (identity) and recordkeeping. The process is required by the government and should be helpful for safety and employment issues. We will be processing all new employees and employees of contracted services for the district.

Restraint and Seclusion Policy – The Board approved a Restraint and Seclusion Policy for Students. The state required that all districts adopt a restraint and seclusion policy this year. Our legal counsel was involved with the development of this policy that defines interventions of the school in dealing with behavioral situations when circumstances necessitate such for safety.