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Fourth of July greetings, Vikings! In the days leading up to the celebration of this great nation's 243<sup>rd</sup> birthday, the Board of Education exemplified representative democracy as our forefathers sought. Please read on for a few updates:

**Referendum Updates** – Regular readers of our Facebook and Instagram accounts have seen interior pictures of the amazing work being accomplished throughout the summer. For example, the High School's entire 200 hallway (where math and science classes were held) is getting loved up. As the demolition team traverses down the hallways, the construction crew is rebuilding right behind them. It truly is amazing to see how fast they are working. The work is not exclusive to the High School either. The Early Learning Center has been receiving the promised improvements to classroom faucets, plumbing, electrical, and some cabinetry. Here are a few new snapshots taken in the past few days. In addition, here are some of the project milestones for this month.

During the same meeting, the Board considered all the feedback they have received from the community, staff, and students regarding potential work that could be accomplished at various buildings throughout the district using savings, interest earned, and money remaining from the authorized borrow the community generously gave in April 2017. Based on a list, which may be found <u>here</u>, Board members directed administration to begin the bidding process as described in their policy. We are thankful for the input we have received.

While those were the highlights of the Board's work last night, I encourage you to please:

- continue sharing your feedback about the Board's proposed dress code (the latest draft can be found <u>here</u>). A decision could come at the Board's July 15 meeting
- 2. tell us your thoughts about the potential for a districtwide School Resource Officer. The committee has met once, as of this writing. Here is a copy of their first meeting's minutes.
- 3. attend the District's annual meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 12 at the Intermediate Center.

Well, that rounds out the first *Board of Education Recap* for the fiscal year. I wish you and your families a wonderful Independence Day weekend.

I am proud to be a Viking, and I hope you are too!

Steve



