

**NORTHFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Office of the Superintendent**  
**Memorandum**

**TO:** Board of Education  
**FROM:** Matt Hillmann Ed.D., Superintendent  
**RE:** Table File Items for January 28, 2019, Regular School Board Meeting

V. Items for Discussion and Reports

A. FFA Presentation

The materials for the FFA presentation are enclosed.

VII. Consent Agenda

C. Grant Application Approval

Marnie Thompson, Northfield High School Assistant Principal, is requesting School Board approval of a \$30,000 grant request from Rice County Family Services Collaborative (RCFSC). If received, this grant will support professional development for teachers on trauma informed practices and an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow at the secondary level to help support Check and Connect, an evidence based chronic absenteeism model, for the 2019-2020 school year.

# Randolph FFA Alumni School Board Presentation

By:

John Peterson

Derek Estrem

Tasha Evans



# Introductions

- John Peterson – Alumni Board President
- Derek Estrem – Alumni Board Assistant Treasure
- Tasha Evans – Alumni Board Secretary
- Ed Terry – Agriculture Education Instructor in Randolph who is in his 42<sup>nd</sup> year of teaching there.
- Students

# Northfield and Randolph Relationship

- Started in 1994 with one student attending morning Ag class in Randolph.
- Average 12-15 students per year
- This year there are 19 students from Northfield that make up 25% of the students Ed see's on a daily basis.
- Ed rotates curriculum every other year which includes welding one year and Ag mechanics the following year.

# Outreach Program

- Once a month Ed hosts his Ag outreach class that is for freshman and sophomore's from Northfield who aren't eligible for day class as well as Junior's and Senior's that can't fit day class into their class load.
- The program has students from 6 different school districts.
- New Prague, Northfield, Rosemount, Hastings, Lakeville, and Randolph. Formerly included Jordan, Faribault, Cottage Grove, and Home Schooled Students.
- This program allows students to stay involved in the chapter and learn about agriculture as well as meet and interact with other students.

# Chapter Meeting/ School Year Kick Off



# Alumni's Role

- We assist with chapter events when needed as well as give financial support through scholarship's and leadership grants.
- We have two primary fundraiser's throughout the year to fund such scholarships and grants
- Our Annual meeting and Toy Auction is in March where we get toy tractors and like item's donated and hold a live auction where alumni members and community members can bid to raise money.
- The last few years we have held a tractor Pull in Randolph in cooperation with the New Trier Tractor Pullers. Funds from gate admission and food concessions go to the Alumni Chapter.

Right is a item from a  
past toy Auction.  
Below is a picture from  
our annual tractor pull





# Tracy Legacy

- Jim Tracy who was a 1960 Northfield graduate and active Northfield FFA member.
- Jim passed away in 2014 and donated his 360 acre farm outside of Dennison to the Minnesota FFA Foundation.
- Randolph FFA received 40 acres of that farm where they can do plot work for Corn and Soybeans.
- The remainder of the farm will be sold with proceeds going to the State Foundation and funds will be used for scholarships state wide.

# Chapter Events

- Ag week tour
- Farmer Appreciation Breakfast – March
- Tractor Parade –
- Parade Float for summer parades
- Rice and Dakota County Fair childrens barnyard and livestock shows
- State Fair Livestock shows and competitions
- Corn Drive for Camp Courage (\$300,000 raised by the Randolph Chapter)
- Fruit Sales

Top Right- Chapter Parade Float

Lower Right- Students at urban Ag Day

Below- Students plant there plot.



# National Convention

- 65,000 FFA members from all over the Nation attend
- 15-20 of those in attendance represent the Randolph Chapter
- 2 from Northfield in 2018
- Over the last 20 years Ed has taken 60 students from Northfield
- Hosted in either Louisville Kentucky or Indianapolis Indiana.
- Members get to hear from industry professionals, attend a career fair with 1300 exhibitors, as well as other fun events.
- This year students got to hear from President Trump
- Ed has had approximately 50 students receive there American Degree's at National Convention which is one of the organization highest awards.
- Less than 1% of the 650,000 FFA Members Receive there American degree's



# Derek, John, and Tasha's FFA Experience

Classroom Experience

Organization Achievements

# Comments from Current Students and Mr. Terry

# Important Dates

- Farmer/Supporter Appreciation Breakfast- Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> 7-10 AM @ Randolph High School.
- Annual Meeting and Toy Auction- Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM@ Randolph School in the Commons Area.
- Tractor Parade- April 12<sup>th</sup> starting at 9 AM
- Awards Banquet- May 8<sup>th</sup> 7 PM in the Randolph High School Gymnasium.



Questions?

## Grant Application Approval Form

Date 1/25/19

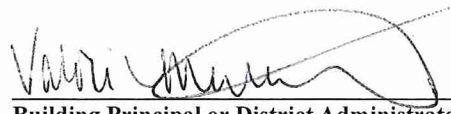
Any proposal submitted to an external funding source that involves any entity within the Northfield Public Schools must be approved by the School Board before the proposal is submitted. This form will accompany all requests to the School Board and will be filed along with a copy of the completed grant proposal. All proposals must:

- Support the District's mission and goals.
- Be financially feasible and supported by all affected District departments or buildings.
- Demonstrate collaboration and commitment from the District, if required.

Grant Proposal Information	
Project Title	Addressing Chronic Absenteeism
Project Period	School year 2019-2020
Funding Source	Rice County Family Services Collaborative (RCFSC)
Application Deadline	1/31/19
List all Grant Applicants	Marnie Thompson, Carrie Duba
School/Department	Northfield School District
Contact Person	Marnie Thompson <span style="float: right;">Phone No. 645-3450</span>
Project Information	
Brief Proposal Description	We will continue to offer tiered interventions for students with chronic absenteeism as we have for the last several years. For the 2019-2020 school year we are requesting funds from the RCFSC to support professional development for teachers on trauma informed practices. Additionally we are requesting funds for an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow at the secondary level to help support Check and Connect, a evidence based chronic absenteeism model.
Project Goal (in one Sentence)	To reduce the number of students missing more than 10% of school days by offering comprehensive tiered services and training for school personnel on at-risk subsets of students across the district.
List All Personnel Involved in Application	Marnie Thompson, Carrie Duba
Budget Information	
Amount Requested	\$30,000
Matching Funds	Not Required
Source of Matching Funds	

Required Documents Attached:     Completed Application     Rough Draft     Summary of Application

  
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 Project Initiator Signature

  
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 Building Principal or District Administrator  
 Signature

Approved by the School Board     Not Approved by the School Board    Date \_\_\_\_\_