

December



COMMUNITY NEWS

*Serving Northern Minnesota Communities
Hill City, Jacobson, and Swatara*

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HILL CITY SCHOOL PROUDLY HONORS OUR LOCAL VETERANS

**On Friday November 10th our students Celebrated
some of our Local Veterans.**



For many years now, we have hosted this celebration to Honor those in our area who have served and are currently serving now. Members from the American Legion Post 340 and the VFW Post 1721 made their way

to the back of the school to conduct a Flag Disposal. As always we had an Essay Writing and Coloring Contest and there were winners chosen from different grade groups.

The halls were decorated with drawings from the students and momentos from Community Members that were

gracious enough to share them with us. Thank you so much for those of you who joined our Celebration, and we look forward to seeing you again next year!



Thank You also Hill City Hornet Students, you showed Pride and Gratitude in a very upstanding way, WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!



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Committee Assignments for 2017

Committee

MSHSL

Negotiations Committee

Curriculum Committee

Community Education Advisory Council
Meet and Confer

Staff Development

School and Community Health Team

Recertification Committee

ARCC

Comparable Worth

NESC Board

Safety/Transportation Committee

Athletic Advisory Committee

Itasca Area Schools Collaborative

Representative

Mark Meyer

Sue Kaslow, Jay Zapzalka, and
Mark Meyer (Dorie Barnes, Alt.)

Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)

Mark Meyer (Joell Miranda, Alt.)

Dorie Barnes and Joell Miranda
(Bambi Lange, Alt.)

Joell Miranda (Bambi Lange, Alt.)

Joell Miranda and Dorie Barnes

Bambi Lange

Sue Kaslow

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Jay Zapzalka

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Bambi Lange (Mark Meyer, Alt.)



For School Closings and Emergency Information Broadcasts

RADIO STATIONS

RADIO USA	99.9 FM
KOZY Grand Rapids	1320 AM
KMFY Grand Rapids	96.9 FM
WTBX Grand Rapids	93.9 FM
KAXE Grand Rapids	91.7 FM

INSTANT ALERT

Infinite Campus' Voice
Messenger system will
call parents between
**5:00 - 6:00 a.m. for
school closings.**

TV STATIONS

WDIO/WIRT
KDLH
KBJR
WCCO

Community Newsletter Deadline

Just a reminder, if you would like an article put in the Community Newsletter, it must be turned in to the school office by the 15th of the month to be put in the following months' newsletter. Newsletters are generally sent out by the 25th of the month. If you have any questions regarding this, please feel free to contact Jessica at (218) 697-2394, ext. 101.

Itasca Alliance Against Sexual Assault Now Serving Aitkin County



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ITASCA ALLIANCE AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

OUR MISSION
To educate the community about sexual violence
and provide support for survivors

Free and Confidential
24-hour Assistance
218-326-5008
218-927-6226
866-747-5008

- emotional support groups
- medical/legal advocacy
- short-term counseling
- community referrals
- public education

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
HILL CITY, MINNESOTA

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 2, Hill City, Minnesota, was called to order by Chairman Sue Kaslow at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 23, 2017.

Roll Call showed the following members present: Sue Kaslow, Mark Meyer, Bambi Lange, Joell Miranda and Dorie Barnes. Board Members absent: Jay Zapzalka. Also present was Superintendent/Principal Pat Rendle, Business Manager Ellie Hill, Building & Grounds Director Eric Hill, and other staff and visitor.

1. Approved the Agenda as presented.
2. Approved the following:
 - *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 25, 2017
 - *September 2017 bills presented for payment;
 - *Current bills through 10/10/17;
 - *Investments and wire transfers will be reported next month;
 - *Reviewed the Activity Fund Statement and Disbursements for September 2017;
 - *Cash receipts for the month of September 2017 will be reviewed at the November Board meeting.
3. No comments or requests from visitors.
4. There was no report from the School Attorney.
5. Transportation Report: Request to add students to a bus route.
6. Approved to extend the bus route to have Nine Mile as a pick up and drop off for additional students.
7. Swarm Student Leadership: Swarm will go to their first meeting this November of the Northeast Division of Student Council.
8. Curriculum Report: None to Report
9. School and Community Health Committee: Joell Miranda reported that a meeting was held on October 10, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. They talked about the Game on Grant, the Health Fair, and the nurse position of half time vs full time. The next meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.
10. Safety/Transportation Committee: They are scheduling a meeting for December.
11. Negotiation Committee: Possible meeting on November 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with AFSCME.
12. Community Education Report: Community Education Programmer Tami Meyer gave a written report.
13. Early Childhood Report: Superintendent/Principal Rendle talked about Early Childhood Staff getting extra training.
14. Building & Grounds Director Report: Building & Grounds Director Eric Hill gave an update on the construction project. They will be installing the fence

Wednesday morning. Door #1, the maintenance, will no longer be in service during phase 2, door #4 will then be the main door.

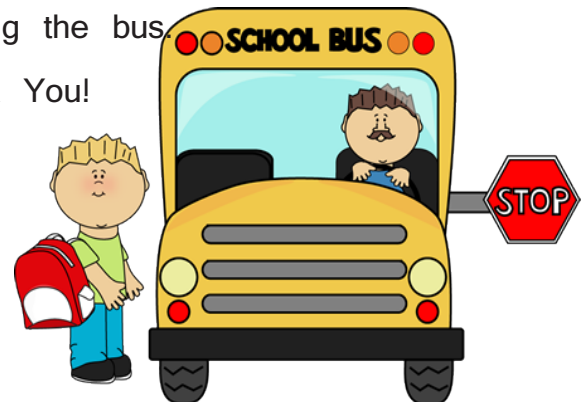
15. Superintendent/Principal's Report: IASC update: Superintendent/Principal Rendle presented the IASC IT Technician duties.
16. Superintendent/Principal Rendle informed the Board that around the end of next month there will be need to be discussion regarding a new program, Wilderness Endeavors.
17. Approved the 2017-2018 Preliminary Seniority List.
18. Approved Fiscal Year 2017 Committed for Severance to be \$176,270.56.
19. First reading of Policy 620 Credit for Learning and Policy 903 Visitors to School District Buildings and Sites.
20. Approved to support the nomination of Sue Kaslow as candidate for the Board of Directors of the Northeast Service Cooperative.
21. 2018 MSBA Leadership Conference will be held on January 11-12, 2018.
22. Meeting adjourned 7:46 p.m.

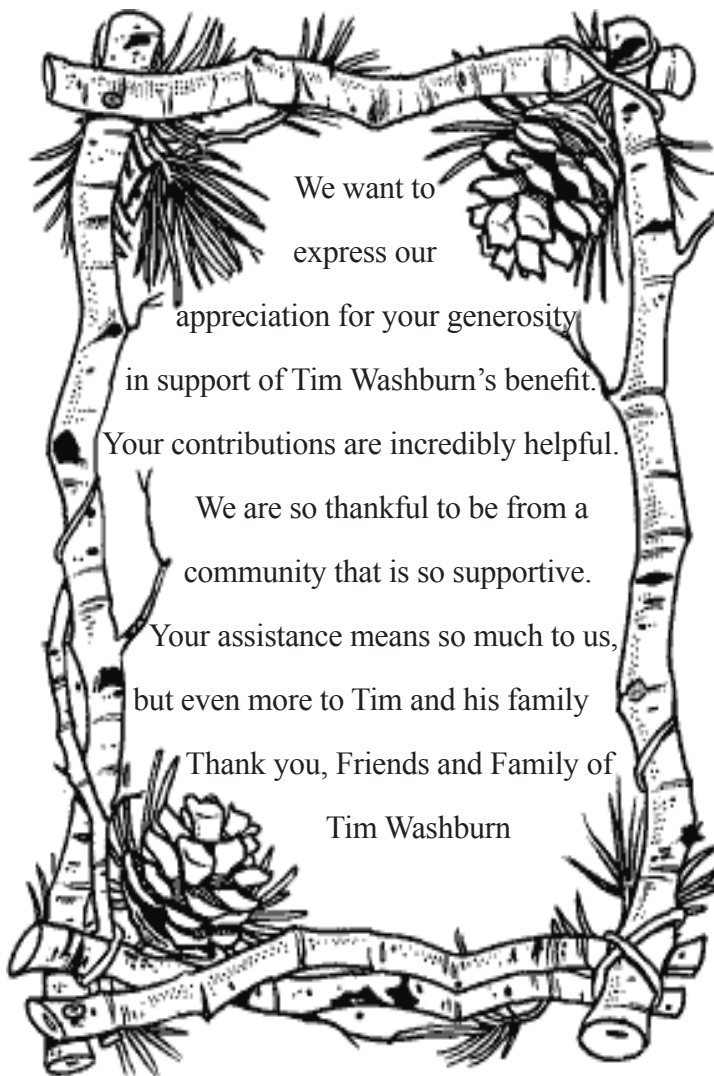
Respectfully Submitted: Joell Miranda, Clerk.

Complete Minutes of the above Board Meetings and all Board Meetings are on file in the administration office and may be viewed at any time during regular business hours.

With the Wintery Weather upon us, just a reminder: The buses may be running a few minutes earlier each morning to accommodate for the driving conditions. So please as always, be at your stop and ready to go 5 to 10 minutes before your assigned time, to prevent missing the bus.

Thank You!





We want to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of Tim Washburn's benefit. Your contributions are incredibly helpful. We are so thankful to be from a community that is so supportive. Your assistance means so much to us, but even more to Tim and his family. Thank you, Friends and Family of
Tim Washburn



Hill City Middle and High School Christmas Concerts
Wednesday, December 20th
7:00 pm in the School Assembly



Veteran's Memorial Wall

in Beerbower Park

Attention!



We are looking for names of all Veterans that are from Hill City, Jacobson, Swatara, and Palisade, that are NOT already on the Memorial Wall.

If you are a Veteran or know of anyone please contact Laurie Holm via her email:

lholm@isd002.org

with the **Correct Spelling of Name, Branch of Service,** and **Approximate Years Served.**

Elementary Holiday Concert

Friday December 15th,
1:30 pm
School Gymnasium



ideas for parents

Practical Suggestions for Building Assets in Your Child

FAST FACTS

**ASSET #12:
School
Boundaries**

Youth are more likely to grow up healthy when school provides clear rules and consequences.

46%
of youth surveyed by Search Institute have this asset in their lives.*

What Are Assets?

Assets are 40 key building blocks to help kids succeed. "School boundaries" is one of six boundaries and expectations assets.

* Based on Search Institute surveys of almost 100,000 6th- to 12th-grade youth throughout the United States.

Working Together to Form Boundaries

An assistant principal of a middle school in Colorado was fed up with discipline problems. So many students were behaving badly that he expelled 97 of them.

Then the assistant principal was suspended. Why?

Because while some parents and teachers supported his action, many thought the expulsions were too extreme and poorly handled. They demanded his suspension because they felt he was using unusually harsh punishment to enforce school boundaries.

All schools need boundaries. They need to set clear standards and expectations for how students should act and learn. Yet setting these standards isn't easy—and neither is enforcing them. Many schools grapple with how to discipline students in appropriate and effective ways.

As a parent you can help the process by working with your child's school. Encourage your school to create a conduct code at the beginning of the year, review the code with the students, and send a copy of it home to inform parents. Suggest that students help in



creating the code. For example, Streetwater High in National City, California, created "The Link Crew"—twelfth graders who explained the dos and don'ts of behavior to new students and talked with students with whom teachers were struggling. Grades and attendance improved, and fewer new students spent time in the principal's office.

When parents and educators work together, they can create a supportive environment for establishing and enforcing school boundaries. And the more families, schools, and communities work together to establish consistent boundaries, the better off our children will be because they will know what to expect.

Helpful Hints

Tips that make creating clear school boundaries easier:

- **Get involved in a parent-teacher policy organization.**
- **Focus on the positive and build on what's working.**
- **When conflicts occur, don't be pushy. Calmly state your concern and suggest solutions.**

Evaluate Your Child's School

Inform yourself about school boundaries by visiting your child's school and asking yourself these questions:

- Overall, how are students behaving?
- How do adults and students interact with each other?
- When conflicts occur, how are they resolved?
- How do the school boundaries you observe match the boundaries you have at home?

What's Your View?

Public Agenda interviewed more than 1,100 Americans about education reform. They found that:

- 54% say teachers are doing either a "fair" or "poor" job dealing with discipline.
- 52% say it is a serious problem that local public schools aren't teaching good work habits, such as being on time and doing homework.
- 49% say the worst-behaved students are getting most of the attention.

Do you agree with these statements when you think about the education your child is getting? Why or why not? Contact the president of your school-parent group (such as a PTA or PTO) and raise these issues. Or talk to the principal or a teacher. Discuss how parents and educators can work together and make school boundaries an issue people feel good about.



More Stuff You Can Use

A Parent's Guide to Innovative Education. This book offers positive strategies for how parents and children can bring out the best in their schools. (Available from The Noble Press, Inc., 1020 South Wabash Avenue, Suite 4D, Chicago, IL 60605; 1-800-283-3572.)

Final Word

"Schools should be safe, orderly, and conducive to teaching and learning." —Jean Johnson and John Immerwahr, authors of *First Things First: What Americans Expect from the Public Schools*

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Haypoint Jackpine Youth Snowmobile

Safety Training

This is now an Online based youth safety class.



You must go to either one of these Online sites to complete the course prior to the classroom review/performance test.
snowmobilecourse.com (fee for course \$29.95/family)
snowmobile-ed.com (fee for course \$29.50/person)

The classroom/performance test will be held on Saturday, December 30, 2017 8:30 am - Noon at the clubhouse on Hwy. 200E

A parent or guardian must accompany the student to register.

Cost is \$5.00 per student which is paid to the DNR online, after the completion of the classroom

Class will be limited to 20 participants.

Participants must be 11 years old and **MUST** have a printout of the Certificate of Completion with them the day of the classroom training.

You must call (612) 850-6060 to pre-register. For additional information contact:

Gary Clepper (612) 850-6060 or Jim Lamke (218) 259-0677

Quick Tip:
Children learn better when school boundaries are clear.

talk together

Questions to discuss with your child:

- Are the rules at your school clear? Why or why not?
- Do you feel your school's consequences for violating rules are fair? Why or why not?
- How would you make school boundaries and consequences more clear?

A Christmas Carol

Presented By Wayne Matthews Story by Charles Dickens

Adapted and Written by Gary R. Dop

A Story of Forgiveness, Second Chances and Changed Lives!



Wayne Matthews is an Assistant Professor of Performance Arts at North Central University, Minneapolis

Saturday December 16, 2017 6:00 p.m.

Hill City Assembly of God 102 Lake Ave

(Free Will Offering will be taken)

Please come and join us for this one-man rendition of the Christmas Carol.

MAKE & TAKE EVENT

December 2nd from 1:00-3:00pm

Hill City Assembly of God Church

Kids Kindergarten- 5th grade
come join us for a two hour event
where you will make a present
for Mom & Dad

snacks - games - fun

We will keep the kids for 2 hours
(in case you have some shopping
you would rather do alone.)

*Please sign up, by November 30th
so we make sure there is enough of everything.*

\$5 per child
(\$15 family limit)

Call Pastor Patty@
218-340-3001

to sign up
or with questions.



Hill City UMW Bazaar!

Saturday, December 2

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Methodist Church

300 Ione Avenue

Hill City, MN



Lunch will be available for \$5.00
Sloppy Joes and Homemade Pie
Items will include: crafts, cards,
bakery items, plants, white elephant, etc.



The

Itasca Holiday Program

provides toys and food
for needy families in
the Hill City area at
Christmas time.

You can help to support
this project by sending
a donation to:

Hill City Area Food Shelf
PO Box 437
Hill City, MN 55748

thanks!

**My name is Barb Hartnell. I am looking to
see how many folks in our area would be
interested in Fare For All, before working
on setting up a Hill City site.**

This is a program that allows you to purchase meat
and fresh produce at a reduced cost once a month.

You may purchase a produce pack (usually 5
varieties of fresh vegetables & 2 varieties of fresh
fruit), a mini-meat pack (3-5 items) or a mega-meat
pack (7-9 items).

For more information, you can check their website
<http://fareforall.org/>

\$10 for produce, \$11 for mini meat and \$25 for
mega meat

If you are interested in having this available in
Hill City, let me know.

**My phone number is 651-399-0204.
Email is hartnell20304@hotmail.com.**

If enough people are interested, I will start
working on setting this up.
Otherwise, I can provide the contact information for
the Aitkin site for those who are interested.

Organizations and Event



Jacobson Community Christmas Party
December 2 - 4:30
at the Jacobson Community Center
Potluck and program
With Santa coming!

Jacobson Seniors Holiday Luncheon
December 7, 2017
Noon at Jacobson Community Center

NCMnFAA-farm and Antique Association

Brunch at Blackberry on Dec 10, 9 am 'til noon.

Ball Bluff Township

Ball Bluff Board Meeting is the second Thursday of the month December 14 at the Jacobson Community Center for the Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. All residents are encouraged to come and participate.

Jacobson Landing Recreation Area

Board Meetings at 7:00 p.m.

December 20th at Jacobson Fire Hall

Jacobson Seniors

Meets every Thursday for fun and fellowship.
10:00-2:00 with a potluck at noon.

Jacobson Civic Club

Will meet on Monday, December 11 at Jacobson Community Center, at 1:00 p.m. for our Christmas Party and prepare baskets for the homebound. Want to join us? Call Sandy Brown 752-1070

WELCA meets the 1st Wednesday of the month
@ 9:30
Pastor Mark Wagner
218-246-3179

ECR Library Outreach Program

East Central Regional Library Outreach will be at the Jacobson Community Center every other Thursday at 9:00.

Dates are:

December 14

December 28

Book Club meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 2:00 at the Community Center.

If you are interested in joining our book club call Harriet at 752-6699.

Jacobson Fire & Rescue

Interested in Joining the Jacobson Volunteer Fire and Rescue? Call Chief Dale Thompson 752-6560.

1st Thursday monthly: Business Meeting

3rd Thursday monthly: 1st Responder & Fire

Training. Meetings are at the Fire Hall at 7:00

Jacobson Food Shelf

The Jacobson Food Shelf will be open in December on the 2nd and 16th from 4 to 6 p.m. at Carmel Lutheran Church.

For more information, call 218-426-4799, 218-752-1062, or 218-752-6618.

Jacobson Churches

Jacobson Community Church

The public is invited to the "little white church in downtown Jacobson."

Sunday mornings:

9:30 a.m. to 10:20 Sunday School for all ages

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Worship

Bible study on Wed. evenings at 7:00 to 8:00

Carmel Lutheran Church

Everyone welcome.

Christmas Eve services:

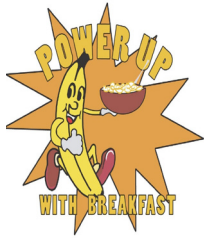
11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Sunday mornings:

10:00 children's Sunday School

(1st & 3rd Sun)

11:00-Worship, 12:00-Fellowship




ISD #2 Breakfast Menu December 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt, Cereal, Graham Cracker	2
3	4 Muffin, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Yogurt	5 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Yogurt	6 Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Graham Cracker	7 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Yogurt	8 Cinnamon Roll Cheese Stick, Cereal, Graham Cracker	Fruit, Juice and Milk served Daily
Menu subject to change at anytime	11 Cereal, Graham Cracker, Cheese Stick	12 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Yogurt	13 Mini Cinnamon Bagel, Cereal, Graham Cracker	14 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Cheese Stick	15 Cinnamon Roll Yogurt, Cereal, Graham Cracker	16
17	18 Muffin, Cereal, Graham Cracker	19 Oatmeal, Cereal, Graham Cracker, Yogurt	20 Apple Frudel, Cereal, Graham Cracker	21 Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Stick, Cereal, Graham Cracker	22 NO SCHOOL	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	Menu subject to change at anytime
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ISD #2 Lunch Menu December 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<u>Offer-vs-Serve</u> Build a healthy Meal. Select a full or 1/2 serving of					1 Hot Dog on a Bun, Potato Salad, Baked Beans	
fruit or veggie & a minimum of 2 other full meal components.	4 Marinated Chicken, Cali Veggies Dinner Roll, Rice	5 Shrimp Poppers, Tater Tots, Carrots, Pineapple or Mandarin Orange	6 Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Breadstick, Apple Slices	7 Chicken Wrap with Fixings, Tater Tots	8 Stuffed Crust Pizza, Carrots, Salad Bar	Fruit & Milk Served Daily with Lunch
5 meal compo- nents are offered daily. Students must select a	11 Taco with Fixings, Corn	12 Sloppy Joe on a Bun, French Fries Coleslaw	13 Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Ham and Cheese, Spinach Salad	14 FARM 2 SCHOOL	15 Breakfast for Lunch	16
One of the components must be a fruit or veggie.	18 Chicken Nuggets Rice Pilaf, Peas & Carrots, Garlic Bread	19 Pizza, Salad Bar, Mixed Veggies	20 Tomato Soup, Grilled Cheese, Salad Bar, Goldfish Crackers	21 Chicken Gravy, Mashed Potatoes Corn, Roll, Cranberry Pumpkin Bar	22 NO SCHOOL	23
24	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28 NO SCHOOL	29 NO SCHOOL	30
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For the Full Non-Discrimination statement see: <http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/SchSup/FNS/CivilRight/048413>

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ISD #2 Activities December 2017

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 BBB vs Isle ABJH 5:45 Away	2
3 Basketball Open Gym 6-8	4	5 BBB vs Northland 5:45 AB JH Away	6 Volleyball Open Gym 7-9	7 GBB vs Isle ABJH 5:45 Home BBB vs MIB ABJH 5:45 Home	8	9 GBB & BBB vs Ely 1:30 Home A & B
10 Basketball Open Gym 6-8	11 GBB vs Fond du Lac Ojibwe 5:45 Home AB JH	12 GBB vs Chisholm ABJH 5:45 Away BBB vs Cromwell ABJH 5:45 Away	13 Volleyball Open Gym 7-9	14	15 BBB vs Deer River AB JH 5:45 Away	16
17 Basketball Open Gym 6-8	18 School Board 6:30 p.m.	19 GBB & BBB vs Wrenshall A & B 5:45 Home	20 Volleyball Open Gym 7-9	21 GBB A & B Tournament BBB vs WHA ABJH 5:45 Away	22 NO SCHOOL GBB A&B Tournament	23 WINTER BREAK
24 31	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL BBB Tournament TBD	28 NO SCHOOL BBB Tournament TBD	29 NO SCHOOL	30 Schedule Subject to Change at any time.