



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

Monthly Update

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR • BUSINESS SERVICES
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April 2024

District Administrator

School Board Member Election

The April 2 election results are as follows:

- Mark W. Grossman - 1753
- Katie Batten - 1658
- Nate Grundy - 1403



We welcome Nate Grundy to the Board of Education.

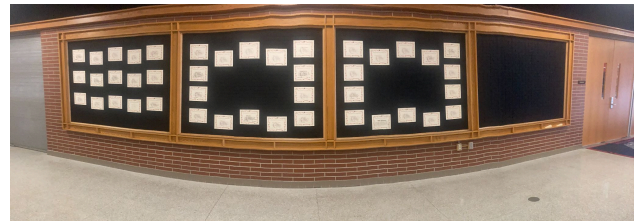
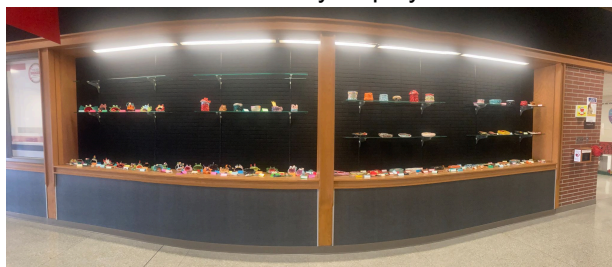
We thank Terry Wegner for his 22 years of service on the Board of Education. We appreciate the time, effort, and commitment to continue to uphold the high standards of education in the School District of New London.

B 212

The April B212 Extra Degree of effort recognizes Intermediate Middle School student services secretary Tammy Esser, who recently supported updating our District communication platforms and parent guidelines to ensure they are accessible for bilingual students and families that our District serves.



Additionally, recognition is given to our High School advanced wood class, as instructed by Joe Gruentzel, who recently updated the Intermediate Middle School main hallway display case.



Thank you, Mrs. Esser and Mr. Gruentzel, for your 212 Extra Degree of Effort to support the School District of New London

Director of Business Services

The Total Compensation Committee met on March 26, 2024, and discussed the items noted below:

- A. Review of 2024-25 wage increase options

The committee reviewed the wage impact of a CPI increase of 4.12% to all groups for the 2024-25 budget. The committee will continue discussions and options at another meeting on April 9 and look for recommendations to bring to the full Board for consideration.

- B. Review of health insurance plan performance

Plan performance still shows high utilization. This will likely necessitate changes to the health insurance offerings to staff. As a reminder, the budget forecast includes an 8% increase to insurance. More updates will continue as the renewal is January 1, 2025.



C. Review of 2024-25 employee handbook process

The handbook review process will take place over the next few months with formal recommendations for the 2024-25 handbook coming to the Board once the committee reviews potential edits.

Director of Pupil Services

4K Outreach Upcoming Events

4K Day of Fun Event

On Friday, April 12, 2024, we anticipate approximately 100 people (students, families, and staff) to attend our 4K Literacy Round Up event at the Washington Center.

Students who are three and four years old and their families can come to attend and participate in our literacy event. The event involves the 4K teaching staff from our district, as well as our collaborative



partners—Head Start and Day Care Center of New London. Students are able to engage in projects involving literacy, gross motor activities, fine motor activities, math—specifically number identification, sorting, patterns, counting and more and family engagement. The staff will receive assistance from the 8th grade student council students as well as the Catalyst Academy staff and students.

4K/5K Family Visitation Day

On Friday, May 3, 2024, the district will host 4K/5K visitation day in all of the elementary schools. All New London families with children ages 3 and older are encouraged to attend. Parents will learn more about what 4K and 5K is all about, be able to see the classrooms and instructional areas, and ask questions they may have about their own children. Additionally, families will also receive a bulldog t-shirt for attending this event.



Director of Teaching and Learning

Summer School

The Summer School program packet is live online under parent forms. Registration will open on April 15, 2024. Summer school is an opportunity for both enrichment and academic connections for our students and allows our school to add enrollment counts to our budget. Thank you for supporting and promoting our programs with all students.



Title I Programming

The School District of New London is proud to support intervention in our Title I programming throughout our buildings. Each spring as we evaluate our programs and look to set goals for the future we seek feedback from our families. Surveys will be sent home both digitally and traditionally to assure they have the opportunity to provide insight. In the fall, the district and building plans and goals will be shared based on the survey and data we collect.



Instructional Committee

Our Instructional Committee met last on March 12, 2024, when we reviewed some of the trends and changes to high school programming and most of our time on understanding the Youth Apprenticeship program and pathways including some additional pathways and developments. New London continues to have high interest in students exploring career opportunities through the Youth Apprenticeship program.

Beyond a work experience, Youth Apprenticeship expectations set criteria for skills and opportunities to grow during a 450 hour paid position in their pathway. Our district uses a career coordinator from Cesa 6 and receives Act 59 incentive dollars based on successful completion of these placements.



Department of Workforce Development