



# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

## Monthly Update

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR • BUSINESS SERVICES  
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### August 2020

#### District Administrator

##### The Start of A New Academic Year

The month of August marks a significant milestone for our school community as we prepare for the 2020-201 academic year. As in past years, our District has been actively involved with summer facilities projects and continued professional development for our employees.

Even with the obstacles we have all faced over the past six months to address the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020-2021 academic year will bring process and educational routine for students and families. As a District, we have sought feedback, planned with focus and reason, and are now readying for educational instruction to begin.

Regardless if students and families have chosen “at-school” or “at home” learning to begin the academic year, “Success For All Students” will drive our educational mission during the 2020-2021 academic year. Now more than ever, I encourage parents/guardians to be actively involved. Continued support for your child as they learn and relearn process, procedures, and expectations will be necessary.



to discuss business partners who have gone above and beyond to support our great District.

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Over the eight months, Somerville Architectural and The Boldt Company have led our expansion and remodel of Parkview Elementary, as well the facilities upgrades at Readfield Elementary. During the construction, Somerville and Boldt have actively communicated with District personnel as they pressed forward with an aggressive construction timeline. Thank you, Somerville and Boldt, for serving our New London school community and creating spaces where “Success For All Student” will be found!



#### Wisconsin Association of School Boards Business Honor Roll

Annually, the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) offers the opportunity for School Board members and Districts to submit nominations to recognize quality business partners. The intent is to highlight and acknowledge quality business partners that have historically supported District efforts to enhance school communities. A discussion will take place on current WASB Business Honor Roll nominations and as well as allow Board members the opportunity



#### Director of Business Services

##### Summary of Projects

The summer is wrapping up and there are several projects that have been completed or will be in time for school to start. I wanted to note those accomplishments:



- All schools
  - Painting
  - Significant cleaning of areas
  - Sealcoating
  - Filter replacements and upgrades

- Bottle filler retrofits or replacements
- High School
  - Second floor corridor flooring
  - Duct cleaning
  - Gym floor resurfacing
  - Chiller replacement
  - Kitchen dishmachine
  - Track resurfacing
  - Significant painting
  - Locker room floor resurfacing
  - CO2 sensors in commons, auditorium and gym
  - Minor roof repair
  - Exhaust fan repairs
- Intermediate Middle School
  - Exhaust fan repairs
  - Special education room sink
  - Gym floor recoat
  - Gym audio visual system
  - Automated gym hoops
  - Terrazzo floor grinding
  - Science table refinishing
- Lincoln Elementary
  - Entrance door replacements
  - Additional health room window
- Sugar Bush Elementary
  - Roof replacement
  - Exhaust fan repairs
  - Boiler redundancy
- Parkview & Readfield have major projects that have been talked about at length.

The district is very proud of these projects and what was able to be accomplished from late March through August. Thank you to all that were a part of these projects and the support of the Board.

### **School Bus Inspections**

All school buses have been inspected by the Wisconsin State Patrol and are ready for service in the upcoming school year. Thank you to the transportation department for making sure our school buses are safe for students and adults.

The State always commends the quality of our buses and the work our mechanic does to ensure all guidelines are met.



## **Director of Pupil Services**

### **PPE Purchases**

Personal protective equipment purchases continue to arrive in the district. The district received the free shipment of student face masks and thermometers from the state. Additional masks, face gaiters, face shields and goggles have been ordered.



Additionally social distancing dots are being placed in the buildings on the floors in high-traffic areas. Plexiglass barriers are in place in the offices. Additional plexiglass barriers have been ordered for classrooms. The buildings have received their additional infrared thermometers. Staff members in high-contact with students (therapists and nurses' aides) will receive additional PPE gear to wear during the school day.

Sanitizing and cleaning supplies have been ordered and will be placed in the classrooms and common areas.

### **Updated Medical Plans for Students**

Sue Resch and her staff have been reaching out to the medically fragile students to update their medical plans to adjust to the new parameters in place for the fall and ensure the school has the most updated information on the student.

### **Read 180 and Fastbridge Staff Training**

Interventionist and special education staff throughout the district attended Read 180 training on July 29. Staff were able to learn how to use the new features available for their English Language Arts resource and also how to use the new additional component called System 44. Approximately 20 staff members participated in this training.



Additionally, there will be Fastbridge Training on Monday, August 17, for members of our administration team, our school psychologists, program support teachers, and interventionists. Staff will participate in learning how to use this resource. Fastbridge is a tool that the staff will use

to assess students and track their data as students move through their intervention processes.

### **Nursing Communications**

The School District of New London continues to add resources to the district webpage with the latest and most accurate information and guidance from both the Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control. Pertinent emails related to nursing program updates are also being sent out to the families via Skyward communications.



### **Director of Teaching and Learning**

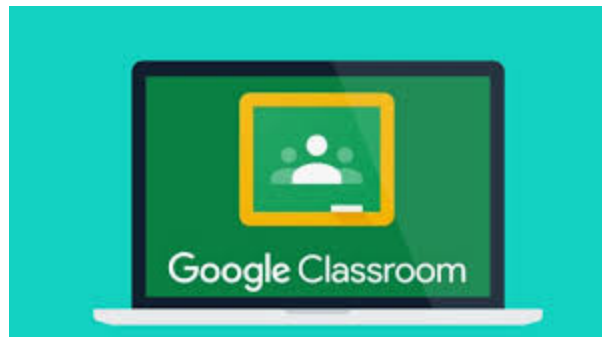
#### **At Home and In Home Learning**

Thank you for those who have registered through Family Access and shared your choice for how your child will start the year. For those who have not, please do so as soon as possible to assist with scheduling and staffing. Building level staff will be contacting families to finalize decisions and identify needs for schedules in the next two weeks. It is the goal that we can pull staff to manage at home learners and serve them online rather than having staff serve both populations at the same time. New families, please contact Lesley Baehman or the District Office to be sent an enrollment packet.



### **Google Classroom Training for Staff**

All instructional staff has been trained in google classrooms for the fall. We continue to build consistency and expectations as a team so that parents, students and staff are held accountable and that communication is reliable.



### **EduClimber Training**

In our second year of EduClimber, we have moved to train the trainer model. Twenty staff members attended a 2 day training session on EduClimber to assure staff has access to input, monitor and analyze student data to include achievement, attendance and behavior.

### **August Inservice Days**

All staff will be participating in welcome back sessions on August 24-25 with certified only staff continuing on August 26-27. Priority topics include technology, safety and security and professional learning.

