



# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

## Monthly Update

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR • BUSINESS SERVICES  
PUPIL SERVICES • TEACHING AND LEARNING SERVICES

### August 2021

#### District Administrator

##### B 212

Our August B 212 extra degree of effort recognizes our District Office staff who have continually met the summer operational processes while welcoming new staff to the School District of New London.



Over the past summer months and throughout the year, District office staff meet our school community needs for students, employees, and community members. Thank you, Jill Willner, Janal Pittler, Lori Gonnering, Lesley Baehman, Linda Kruzicki, and Wendie Kronser, for your continued B 212 effort!

##### Compensation Committee

On July 26, the District Compensation Committee met to discuss potential annual revisions to the District employee handbooks, which represent certified and support staff. Potential recommendations will be presented to the full Board at the August 9 Board of Education meeting for consideration.

##### August 26, 30 and 31-Welcome Back Inservice Topics

Back to school in-service will welcome certified and support staff on August 26, 30, and 31. As we prepare for the start of the academic year, anticipation is high to greet students and our school community for the 2021-22 academic year.

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

#### Director of Business Services

##### WASBO Board

The Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials has 13 elected positions that serve the association's membership. WASBO is the professional organization for school business officials for Wisconsin that consists of approximately 1,300 members.



I was elected by my peers this spring to serve on the Board from 2021-2024. This is a great opportunity for me to serve the organization and represent the School District of New London. As a Board member, our mission is to provide professional development, foster a network of support and to advocate for funding that ensures outstanding educational opportunities for all children in Wisconsin.

As a Board member, there will be conferences and meetings that I may be required to attend. The cost of attending meetings and some conferences will be paid for by WASBO.

##### Transportation Update

The Board approved Katie Christian as Director of Transportation at its special meeting in July. She officially began on July 28 and is getting the programming set-up for the start of the school year.

The transportation office secretary position was posted and 29 people applied for that position.

Interviews are scheduled and a candidate will hopefully emerge to fit that position and start in mid-August.

As always, please continue to encourage individuals to become school bus drivers contact the bus garage at 982-8543 with any questions.



## **Director of Pupil Services**

### **Crisis Training**

Each building annually runs multiple safety drills throughout the year to allow the staff to train and practice on how to respond in case of an emergency. The district has the procedures posted in each room and on the back of each staff member's ID lanyard. These trainings are overseen by the New London Police Department and the Waupaca County Sheriff's Department. They annually receive an update of all of our building's updated procedures. These are also shared with the Department of Justice, as part of our safety grant.

### **Secretary Training**

On August 4 and August 11 the secretary and health aide staff members participated in several trainings which included medication administration and updated procedures regarding specific students' medical plans.

### **Heartsaver Training**

The Pupil Services Department and the nursing program will continue crisis training and heartsaver training for all the building crisis teams throughout the district. This will entail training the staff on the use of defibrillator equipment that is placed throughout our district and in all of our school buildings. We will practice use of this equipment during our safety drills.



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## **Immunizations**

Annually, parents are sent information regarding the required immunizations and updates appropriate for their students at various age levels. Our nursing services will be working with families on compliance in this area. The Wisconsin Immunization registry is utilized to verify that all students have obtained their required vaccinations or have signed the waiver form required for family opt-out.

## **Director of Teaching and Learning**

### **Registration**

Over 50% of our families have submitted online enrollment materials through their Family Access accounts in Skyward. We hope this number continues to increase as this information is important to our staffing, rostering and instructional planning.

With early information last spring related to online or traditional learning requests, we have kept in touch with our virtual families and have transitioned them to Rural Virtual Academy (RVA) as a vested partner. There was not enough interest to keep a New London Connect option in our plans. Students in the RVA program will continue to be recognized as New London students but be served fully by the RVA staff.

Families who did not ask to be virtual in the spring and who are looking for this option at this time or throughout the year will need to apply to RVA directly. Again, spots and availability are limited and may not be available for families who wait to apply.

### **New Staff Inservice Training**

New London is excited to welcome our new certified staff members to New Staff Inservice Training on August 11, 2021. This session will cover some basic onboarding procedures and familiarize staff with expectations and software used for our efficient instruction of our students. After our meal provided by Chartwells, we will then break into collaborative teams based on their roles. Later in September our formal mentor program will begin.



### **Fork Farms**

New London Schools has been awarded a grant by Basic Needs Foundation of the Greater Fox Valley. This cooperative grant supports learning and vocational skills with the use of Hydroponic farming stations with K-12 curriculum connections. We have been granted eight *ForkFarms* Flex-Farming stations to our schools in partnership with the Food Pantry. Our students and staff will manage the farms and the harvest will be delivered to the Food Pantry. Any food beyond what is needed will be available to use for food service in cooperation with Chartwells.

To start, we will have two farms set up at the Intermediate/Middle School and four at the High School. After that initial onboarding, we will look to add one farm to each of our elementary schools for our 4th grade students to interact with. Continued granted stations will be available based on our success.

