# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON



## Monthly Update

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## December 2022

## **District Administrator**

#### **School Board Mission and Norm Development**

On Monday, December 5, 2022, the New London School District Board of Education held a special meeting to reflect on and develop a specific Board of Education mission statement and norms.

With the mindset of continuous improvement at all levels within our school district, Board members developed a Board of Education mission statement to support their focus and effort to meet our District mission of "Success For All Students."

Created with universal input and agreement, the following mission statement has been established to guide the Board of Education with its elected responsibilities.

"We will develop policy and strategy that engages our stakeholders and ensures the readiness of our students while representing the needs of our community."

Additionally developed were guiding norms that are intended to support the Board of Education's mission statement when carrying out the responsibility of Board members within our District.

#### **Recognized Board Norms:**

Respect Understanding
Trust Listen
Communication Challenge
Honesty Collaboration
Accept Follow-Through
Compromise

Throughout the mission statement and norm development exercise, Board members gave guiding perspectives to enhance functionalities when working with District stakeholder groups and for collaborative work sessions.

## **Appreciation of Community Generosity**

The School District of New London is sincerely



grateful for our community generosity that continually is recognized throughout the year to support our students, families, and

school community. Specifically, during December, community organizations, clubs, and civic groups go above and beyond to ensure students' basic needs can be met in various unique ways.

The School District of New London experiences firsthand how community generosity puts a smile on a child's face from winter clothing, family resources, and additional support through the holiday season. My sincerest gratitude of thanks to all who go beyond while continually thinking of others with their generosity.

## **Winter Fine Arts Concerts**

December marks the start of the winter concert series for elementary, intermediate middle school, and high school students. I encourage our school community to take in a winter concert. Our students and instructional leaders have again prepared great shows to showcase our student's talents! Reference the District website for the remaining concert dates.

#### B 212

The December B212 Extra Degree of Effort recognizes Intermediate Middle School support staff members Tammy Esser and Brianne Tiegs. Thank you, Mrs. Esser and Mrs. Tiegs, for



your B212 Extra Degree of Effort during the ISMS office staffing transition.

## **Director of Business Services**

### **Trap Team Donation**



Real Opportunities Outreach sent a donation of \$6,425 to the high school trap team. This donation will help offset state competition fees, ammunition and other

fees for the program. Malcome Hathorne was integral in making this donation happen. We thank their organization for the donation!

#### **Tennis Court Bid Update**

Bids are due on December 22 for the potential tennis court project site at New London High School. The planning process for the bids is still consistent with what has been discussed



the past few years with the committee and Board.

More information will come after bids are received. This is a culmination of almost three years of discussions with several stakeholders. Look for an update to the Board in January 2023.

## **Director of Pupil Services**

## <u>Bulldogs of Character at the Winter Wonderland</u> <u>Parade</u>



The Bulldogs of Character organization participated in Winter Wonderland on the Wolf parade that was sponsored by the New London

Chamber of
Commerce. This
was the annual
Holiday of
Wonder parade.
Students from
the elementary
schools rode the
hay wagon float
which was pulled
by Martin Farm.



Percy the Bulldog and the Bulldogs of Character groups also handed out candy to citizens that came to watch the parade. The parade was held on Friday, December 2, 2022. Malcolm, the school therapy dog also walked along the parade route with our students for this event.





#### **Academic Career Planning for 2023**

All future freshmen and their parents will be receiving information about the Academic and Career Planning process soon. This will occur on Monday, January 9, at the High School. New London strives to engage our students in a variety of opportunities during their high school career. Our goal for the Academic and Career Planning Process

is to make sure all students and families are informed consumers of the educational options New London High School has to offer. An overview of the scheduling process, graduation requirements and career and college readiness advice will be available

in the Academic and Career Planning materials.

The first focus will be on 9th grade scheduling and ACP planning. The high school counselors will be creating a presentation to share with parents with all the resources included. The high school counselors will



share the slide show with everyone. They will also create a scheduling video with step-by-step directions on how to schedule classes. The presentation will cover scheduling, pathways, academic planning, and a variety of other information. The counselors will also be presenting something similar on a smaller scale to all 8th grade students the week before Monday, January 9, 2023. The counselors will inform all parents/students about the scheduling process; they will also visit the middle school in mid January and meet with each student individually to discuss and check their schedule selections.

## **Director of Teaching and Learning**

#### **Instructional Committee Meeting**



The Instructional
Committee met on
December 7, 2022.
Topics included follow up
on the State
Accountability Reports
which are active on our
website under Notices.

We also discussed the success of the Automotive and Culinary programs at Rawhide and the opportunity for Advanced Power Sports to include some hands-on automotive experience. We spent time reviewing the High School Course Description Guide which is highlighted in a later report. We will forward our discussion on automotive to the Facilities Committee for further development.

#### **Registration and Enrollment**

Registration packets for 4K will be sent the week of January 3, 2023, for children who will turn 4 by September 1, 2023.

Students who did not attend 4K but are interested in 5K next year will also be able to register if they turn 5 by September 1, 2023.



Families who do not think they are in our census or are new to the area can call Lesley Baehman at (920) 982-8447 or

email <u>lbaehma@newlondon.k12.wi.us</u> to request a packet be sent. Please return these packets as soon as possible to the District Office or school buildings so we can begin to prepare for next year.

Please notify your building principal if you have any questions about 4K, 5K enrollment or if you have concerns or a request for your child to repeat their current grade level.