



### February 2023

#### District Administrator

##### Years of Service Recognition

As a District, we annually recognize years of service milestones for our District employee groups during February. We are genuinely appreciative and thankful for our dedicated individuals committed to "Success for All Students." On behalf of the School District of New London, my gratitude and appreciation are given.



**45 Years of Service:** Kenneth Carew

**35 Years of Service:** Cynthia Wolford

**30 Years of Service:** Melissa Anderson, Tony Porath

**25 Years of Service:** Ruth Meltz, Jill Willner

**20 Years of Service:** Jennifer Doran, Linda Larson-Proos, Jenessa Oberstadt, Jennifer Pelot, Veronica Vakirtzis, Brian Yerkey, Brenda Fischer, Denise Fischer, Janel Pittler

**15 Years of Service:** Sarah Auer, Jennifer Bruce, Kate Hurst, Danielle Kamba, Bradley Laufenberg, Angela Sonetti, Leah Stanczyk, Amber Yerkey, Cindy Grunwald, Gail Johnson, Gerald Jennerjohn

**10 Years of Service:** Joanna Ledgerwood, Kristen Lozo, Erin Miller, Gregory Shepard, Katherine Bellile, Lindsey Spiegelberg, Dorla Johnson

##### B 212

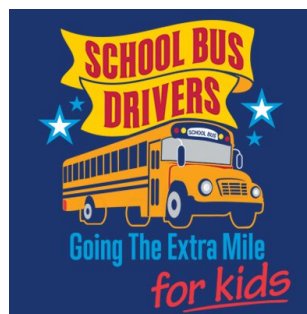
Annually, the first full week of February is recognized as National School Counseling Week.



Comprehensive school counseling programs are integral to the school's educational environment. They produce measurable, positive results for student achievement and behavior.

Professional school counselors plan and facilitate the delivery of school counseling programs in collaboration with school administrators, other professional educators, and community members. In recognition of National School Counseling Week February 6-10, the February B212 extra degree of effort recognizes the following District school counselors who support and promote our school community: Lisa Brovold, Jen Tate, Sarah Pagel, Cassidy Flanders, Riley Schussler, Theresa Reynoso-Doran, and Gretchen Sasse. Great Job!!!

##### School Bus Driver Appreciation Week



February 13-17, the State of Wisconsin recognizes School Bus Driver Appreciation Week. Congratulations and thank you to our District transportation drivers who ensure the comfort and safety of transportation needs for our students at the start and finish of our typical

instructional day.

Additionally, we sincerely thank our drivers who support co-curricular transportation needs after school hours and over the weekends. One of the success factors for our students is demonstrated daily, with great drivers going above and beyond to serve our school community.

## Director of Business Services

### Food Service Donation



Scheid Construction donated \$700 to the Lunch Fund this district has for student lunch accounts. The Lunch Fund is available to accounts that are negative or if someone specifically asks for a donation to go to a family account. We thank Scheid Construction for the generous donation!

### Total Compensation Committee Update

The Total Compensation Committee met on February 6 and the agenda topics are noted below.



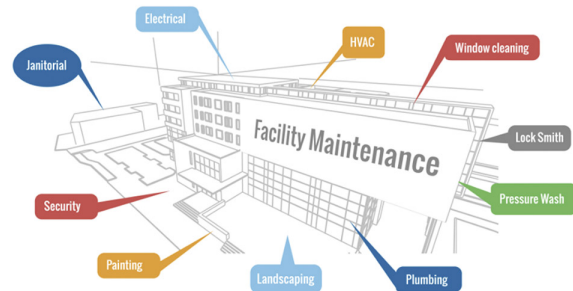
- A. Public Input
  - The school counseling team shared feedback on wages for school counselors
  - The high school shared the importance of super subs
- B. Review and discussion of staff survey
  - The committee discussed feedback and themes from the School Perceptions survey
- C. Review and discussion of 2023-24 CPI for base wages
  - The CPI for 23-24 is 8.01%. The committee is hoping to recommend as close to 8.01% as possible depending on the district budget
- D. Review and discussion of addition of substitute pay rates
  - Recommended an increase to the Board
- E. Review and discussion of years of service program stipends
  - 5 years of payments have benefited all staff; the committee will recommend continuing the program
- F. Update on health/dental insurance renewals that started January 1
  - Positive transition so far

### Facilities Committee Update

The Facilities Committee met on February 6 and the topics are noted with updates.

- A. Review and Discussion of Sugar Bush Project Bids
  - Reviewed bids and alternates to formulated recommendations

- Asked for a walkthrough of Sugar Bush at next meeting
- B. Discussion of School Bus Purchasing Budget
  - No bus purchase recommended for 2023-24 budget
- C. Discussion on Automotive Curriculum Facility Needs
  - Lift will be donated by Plach Automotive and electrical by Northland
  - Potential for more costs once curriculum is built
- D. Review and Discussion of Tennis Court Project Bids
  - Bids for courts was about \$700,000
  - Lights would cost between \$110,000 - \$185,000
  - No formal recommendations at this point because budget uncertainty
- E. Update on Capital Projects Budget
  - Discussed another interaction of a Facilities Plan to develop next scope of project work



## Director of Pupil Services

### February 10, 2023

Stuart Stotts, Children's entertainer performed at the Washington Center for our 4K families for a community outreach event. Songs, dancing and children's entertainment accompanied this event



which was attended by over 100 students and parents. The Catalyst Academy Students were also present to provide support for the event in terms of set-up and clean-up. Their assistance was greatly appreciated.

### **Literacy Round-Up**

The annual 4K Literacy Event will take place on Friday, March 3, 2023, at the Washington Center in New London. This is a chance for families to meet their future 4K teacher and also a chance for families to complete the 4K registration process.



Play based activities will take place during the event. To help us plan, please call 920-982-2011 to let us know you plan to attend.

### **Knights of Columbus Donation**



Jim Russel from the Knights of Columbus, representing Fr Herb Council 1797, once again donated generously to the special education program at New London High School. This is an annual donation received from the Knights of Columbus as a result of their Tootsie Roll annual fundraiser

which supports citizens who have intellectual disabilities. This year the Knights of Columbus donated \$981.54 to the School District of New London Special Education program. Thank you to the Knights for their continued support of the School District of New London.

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

#### **4K Enrollment/Registration**



Based on our census and local family information, families have received information regarding 4K enrollment for our community collaborative program. If you know anyone with students eligible for 4K, please encourage them to fill out paperwork or call our offices to get the process started! Questions can be directed to Lesley Baehman at 920-982-8447.

Families who enroll by March 3, 2023, will also receive a plush Bulldog to welcome them to our educational family.



### **State Assessment Windows**

The state assessment windows are just around the corner. It is important to note the schedule for these tests as they are different for each building. Newsletters, websites and calendars will share specific details and ways to prepare students to do their best. New London is proud of how our students use the state assessments as a manner to understand their own learning and to allow ALL students access to career opportunities with this added information. Overall, these assessments, along with our local assessments, help guide our instructional efforts.

Grade Level or Group	Assessment
Grades 3-4	WI Forward Exam
Grades 5-8	WI Forward Exam
Grade 10	WI Forward Exam (Social Studies Only)
Grades 9-11	ACT or ACT Aspire
Students who qualify for the alternate assessment (IEP)	Dynamic Learning Map
English Language Learners	Access Exam

If you have any questions about state testing, please email [dsievert@newlondon.k12.wi.us](mailto:dsievert@newlondon.k12.wi.us) or call the Office of Teaching and Learning or your building principal.

### **Summer School Save the Date**

Other summer programming and camps are already beginning to recruit enrollment so we want to start spreading the word for our own programming.

The purpose of the School District of New London Summer School Program is to provide opportunities



for learning beyond the traditional school year. With a commitment to **Success for ALL Students**, we offer something of interest for all ability levels. Courses are designed to offer enrichment and intervention of skills as well as expose students to new applications of knowledge and talents.

**Session 1: June 5 - 22 (Grades 6-12)**

Recovery/Remediation/Intervention

**Session 2: July 10 - July 27 (4K-grade 8)**

3 week programs and mini week sessions

**\*With few exceptions, there will be NO courses on Fridays**

In addition to these dates, some special activities like readiness skills, activities, and strength and conditioning may cross over sessions.

**February 20 Professional Development**

Students are off and certified staff will be in on February 20, 2023. Our teams will continue their efforts with a Professional Learning Community time in the morning and building level activities in the afternoon.

**Virtual Learning Options and Open Enrollment Window**

The School District of New London continues to offer virtual options for students with **Rural Virtual**



**Academy**. Request for enrollment in this virtual option is the same as the state open enrollment window. New London is proud to have this option available for families. Families who have any interest, even if they are unsure of commitment

level, should apply to hold the spot. Final rosters will be determined in August next year, but enrollment is processed in the following priority order:

- 1) Current students and their families
- 2) New applications in order they were received

\*Class sizes and special education needs will be considered to determine acceptance.

Families who do not live in our resident area, but are interested in attending New London, should also fill out the application for open enrollment. **Open**

**Enrollment Period for the 2023-24 school year is February 6 - April 28, 2023.**

Anyone with questions about enrollment should contact Lesley Baehman [lbaehman@newlondon.k12.wi.us](mailto:lbaehman@newlondon.k12.wi.us) (920) 982-2011.

**Instructional Committee**

The New London Board of Education Instructional Committee met on January 25, 2023, on a materials review which you will hear more about later. Our next instructional meeting is scheduled March 8, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. An agenda will be developed and shared prior to the session.