



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

Monthly Update

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January 2021

District Administrator

Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) Virtual Convention

The 100th Wisconsin State Education Convention will take on a different look this year as all aspects will be in a virtual format. Board members are encouraged to participate in the annual education convention if able. WASB and supporting organizations historically have created a venue of educational excellence for Board members to collaborate and explore. Conference dates will take place on January 20-22.

B 212

Our January B 212 extra degree of effort recognizes our transportation department and drivers. Without question, our drivers and transportation department have gone above and beyond to meet the needs of our students, families, and District. Flexibility and the willingness to support student transportation routes and activity trips have been tremendous. Thank you for your B212 extra degree of effort!



Years of Service Recognition

As a District, we annually recognize years of service milestones for our District employee groups during January. 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.

- **35 Years:** Carolyn Steinert
- **30 Years:** Diane Vantassel, Catherine Zaddack, Colleen Cloutier, Tammy Evers, Marcia Flease, Joanne Rhoden
- **25 Years:** Anne Ferge, Patricia Grossman, Melissa Porath, Stacy Ruckdashel, Sandra Flease, Linda Kruzicki, Connie Laughlin, Wendy Magolski

- **20 Years:** Debra Calabria, Ann Jossie, Katie Krause, Marc Marsh, Gloria Peterson, Melissa Sannes, Theresa Smith, Jill Spencer, Karen Bennett, Sandra Burr, Susan Moeller, Beth Staudenmaier
- **15 Years:** Kristin Grable, Danielle Sievert, Brian Boushele, Thomas Gauerke, Tara Olk, Lacey Rodgers, Gretchen Sasse, Marsha Brant
- **10 Years:** Tricia Evers, Bobbie Jo Solomon

Director of Business Services

School Bus Drivers Needed

The transportation department has done a fantastic job of ensuring that routes have been running smoothly so far this year. A huge credit goes to the transportation office and all of our bus drivers in making that happen.



That said, we are in dire need of more bus drivers. We have three PM routes and two AM routes that are vacant. Thankfully we have a few sub drivers that understand the challenges we are facing and continue to drive.

Frankly put, if we do not get more drivers, we may be challenged to run routes differently. This will put families and students in challenging situations in order to be transported to school.

The district will continue to seek every possible option to secure more drivers. If you know of anyone that would be interested, please contact the transportation department at 920-982-8543. We provide paid training and some could be licensed in a few weeks time frame if they make the commitment. Pay is noted in the next section:

- Hourly Route Pay = \$19.79
- After One Year, Route Pay = \$22.79
- Training time is reimbursed after 20 trips/routes

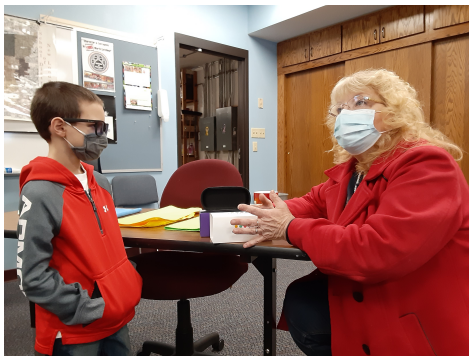
- Hourly Sub Pay for Driver = \$21.90 after 50 trips/routes
- Field Trip Pay = \$12.17 paid for drive time and wait time

Director of Pupil Services

Color Blind Glasses Have Arrived

Gloria Meina, a parent whose children have already graduated from the School District of New London, has generously donated several thousand dollars worth of eyeglasses. These glasses, manufactured by the EnChroma corporation, assist students who are color blind with being able to see color and correct that disparity in their vision.

Mrs. Meina was able to meet with several of those students this week and distributed their glasses to them and watched their reaction as they were able to use their glasses for the first time. The remainder of the donation has been distributed throughout the district to students who have been identified as having a color blind impairment.



Our sincere thanks to Gloria Meina for her incredible generosity and continued dedication to the

success of students in our district.

Child Development Days

Our final child development day screening is scheduled for Tuesday, January 26, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at Lincoln Elementary School. This developmental screening is designed for children 2½ to 4 years old.

The screening process allows children to separate from their parents to participate in a play-based screening to observe speech/language, cognition, gross and fine motor, and self-help skills. During the screening, parents are able to chat with our elementary principals and then will be directed to our community area to speak with our school nurse, 4K staff, and gather other informational resources. A

great deal of additional PPE equipment and procedures will be put in place to allow for this event to take place safely.

Parents interested in setting up an appointment for Child Development Days are invited to contact Linda Kruzicki, Pupil Services Administrative Assistant, at (920) 982-8447.



Donation Received for High School Special Education Program

Craig and Jodi Benzel have generously donated \$1,000 to the high school special education program to be used to purchase equipment and needed educational materials for the classroom. The School District of New London would like to extend our thanks to the Benzel family for their continued generosity and commitment to the district.

Director of Teaching and Learning

Instructional Committee



Our last instructional committee met on December 15, 2020. The agenda included discussion on New Class Adoption Request for History of Rock and Roll 1 and 2 which was approved as long as no increased staffing was required and that

core academic courses be filled first. We also discussed the changes in processing Youth Options and part-time open enrollment requests to confirm the Board of Education would be kept informed, but was not required to approve. The committee also discussed middle school scheduling and courses to encourage additional electives. Our next meeting will be focused on the need for ongoing online learning opportunities for our students and those from other districts as a method to maintain or increase

enrollment in the future. Our next meeting is scheduled January 28, 2021, at 4:15 pm. at the District Office. At this meeting we will focus on digital learning options and the need to sustain options in the future.

End of the Semester

January 21, 2021 marks the end of the semester for all students. There is professional development (no school for students) the following day, January 22, 2021, to allow for records and grading updates. The first day of second semester is January 25, 2021.

Well wishes to all in the second half of the school year!

Students in grades K-4 will have report cards sent home via Thursday folders the following week. Secondary level grades can be monitored and viewed on Skyward. The deadline for changing programming from traditional instruction to New London Connect was December 18, 2020. Students currently enrolled in New London Connect wishing to return traditional, face-to-face should notify their schools as soon as possible to allow for schedule preparation.



4K Enrollment/Registration



Based on our census and local family information, families will soon be receiving 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.

Spelling Bee



The first round of the Middle School Spelling Bee is complete, and those who qualify will be notified next week to move forward. This year the New London District Spelling Bee will be administered online using a similar format as the qualifying round. The testing window will open on Monday, January 11, with testing to be completed by Tuesday, January 12. The deadline for participation in the Elementary Spelling Bee is January 15 with winners being announced the week of January 22, 2021.





Chromebook Maintenance and Best Practice

The Board of Education members are in their first year of having personal chromebooks issued. It is important to remember to fully shut down and restart your device on occasion. In addition, these steps will ensure that your Chromebook works optimally (less freezing, quicker processing, etc.).


Update Your Chromebook

- Turn on your Chromebook.
- [Connect your Chromebook to Wi-Fi.](#)
- At the bottom right, select the time.
- Select Settings .
- Select Menu  > About Chrome OS.
- Under "Google Chrome OS," you'll see which version of the Chrome operating system your Chromebook is using.
- Select Check for Updates.
- If your Chromebook finds a software update, it will start to download automatically.

Clear your cache

- On your computer, open Chrome.
- At the top-right, click More .
- Click More tools  Clear browsing data.
- At the top, choose a time range. To delete everything, select All time.
- Next to 'Cookies and other site data' and 'Cached images and files', tick the boxes.
- Click Clear data.

Clear all cookies

- On your computer, open Chrome.
- At the top right, click More  > Settings.
- At the bottom, click Advanced.
- Under 'Privacy and security', click Site settings.

- Click Cookies > See all cookies and site data > Remove all.
- Confirm by clicking Clear all.

Substitute Teacher/Educational Assistant Information



We love our subs!

The district is still looking for potential substitute teachers and educational assistants. All interested applicants will need to fill out an application on WECAN.