



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

Monthly Update

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January 2023

District Administrator

STEP Program

The Senior Tax Exempt Program was created to support individuals who are 62 years of age and older who primarily live within the School District of New London and have property, and pay property taxes within the District. STEP individuals work within our schools and support District operations with services earning a stipend to offset their local property taxes expenditures.



Integrating our STEP workers into our school community has historically offered our students and District staff various support services that bridge the generational gap. Additionally, giving STEP workers a chance to work directly in our local school gives first-hand knowledge of how learning environments of today operate and gives them a better knowledge base from which to make informed decisions.

STEP opportunities for qualified members of our school community who meet the program qualifications will be starting on January 23. Please contact Patty Grossman, STEP Coordinator, if you have interest in participating at 920-982-8532 extension 2288.

Semester Reflection

With the start of the 2023 calendar year, the School District of New London is ready for learning opportunities that support fresh ideas, positive change, and enhanced learning experiences for all children. As we begin our second semester of instruction on January 23, I encourage students and parents/guardians to embrace the educational opportunities that will arise. The School District of New London is committed to learning environments that exemplify "Success For All Students."

School Board Election



Two School Board seats will be open for election on Tuesday, April 4. Candidates include incumbents John Heideman and Chris Martinson, and challengers Cathy Zaddack and Pete Bosquez will join the race.

Thank you to our incumbents and challengers actively seeking active involvement within our school community Board leadership.

B 212

Our January B212 Extra Degree of Effort recognizes Patrick Korth from building and grounds facilities maintenance. As winter weather creates ice and snow throughout our District, Mr. Korth works tirelessly to maintain clean and safe walkways and building entrances. Thank you, Mr. Korth, for keeping up with whatever mother nature throws at us during our winter months.



Director of Business Services

Stalker Sport Floors Donation

Steve and Beth Stalker donated a total of \$7,000 towards DECA, E-Sports, HOSA, TSA and the athletic department for use in purchasing uniforms. This gift to the district is extremely generous and will be put to good use. Please thank the Stalker Family if you see them!

Property Tax Bills

Many people pay property tax bills in late December and January.

A few notes to help answer any questions property owners may have:

- The levy approved by the Board was 10% lower than 2021

- The mill rate approved by the Board was 15% lower than 2021
- Property valuation increased by 7.6%.
- Depending on the municipality the property tax owner lives in, the net school property tax impact could vary. Generally speaking, taxpayers should see a decrease in their school portion of property taxes.



Please encourage any property tax owner that has questions to contact the district office, and I would be happy to help them with any questions they might have.

The business services webpage also has many documents that show approvals by the Board: <https://www.newlondon.k12.wi.us/district/businesssvcs.cfm>

Director of Pupil Services

Child Development Days



Our final child development day screening is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2023, 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.

Parents interested in setting up an appointment for Child Development Days are invited to contact Molly Brown, Pupil Services Administrative Assistant, at (920) 982-2011.

ACCESS Testing Has Concluded



Federal and state laws require that students identified as English Learners (ELs) be assessed annually to determine their

level of English language proficiency (ELP) and ensure that they are progressing in achieving full English proficiency. This includes students who receive special education services.

The ACCESS assessment window this year was from December 1, 2022, thru January 27, 2023. The School District of New London has over 100 students taking the ACCESS assessment. At this time, our district is 100% complete with testing. Our bilingual teachers and tutors complete this testing with our students and results will be shared with families when they arrive.

Dynamic Learning Maps Testing Window

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) assessments are for students with the most significant cognitive disabilities for whom general state assessments are not appropriate, even with accommodations. DLM assessments offer these students a way to show what they know and can do in English language arts, mathematics, and science. This year the test window will be March 20-April 28, 2023.

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) 982-2011.

Director of Teaching and Learning

Substitute Teacher/Educational Assistant Information



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

Visit the following website and create an account:

<https://wecan.education.wisc.edu/#/> .

- Search for Substitute Teachers or Substitute Special Education Aide for the School District of New London

End of the Semester

January 19, 2023, marks the end of the semester for all students. There is professional development (no school for students) the following day, January 20, 2023, to allow for records and grading updates.



The first day of the second semester is January 23, 2023.

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.

New London High School Scheduling

Student scheduling will begin for the High School for the 2023-24 school year.

Please note students from private or online schools considering attending New London High School should reach out for scheduling information to assure program availability. Well wishes to all in the second half of the school year!



Future Freshman Night - January 9, 2023

A message from Principal Yerkey:

Future Freshman and Academic Planning night is scheduled for January 9 at the New London High School from 4:30-7:00 p.m. The event will focus on getting current 8th graders ready for the scheduling process that will begin in early January. Although the event is geared towards incoming freshmen, all current students and families are welcome to attend.

Schedule

4:30-7:00 Open House (Explore classrooms, visit with teachers, pick up materials, and check out all the available clubs and activities set up in the commons)

5:00 and 6:00 Future Freshmen Presentation (The same presentation will be given at 5:00 and 6:00. Students and parents/guardians should plan on attending one of the presentations.)

During the event students and families will have the opportunity to learn about:

- NLHS Mission, Vision, and Expectations
- Skills needed for success in college and careers
- Course Offerings (All NLHS staff will be available to answer questions and provide support)
- Course Pathways
- Scheduling
 - How to assist your child
 - How to plan course sequencing
 - How to schedule through Skyward
- Dual Credit Courses
- Youth Apprenticeship
- Advanced Placement
- School to Work
- Laude Recognition System
- Athletics and Activities

Our goal for the evening is to make sure all students and families are well-informed consumers of the educational options New London High School has to offer.

Spelling Bee

New London is offering their annual spelling bee on January 12.



Bulldogs PLUS+

Family outreach and student experiences continue with an FFA theme. Crystal Retzlaff and Aleah Freimark have organized a number of activities scheduled for January 18, 2023.