



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

Monthly Update

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District Administrator

Waupaca County School Districts Board of Education Legislative Update Opportunity

The School District of New London Board of Education is proud to announce a professional development opportunity for school board members in Waupaca County. On January 29, 2024, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m., State Assembly Representative Kevin Peterson and State Assembly Representative Joel Kitchens, the education committee chair, will participate in a Q&A session about Wisconsin's current and upcoming education legislation.

The session, which will take place in the High School library, will be informative and engaging. The School District of New London invites all Waupaca County School District Board of Education members to attend and take advantage of the opportunity.

B 212

In recognition of the January B212 Extra Degree of Effort, we recognize Jen Penn, our district school nurse, for her extraordinary efforts. Since joining the District last summer, Mrs. Penn has provided nursing support and guidance to students, families, and District personnel. Her dedication to promoting safe school environments and best practices is truly inspiring. We are grateful for Mrs. Penn's leadership and everyday school nursing expertise.



Continuous Improvement Strategic Plan Key Performance Indicator - "Attendance"

As identified within our Continuous Improvement Strategic Plan Key Performance Indicators, Engaged and Connected focus District Attendance snapshot data from December 2022 to December 2023 showed improved attendance compared to last year. Students on high-risk attendance watch are closely

monitored at the building level with supporting coordinated services and the assistance of our school social worker, Erin Marsh. At the December Administrative Team meeting, principals reviewed the process and actions to promote attendance in their buildings. Mental Health, chronic illness, and extenuating circumstances continue to be some of the drivers behind our students who struggle to attend.



Attendance Rate	2022-2023	2023-2024
Dec 5, Snapshot	92.8 %	94.4 %

Director of Business Services

Donations

The Stalker Family donated \$14,000 to the district in December. HOSA, TSA, E-Sports and DECA all received \$500 to spend in their programs and \$12,000 is allocated to the fitness center for updates to equipment. We sincerely appreciate the continued support of the Stalker Family and their generous donations to the district.



Facilities Meeting

The Facilities Committee met on January 4. The topics are noted with summary notes after the items.

A. Review of 2024 School Bus Purchases

The committee recommended a purchase that is included in the packet tonight. Further discussion about the replacement cycle process for buses (years or mileage) will continue along with the service workload information to evaluate how the extended life cycle impacts workload.



the process and discussion about self-operated food service was discussed. More discussion will continue as the RFP process for the contract takes place.



B. Review of options for Athletic Complex Sewer and Water

The committee recommended finding a solution to get sewer and water to the stadium to have bathrooms and a concession stand that has water. More discussion about the scope of that work will continue.



C. Review of High School and Lincoln Elevator Replacement options

The committee recommended that we contact commercial management properties to see what they have experienced with elevators. The committee acknowledges updates are inevitable but want to gather as much information as possible.

Director of Pupil Services

Child Development Days

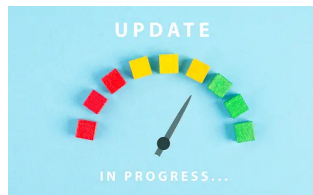


Our final child development day screening is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Lincoln Elementary School. This

developmental screening is designed for children 2½ to 4 years old.

D. Review of High School Flooring Replacement process

Flooring replacement is budgeted for the 2023-24 school year at the high school. Once bids are received, the spaces targeted and costs will be presented to the Board in January or February for approval. The committee supported the process and will bring the bids to the Board for review once received.



E. Review of School Furniture Updates

A list of potential items for purchase from the schools were reviewed and discussed by the committee. It is possible that a portion of the remaining ESSER funds could be used to purchase some of the items. The district budget can also stage updates as appropriate.

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.

F. Future agenda items on Food Service

The food service management contract is set to expire after this school year. The process to review

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 4, 2023, thru February 2, 2024. 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 when the test results (scores) arrive, they will be shared with families.

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 18-April 26, 2024.

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.

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 approximately \$1,000 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. Pictured below is high school instructor Madison Jaglinski with some of the students in her class.

Director of Teaching and Learning

Act 20

The State continues to interpret and plan for Act 20 implementation. One criticism raised is the fiscal impact of many of the requirements without allocated budget funding. Greater details will be discussed in my topic summary today.

Mid-Year Department Meetings

I will be meeting with departments and PLC teams to discuss current curriculum efforts, needs and assessment data and changes. Our professional learning teams continue to hone in on student data and needs to meet student achievement and growth goals. The newest state assessment update includes format changes to the WI Forward, and we will want to assure we are aware of the impact on our students.

American Reading Company

Second quarter is wrapping up with Unit 2 work in our K-8 English Language Arts classrooms. This unit aligned the efforts of informational research for

students who read, analyzed and reported out from multiple sources. Students used their experiences to then write an essay with evidence to support their claim. Much of this effort integrated content from both English Language Arts and either Science or Social Studies and used both

fiction and non-fiction texts. In the third quarter all students in grades 1-8 will enter the Deep Study of Genre units.



As another celebration of reading and literacy efforts, our K-8 buildings have been using BeanStack to challenge each other and themselves to keep reading.

End of the Semester



Semester one ends on January 18, 2024. Grades will be finalized and available the following week. Although there are not parent teacher conferences scheduled, as always, parent/guardians are encouraged to connect with questions or concerns about their child's progress or grades at any time. Beginning in 5th grade students are also encouraged to follow their own grading status online in Skyward.

January 19, 2024, is a scheduled staff development meeting. This day is used for data review, planning and scheduling activities to assure we start the second semester strong.