



July 2019

District Administrator

Hello Bulldog Nation!

My name is Scott Bleck, District Administrator. I am a proud graduate from the School District of New London starting my 24th year in education. For the past 21 years, I have been part of the School District of Weyauwega-Fremont in various roles as coach, teacher, director of athletics, dean of students, assistant principal, principal, and most recently district administrator for the past nine years.

As a native from the Township of Lebanon, I look forward to connecting with school community stakeholders to best understand current and forward thinking visions to ensure our students are prepared to become productive members of an ever-changing society. With focused attention to build upon best practices that support student and school community success, I will strive to enhance further our school community, where "Success for All Students" is an everyday occurrence.

I would like to thank the School District of New London Board of Education and supporting members who vested time and effort throughout the recent District Administrator search process. I am humbled with the utmost respect, pride, and honor to return to the District, which started my educational journey.

Bulldog Pride!

Scott Bleck
District Administrator

Director of Business Services

Town of Clayton

The district has been working with the Town of Clayton (Winnebago County) for almost a decade to reconcile a property tax bill issue. The school district's property lines extend into a small portion of the Town of Clayton but those properties had other

school districts listed on the official tax records. This happens at times when properties are sold and it can be extremely challenging to get this changed. This is not an error by the district so there is little we can do besides keep asking to get it reconciled.

The outgoing treasurer called me to let me know we were finally able to get this sorted out and it will be corrected for 2019. It will have minimal impact for the district because the land is owned by the DNR and the other is a field/shed but the property will now show properly in the district's valuations and payment in lieu of taxes revenue.

Thank you to Tori Straw for working on this with us to get this correct.

July 1 Equalization Aid Estimate

The July 1 equalization aid estimate was released by DPI (Department of Public Instruction).



The Department releases their best estimate on July 1 to inform school districts on the approximate equalization aid they will receive on the October 15 official certification date.

This is a key number used by the Board of Education when setting the tax levy. This number is especially important to New London because state equalization aid is the primary source of revenue for our general operating budget (about 65% of revenue limit authority).

A key element to note is that **more** or **less** equalization aid, does not mean more or less money to spend in the district's budget. More equalization aid offsets the contribution by local taxpayers towards the general operating budget.

As I have noted before, I anticipated less aid for this year because the district's spending was less in 2018-19 because the high school referendum bonds were satisfied and the referendum passed in November 2019 was less than that annual amount.

DPI's estimate for New London is \$15,445,187, which is .002% less (\$36,694) than 2018-19.

Please note, spending authority is determined by the state imposed revenue limits which are projected to increase for New London because the district is a low revenue limit district.

The estimate is higher than I shared with the Board on June 10 but there is still a lot to happen over the next couple months. I will keep the Board posted as we get closer to the budget hearing in September when more definitive data will be available.

Director of Pupil Services

My name is Kandi Martin, this is the start of my 22nd year in education. I am a New London native and a 1991 graduate of the School District of New London. I began my teaching career in Waupaca, as a high school English teacher. After eight years in that position, I transitioned to Neenah High School and spent five years in the Neenah Joint School District as a high school guidance counselor. Most recently I served the Weyauwega-Fremont School District for the past nine years, both as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction and the Director of Pupil Services/Special Education.

I am excited to begin my new role in the School District of New London and to use my past experiences to assist the district in achieving Success for All Students. I have four children. My husband and I live on a first generation farm in New London.



Director of Teaching and Learning

Summer Academy

Bulldog Summer Academy begins July 9 and runs through August 2. There are still a number of open spots in programs and classes. A new early bird class also allows families to drop off beginning at 7:15 to work on their morning routines. To enroll in programs or ask questions, please contact Joey Chancellor at ejchance@newlondon.k12.wi.us or at 920-982-8532, Ext 2006.

Summer Meals



Kids 18 & Under Eat Free Breakfast & Lunch!

NO REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

All children under the age of 18 are eligible for free breakfast and lunch on weekdays from July 9 to August 2. Simply show up and sign in for a meal at one of the serving locations;

- Breakfast from 7:45-8:00 a.m. at Lincoln Elementary.
- Lunch from 11:20 a.m.-12:00 noon at both New London Public Library and Lincoln Elementary.

Adult meals are available for purchase for \$3.

Kids from Wisconsin



New London Lions Club is hosting Kids From Wisconsin again this year on July 25. They are also offering an outreach activity where students participate in a one hour workshop. The free workshop for students ages 7-17 comes with a complimentary ticket for the

evening show. Register at

<https://www.kidsfromwisconsin.org/outreach>

All community members are encouraged to attend the evening show. Tickets for the event are available



for \$10 in advance and can be purchased throughout the community including our District Office.

Registration

Each year ALL students, including current students must register online through family access. Please note the **online registration process will open on July 29, 2019.**

Face-to-face registration, along with support with online Family Access accounts and bilingual registration will be available:

- **August 7** at New London IS/MS from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- **August 14** at both the IS/MS and High School from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Those seeking financial assistance through the Free or Reduced Lunch application process must fill that form out and allow 48 hours for processing. It is best to have this step completed prior to the registration process.