



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW LONDON

Monthly Update

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR • BUSINESS SERVICES
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July 2023

District Administrator

Continuous Improvement Strategic Plan

Join us on Monday, July 31, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at New London High School for a community event to learn more about the progress made towards the District Continuous Improvement Strategic Plan. The session will be held in the High School library, and attendees are invited to share their feedback.

During the event, we will discuss the work completed over the past year to reestablish the District's Continuous Improvement Strategic Plan. We have identified Core Indicators of Success in Learning & Achievement, Financial & Operational Stability, Safe/Orderly & Healthy, and Engaged & Connected. To measure our progress, we have also established "Key Performance Indicators" (KPIs) to guide our continuous improvement journey with a focus and direction.

B 212

The July B212 Extra Degree of Effort recognizes all staff actively involved in summer school programming for our school community.



Thank you to all District employees that ensure summer school programming options are relevant for extended learning opportunities for our students and families!

America Farmers Grow Community Fund

Recently, the School District New London was recognized with a \$5,000 award from America Farmers Grow Community Fund.

The America's Farmers Grow Communities program is a singular effort seeking to give \$5,000 grants to a variety of rural nonprofits, education efforts and rural initiatives in a streamlined way. We believe farmers know best which institutions and programs in their communities deserve funding, so we partner with them to direct the grant money.

Since 2010, the America's Farmers programs has awarded over \$60 million to nonprofits, schools and ag youth organizations across rural America. From 3D printers and STEM education for small schools, to funding food banks in underserved areas, the America's Farmers programs help lift up and support rural communities, one grant at a time.

Thank you John and April Heideman for the nomination and grant application which supported the recent award acknowledgement.



Director of Business Services

Lumber Donation

The district would like to thank Tigerton Lumber and Mike Schulke for a donation of lumber to the district. This donation happens almost every year and sometimes twice. We sincerely thank them for this donation. Mr. Gruentzel and his classes also pass on their thanks.



Facilities Committee Meeting Recap

The committee met on June 26 and the recap is below:

- A. Review and discussion of Asphalt Project Bids (see recommendation in packet)
- B. Review and discussion of Contracted Cleaning Services Contract (asked for increase on approved contract)



- C. Information on solar project study (students studying HS electrical use)
- D. Update on Administration Building HVAC Unit (work on getting quote)
- E. Update on Capital Projects Budget

Total Compensation Committee Meeting Recap

The committee met on June 28 and the recap is below:



- A. Review of 2023-24 employee handbook changes (see packet)
- B. Review of co-curricular wage increases (discussion at a later meeting)
- C. Review of substitute pay increases and defined categories (see packet)
- D. Review of potential changes to ancillary benefits plans (change recommended)
- E. Review of 2022-24 OPEB valuation report (updates from required report)
- F. Review of additional wage increase for certified staff pending biennium budget finalization (more options will be considered at a later date in July)

Director of Pupil Services

Crisis Training

Each building annually runs multiple safety drills throughout the year to allow the staff to train and practice on how to respond in case of an emergency. The district has the procedures posted in each room and on the back of each staff member's ID badge. These trainings are overseen by the New London Police Department and the Waupaca County Sheriff's Department. They annually receive an update of all of our building's updated procedures.

These are also shared with the Department of Justice, as part of our safety grant (ACT 143).



Secretary Training

On August 2 and 3, the secretary and health aide staff members will participate in several trainings which include medication administration and updated procedures regarding specific students' medical plans, including seizure plans, diabetic care plans and proper first aid procedures.

Summer Bulldogs of Character Events



The Bulldogs of Character, accompanied by Percy the Bulldog, have been visible around the community all summer. Percy started his summer activities by participating in the Sturgeon Shuffle. Percy has attended all the Concerts in the Park sponsored by

the Chamber of Commerce. Percy has also been seen distributing freeze pops to all concert goers and anyone else enjoying the park during the concert series in the evenings. Additionally, Percy has also been participating in the summer reading program offered to all children at the public library this summer.



Director of Teaching and Learning Instructional Committee

On June 29, 2023, our Instructional Committee met to review student achievement data from the end of the school year. We had dynamic discussions on student results, current instructional practices, entering year 2 of a curriculum implementation and a bit about understanding assessment. We looked at the reports available and the success and challenges as we head into a new year. Topics included At Risk, current legislation impact and a desire to get feedback from staff. The team will meet again on August 10 at 7:00 a.m.



Registration Opens

Beginning July 17, 2023, all current and new families will need to log in to Family Access to confirm registration information for each child.



ALL families need to complete these steps each year to assure our records are accurate.

This process confirms communication preferences, emergency information and health records. All registration activities will take place **digitally only**; we will not be hosting registration in person. Families will receive further information in July and August. They may request an appointment for support at any time. Please note the following dates:

- July 17: Skyward on-line registration opening date; available through Skyward Family Access and all fees are able to be paid online using eFunds.
- August: Bilingual families will be invited for registration support by our Bilingual staff; families will be contacted for individual appointment times.

Please help remind families to visit our website for registration details and links for new families to register. If families do need access to a computer to

complete registration, please contact their school office to set up an appointment.

Literacy Legislation

Although there is a lot in the news with recent updates to legislation, many details on how it will impact us locally have not been clarified. It is also in its first draft so there could be changes.

- I do think we are in a good place with our current efforts in literacy (we have a program grounded in phonics)
- Approved programs and further details will be released in November this year with most requirements required in 2024.
- It is important to remain positive to make sure our staff and families are not further overwhelmed by the impending changes.
- I will continue to keep the Instructional Committee and BOE informed as things are more clearly defined.

Summer Success

As June wraps up, so does the first session of summer school. High School programming saw success in credit recovery and in the RVA courses offered.

Elementary programs begin July 10, 2023, and enrollment continues to trickle in, but we have good numbers to start.

